

Dear Parents/Carers

I feel quite exhausted and I was the spectator! Yesterday, at Barton Hall, I saw our children on vertical challenges, zip wires, water (in and out of canoes) abseil towers and climbing walls. The photos will bear witness to the challenges that were set and the fearless way the children (and adults) tackled them. Well done to everyone that took part – and thank you to the adults that supported them both on and off the equipment.

On Wednesday night, I was invited to supper with Bishop Peter and his wife Dee. I was a little uncertain as to why I was there and he explained that in his travels around his diocese – certain occasions had been memorable and visiting Curry Rivel (twice) was one of them. I think it was because the first time he visited (to bless the new Foundation Unit) he wore 'ordinary clothes' and the children were rather miffed. So I wrote to him and said that he'd have to come back and bring his 'stick, hat and cloak' (quote!) with him. This he duly did! Both he and the Bishop of Taunton, Peter Maurice, were good company and absolute supporters of the primary schools in their care.

As you will have seen from the letter that went home, I should like to invite all the parents/carers to a 'reading' evening on Thursday 19 November. We try to run curriculum evenings each year and as reading and 'becoming lifelong readers' is so important, we thought we would start there. We will be focussing on the early stages of reading – and then how to extend reading skills in order both to develop discerning readers and influence writing. Your role is very important in this and I hope that we can offer helpful ways to further support at home.

Having said 'no more work on the School building' we are having some new fencing erected in the School grounds this half term and the back School gate is being made more secure. The roof by Yellow and Blue Class is also being replaced as planned and work will continue until 20 November.

Apart from that, I hope that the sun shines and we can all enjoy a relaxing and slightly extended half term break – see you all back in School on Wednesday 4 November.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

### **Helping Hands**

Kieren, Georgia, Luke, Toby, Daniel, Rubin – thank you for helping Mrs Davey and Mrs Richards collect and unload the Harvest items last week

Megan, Nathan, Daisy and Georgina for helping George D pack away the parachute unasked.

### **Letters etc sent out this week:**

Literacy letter

Job Ad for General Kitchen Asst

Note about Evening Classes

Parents' Evenings Letters – Please return forms asap!

Audiology Tests Year 1s

**PLEASE** could parents please look at jumpers and cardigans to check they have their own!

**REMINDER:** School starts at 8.50am, **not** 9.00am. Pupils who are persistently late will be noted by the County Attendance Officer as we have to record every late arrival.

### **EVENING CLASSES AVAILABLE AT CURRY RIVEL IN THE SCHOOL HALL:**

**Pilates Tuesdays** 6.00pm to 7.00pm/7.00pm to 8.00pm with Mo starting Tuesday 17 November. Tel 07815748518 for more details

**Pilates Wednesdays** – Sue Davison 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tel 01460 57362 for more details starting Wednesday 11 November

**Weightwatchers** – Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Tel Elaine on 01458 860091 – ongoing!

**Salsa Classes** Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm Tel: Huish Episcopi Sports Centre 251055 starting Thursday 12 November

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 23 October

Wednesday 4 November

Thursday 5 November

Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 November

Tuesday 10 November

Wednesday 11 November

Thursday 19 November

Friday 27 November

Saturday 12 December

Start of Half Term

Pupils return to School after half term

Audiology Tests Year 1s

Parents' Evenings – ***change of date!***

Individual Pupil Portraits + siblings

Remembrance Service

Literacy Evening – all parents – 6.15pm

PTA Mufti Day

PTA Christmas Fete pm