

Dear Parents/Carers

“If you want to make enemies, change something” – a quote by US President Woodrow Wilson (1856 – 1924), is a salutary reminder that if one is making changes, it's best to try and get people on board! Fortunately, the changes that are happening in School this week are positive ones and I hope, unlikely to make enemies!

Firstly, the back playground has changed! Thanks mostly to you and the enthusiasm of the PTA, we have new play equipment and a new gazebo (not a 'hut' as a few of the children in orange class were referring to it – a hut indeed!) These have been installed very efficiently by Sovereign – who commented on how well behaved and polite the children have been all week!

The new surfacing under our existing play equipment goes in next week – there is still plenty of compost if you'd like to bring up a barrow and spade before Tuesday. Hopefully we will be holding an 'official' opening on Monday 12 July.

Secondly, I was very down-hearted at losing both Rachel Wilkins and Sarah Mullins at the end of this term. It has been a real pleasure having them on our staff. However, the good news is that we are keeping Miss Jones and we have been fortunate to be able to appoint Miss Meghann Campbell, who will be joining us as Orange Class teacher in September. You will see her around the School on a number of occasions before the end of term as she is joining us for 'swap over morning' on Wednesday 14 July and will also spend some time with the children and teachers in Red and Orange Class, in order to learn more about them before the new term. Although it will be a change – I feel very positive about it!

The boards along the back of the School are changing. Mme Karon Harvey and a small team of Year 10 children from Huish are joining our Year 6 children in creating a French market scene. Work began on that today and whilst 'Alice in Wonderland' has served the School well, this, I think is a timely change especially since it continues the talents of both ours and Huish 'children'.

Fortunately, (and a little tenuously!!!) the potatoes grown by Yellow Class, changed on Tuesday into the most scrumptious potato wedges and were eaten! Even Steve working on the site tried them and pronounced them 'delicious'. To consolidate all the work that they've been doing on growing, Yellow Class took part in a 'Taste the Tatties' day at Frogmary Farm at South Petherton – they are now able to sniff out a 'Maris Piper' at 100 paces! and there is nothing that they do not know about potatoes. A very good day was had by all.

Finally, those of you able to come along to Celebration Assembly this morning, will have witnessed animated films recorded by Green Class over a number of weeks which 'could more aptly be called 'change'. They filmed seeds growing, maturing and in some instances – dying – as part of their science project on growth. The films were really impressive and I expect to see names on productions by BBC Bristol at some point in the future!

So – change can be a positive thing and I feel privileged to be a part of it this week (especially the potato wedges!) Have a great (slightly longer!) weekend and if I don't see you at the Church Fete tomorrow afternoon, I will see you all on Tuesday 6 July after the inset day.

Best wishes,

Amanda Russell

PS I have listed below some of the jobs that we could do with 'doing' on Tidy Up Saturday 10th July starting at 10.00am.

JOB LIST! so far

Internal: Fixing medicine cabinet to wall
Removing sink from Resources room

External: Sweeping steps under the Elliott building
Weeding around the back of the staff room
Mending the flower tubs/ark
Taking old chairs and tables to skip
Cleaning the windows
Replacing felt on shed in playground (felt supplied)
Power washing Foundation stage outdoor area

Any volunteer will be most welcome!

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Hannah for being such a helpful little girl in the classroom, tidying the writing table and the drawers beautifully and without being asked

Orange Class: Archie for having such a positive attitude to his work this week – you've been really happy to give things a go – keep it up!

Yellow: Jordon for being a sensible and thoughtful member of the class (and settling again into Yellow Class)

Green: Zara for quietly getting on well – all the time

Blue: Jacque for a really conscientious effort in both literacy and numeracy this week

Indigo: Morgan for his help as a Playleader at the Kwik Cricket

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Hannah F and Daniel V from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

Letters etc sent out this week:

Kwik Cricket Playleaders letter
Huish Episcopi Academy Status Letter
Primary Times magazine
Barton Hall payment reminder
Girls Cricket Assessment day 24.7.10 – 4 pupils
Orange Class new teacher letter

RSPB West Sedgemoor

Flowers, Bugs and Butterflies!

Sunday 11 July 11.00am to 1.00pm

Booking essential – please telephone 07774 620879 or email west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk or see events listed on the rspb website: www.rspb.org.uk/westsedgemoor

St Andrew's, Curry Rivel, Church Fete Saturday 3 July

2.00pm to 5.00pm

Traditional Stalls, dog show, classic cars, fun run,

Pimm's bar, teas, hot dogs, floral

display, live music, raffle and tombola.

This Saturday!

E-Safety

Please look at our e safety page which we have redesigned and added links to websites and information to help protect your children online. The links include the Hector's World Safety Button. This is a free download to help protect your children when they are on the computer. If they find anything inappropriate they click on hector (dolphin) and a safety screen covers the image.

Please access this link for the download

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/safetybutton.aspx

jb's Music Tuition

Those who have applied should be hearing from jb's shortly!

Request:

We have received some comics for children to read at breaktimes. If you have any other spare comics, crayons, colouring books etc., Mrs Moore would appreciate any donations, especially for lunchtimes.

LOST JUMPERS: Please check the labels of jumpers that are at home as several named jumpers are missing from School.

Secret World

Fundraising by Katy's Gang (Katy, Ellen, Chloe!). Marathon Car Wash last Saturday

£15.50 raised

WELL DONE!!

STREETFEST YEOVIL

24th and 25th July at Yeovil Recreational Ground at 12.00 noon

A **FREE** two day dance festival with large stage, nationally known acts, taster sessions, workshops and a competition element.

Please contact 0781`0005659 production@streetfestuk.com

Dancers and Groups needed to perform

Free-running skate demonstrations, live bands etc.

**Last Traidcraft Stall this term will be at
St Andrew's Church after the End of Term Service - 23 July 2010**

**Just a reminder from Ian PCSO – DO NOT LEAVE valuables in
your car when collecting your child!!**

Adoption in Somerset

Over the last few years the number of people enquiring about becoming adoptive parents has dropped both nationally and in Somerset. This means fewer children are being adopted despite an increase in the number of children coming into our care.

The Children's Social Care team have launched an adoption campaign this week with a brand new website called www.adoptioninsomerset.org.uk.

School Lunches:

Please note that if you do not wish to have the main course, you can order baked potato (with cheese), coleslaw and salad. New menu for the Autumn term due shortly!!

PE KIT

If you have borrowed any spare PE kit from School, please return (clean!) as we are missing several tops and shorts.

Stanchester Sports Centre

is having an open evening on Tuesday 6th July 4 - 8pm.

There will be lots of activities for all age groups and the chance to [win a 3 month gym membership](#) Climbing wall, Paintballing, Trampolining, Dance Mats, Bouncy Castle, Inflatable assault course & Penalty shoot out competition. The Heart FM Angels & local Police will be here along with the Ham Hill Ice Cream Man! There is also an opportunity to try out our NEW classes, Nordic walking @ 5pm & Aerodance @ 7pm. Watch out for the Street Dance performances and the martial arts demonstrations.

New Kilve Court Residential Course information available

Let's Investigate, Somerset at War, Hot Hackers, Strategic Thinking in September, October, November and December 2010

Free School Meals – forms available from School Office

You are entitled if you are in receipt of one of the following payments:

- Income Support.
- Jobseeker's Allowance (Income-based).
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related).
- Child Tax Credit, **providing you are not receiving Working Tax Credit**, and have an annual taxable income as assessed by the Inland Revenue, of less than £16,190 from 6 April 2010.
- Pension Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, of less than £16,190 from 6 April 2010.
- The 'Guaranteed' element of State Pension Credit. Financial support, in accordance with the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) or the Council's Asylum and Resettlement Team – **please provide a letter from NASS.**

The Robert Sewers Village Hall – 200 Club

- Help fund the village hall
- Annual subscription £10
- Two drawers a year – July and December
- Anyone wishing to join the 200 Club should contact Myfanwy Ashton on 01458 251877.

New Dance Classes starting at Ridgway Hall in Langport in September
- Street Jazz, pre-school Ballet and Musical Theatre. More information from
Ann-Marie Crampton on 07595 173640 – leaflets available in School

SPORTS and other (!) RESULTS

Kwik Cricket – Curry Rivel 1st team won all their group matches, Curry Rivel Girls were 2nd in their group, but Hambridge won in the final – 1st team were 4th overall and the Girls team were 8th overall. Well done to *Jacob, Toby St, Tom, Ben L, George, Hannah, Skye, Emma, Megan, Jenny, Matthew, Gabriel, Lucy, Emily, Callum and Lydia*

Message from Mrs Sleightholme and Mrs Jakens-Toll (who worked like Trojans yesterday at the Cricket supplying endless bacon butties and hot dogs, hot drinks, etc and washing up!) – “Thank you to the PTA and the Curry Rivel Cricket Club for sponsoring the refreshments and thank you to all the parents and staff who donated cakes – they were fantastic and the children loved them!” £80 raised for Indigo Class trips

Thank you to all the Playleaders for their help: *Morgan, Ethan and Amberley*

Swimming Gala – 2nd to Kingsbury Episcopi – congratulations to *Madeleine, Finlay, Lewis, Toby, Hannah, George, Chloe, Skye, Megan, Lucy, Emily K, Daniella and Matthew*

STOMP Inter School Maths Challenge at Huish Secondary School – 3rd – congratulations to *Emily, Lewis, Eoin, Rubin*

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 3 July	Church Fete
Monday 5 July	Inset Day Curry Rivel Primary
Tuesday 6 July	Pupils return to School
Saturday 10 July	Clean up Saturday (details to follow)
Monday 12 July	Dress Rehearsal for End of Term production
Wednesday 14 July	School Swap over morning
	Huish Induction Day for Year 6
Thursday 15 July	End of Term Production 6.30pm – Tickets available shortly
Friday 16 July	End of Term Production 6.30pm
Thursday 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' barbecue
Friday 23 July	End of Term barbecue 6.30pm