

Dear Parents/Carers

A great big thank you to you all for your support at Friday's Winter Fayre'. We made £1,100 which was brilliant. Although we weren't quite into Christmas, the School had a very 'jolly' feel to it. Well done to all those children who took part in the Christmas decoration Competition. Your efforts have made such a difference to the hall and so many people have commented on how gorgeous they all look. Poor Mrs Colegrave has had a dreadfully difficult task picking the winners!

Not only were we all tidied up by 6.30pm, but the stage blocks and back drop were up in readiness for the Nativity rehearsals to begin. I was so impressed. A very big thank you to the 'Friends of Curry Rivel', to Mark and assistants for putting up the decorations and staging and to Ruth who seemed to be everywhere all at the same time!

This week began really well with the CLP Somerton Advent Concert. More schools than ever took part this year and it was marvellous to see how our musical talents have grown. The Concert opened with 'Hark! the Herald Angels' accompanied by the CLP Orchestra. As we sang along it reminded me of Songs of Praise and I felt that Aled Jones should be standing at the front of the church – not me! A really big well done to Discovery Class for their singing and to Emily in particular for playing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' so beautifully.

There followed a wonderful mix of singing and playing, soloists and ensembles. The afternoon was a real treat and I hope that all who came along enjoyed it too!

A smaller group of us are venturing out again on Monday 5 December to join the people of Fivehead Baptist Church for their Christmas gathering.

On Thursday we arranged for our Governors to spend the day with us finding out exactly how School works on a day-to-day basis. They talked to the children, sat in on lessons, saw how teachers planned and assessed the work, how the classroom is set up as a 'learning environment', shared lunch with us and observed in practice all of the things that we discuss in theory at Governors' meetings. We are fortunate to have Governors who take such a personal interest in our School and work very hard behind the scenes to ensure that I and my staff deliver the best provision.

Finally, congratulations to our indoor athletic team who, along with High Ham Primary, will be going on to the next round of the Sportshall Athletics in January. Congratulations as well to our Netball team who won both matches again last night.

I hope that everyone has a good weekend.

Best wishes

Amanda Russell

Class Cups

Pippin: Harriet for taking a lead role in the Christmas performance and knowing all her words really well.

Maigold: Yasmin for a lovely descriptive night time poem

Discovery: William for super maths multiples investigating and word problem solving

Camelot: Marcus for fantastic story telling skills in retelling a story from a different perspective

Blenheim: Richard for his writing on Martin Luther King, particularly demonstrating empathy

Letters etc sent out this week

Swimming Letter Discovery Class – starts Tuesday 10 January 2012
Fivehead Baptist Church singing 5 December 2011

Sports Results

Sportshall Athletics Tuesday's result: 2nd overall, but we will be going through to the next round in January with High Ham. Details to follow.

EFSA Football Competition: next match Friday 13 January at Bridgwater College
Netball Huish Episcopi: Won both matches 14-0 Monteclefe and Kingsbury. *Last match next week.* Thank you to Georgia, Owen, Amelia, Aimee, Daniella, Zara and Lorna.

MUSIC AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

The final Arts and Crafts will take place next Wednesday 7 December instead of last Wednesday

Wednesday Violin lessons will continue next week.

Netball on Wednesdays and Thursdays has finished until the Spring
Gymnastics Club on Tuesdays has finished

PTA 'Friends of Curry Rivel Primary' Events

Spend&Raise eStore (formerly buy@): Click through from the School Website and use to access different suppliers. This costs you nothing, but gives the School a small commission. **STOP PRESS: Amazon now back with Spend and Raise!**

Christmas Decoration Special Awards:

KS1: Grace and **KS2:** Lauren. **Innovative award** to Luke!

St Andrew's Church Services: Please check as some services and times have been changed in light of the Rector's current illness.

Christmas services details shown on Dates for Diary at the end of this Newsletter.

RSPB Events

Sunday 4 December through various dates until Sunday 26 February 10.00am to 12.00 noon guided walks on West Sedgemoor to see the Ducks! (see poster)

Saturday 28 January Big Wetland Duck Watch! 10.00am to 1.30pm. Return to the Farm to make birdfeeders

BOOKING ESSENTIAL on 07774 620879 or email west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk

RSPB Members £1.50, non members £4, U18 free

ALL EVENTS LISTED ON www.rspb.org.uk/reserves

KIDZ ZONE through the Website:

See Class Pages with Homework Letters, Games and Activities for each Class linked to their current topics.

See the new Christmas Section!!!!

CURRY RIVEL CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sunday 11 December

Doors open 6pm Eyes down 7.00pm

Curry Rivel School Hall

Curry Rivel School Breakfast Club
Two x 5 Hours per week. Breakfast Club Assistant
To start 5 January 2012

As the number of those wishing to use Breakfast Club is increasing, it has been decided that the School will take on responsibility for running it. The successful candidates will plan appropriate food requirements; set up; run the kitchen and 'front of house' and clean up, as well as maintaining appropriate standards of behaviour from the children.

This would be from 8.00am until 9.00am each School day (children can join others on the playground from 8.40am)

Salary: Grade 16 Point 6 £6.47 per hour (1 hour per day)

Certificate in either/and Food Handling/First Aid would be useful, but not essential as training will be available.

Application forms available from the School Office
Closing Date Monday 12 December 2011

REMINDER: Please check names in School Sweatshirts at the weekend as several named sweatshirts have gone missing!!

Play4Pounds: November/December double draw

Mrs Churches (£23), Mrs Graves (£15), Mr Shurley (£8)

WIN a long weekend for 2 adults and 2 children

in Chevilly with the Curry Rivel Twinning Association
3 – 7 May 2012. Entry forms available from the
School Office. **Closing date 12 January 2012.**

INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

4th January 2012

10th February 2012

2nd July 2012

Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays from half term to Christmas

Saturday 3 December

Monday 12 December

Tuesday 13 December

Wednesday 14 December

Friday 16 December

Friday 16 December

Sunday 18 December

Sunday 18 December

Monday 19 December

Tuesday 20 December

Wednesday 21 December

Saturday 24 December

Saturday 24 December

Saturday 24 December

Saturday 24 December

Sunday 25 December

Wednesday 4 January

Thursday 5 January

Swimming Camelot Class – **don't forget costumes!**

Christmas Bazaar Old School Room 10.30am-4.00pm

Messy Church 3.30pm to 5.30pm

KS1 Performance 2.00pm

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Last day before Christmas Holidays

2.30pm St Andrew's Church Christmas Service

10.00am All Age Service St Andrew's

6.00pm Carol Service St Andrew's

7.00pm Carols on the Green – mince pies etc

6.00pm Carol Service St Catherine's Swell

7.00pm Carol Singing The Crown, Fivehead

4.00pm Crib Service St Andrew's

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10.30pm Christmas Eve Service URC Curry Rivel

11.30am Midnight Mass St Andrew's

11.00am Family Communion St Martin's Fivehead

Inset Day

Pupils return to School