

Dear Parents/Carers

I must admit to getting quite anxious at this time of year (especially when people say that they have finished their Christmas shopping when I haven't started!). There are so many things to do at the end of the Christmas term and seemingly, so little time to do them in.

However, each year I forget how enthusiastically children, staff, parents and governors join in with the planned (and unplanned) events and actually, what a pleasure it always turns out to be. This week we have visited Fivehead and joined the members of the Baptist Church in their Christmas celebrations; a group of Year 5&6 children have taken part in our CLP Film in a Day; Mr Peyrou and the PTA have delivered the most delectable Christmas lunch and Blackdown House have obtained the most House Points this term. Meanwhile, rehearsals are taking place for the eagerly awaited 'We Three Kings' Christmas performance and for the end of term Christmas Service at 2.30pm on Friday 16 December in St Andrew's Church.

On Monday, members of the choir and myself visited Fivehead and sang for and with members of the Baptist church as part of their Christmas celebrations. The children, as always, sang beautifully and I was very proud of them. Well done, especially to Emily and Samantha for playing 'Away in a Manger' on flutes and Jamie and George for their duet.

On Wednesday, we took part in a CLP opportunity 'Film in a Day'. Phoebe, Richard, Chris, Charlotte, Jess and Oliver worked for the week prior to this on 'selling our School'. Their ideas were subsequently filmed, edited and made into a six minute film which will be premiered, along with all the other CLP schools, on Monday 12 December at Huish Sixth in their auditorium. The Heads were not allowed to see the finished article, so I shall await the moment (rather nervously) on Monday along with my (equally nervous!) colleagues. I was very impressed with the preparations that this group made – independent of adult help. Both of the 'film makers' commented on the efficiency with which the film was made and completed – they said that there was very little that they had to do. All being well, once premiered, we should be able to put 'our bit' on our 'You Tube' channel for all to see.

Yesterday was our gorgeous Christmas lunch. Mr Peyrou (the chef at the Rose and Crown, East Lambrook), prepared and cooked Roast Turkey with all the trimmings including the most delicious stuffing and turkey gravy. What a treat! All for a subsidised £1 per head! Of course, an enormous thank you also to the PTA for organising this event and all the volunteers who came to serve the food including three of our governors – Nikki, Claire and Angela.

I am certain, following the great success of these three events, that the end of term House celebration this afternoon will also be great fun - congratulations to Blackdown for achieving 366 House points this term.

Next week promises to be equally, if not more, hectic, but after the successes of this week (and the fact that I will hopefully have started my Christmas shopping), I will not need to be quite so anxious next Monday morning!

Best wishes for the weekend

Amanda Russell

PS We have, very kindly, been given a work surface dishwasher, but do not know how we can get it plumbed in without incurring large costs. If you know of anyone who is willing to do this for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit and a large smile, please could you let us know.

Class Cups

Pippin: Anya for an all round fantastic attitude and effort in School

Maigold: Honey for excellent all round effort and enthusiasm to learn this term

Discovery: Charlotte for excellent effort in phonics and spelling work with Mrs Bulpitt

Camelot: Harry for excellent effort in learning $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ equivalent fractions

Blenheim: Daniella for her consistent hard work and good results especially in hitting her targets in AR and maths

Merit Awards

Congratulations to Megan for achieving her Yellow Certificate, Daniella for achieving her Orange Certificate, and Oliver for achieving his Bronze Certificate.

Letters etc sent out this week

Mini Whistler Referee pack

Christmas Party Pippin, Maigold and Year 3s

Invite to selected pupils for film show Huish Sixth 4.00pm Mon 12 December

Wellsprings Giant Camp

Spring Menu – orders for January to School Office by Wednesday am 15 December

Sports Results

EFSA Football Competition: next match Friday 13 January at Bridgwater College

Netball at Huish Academy: Won against Huish Episcopi 13-2

Thank you and Well Done to Georgia, Owen, Amelia, Aimee, Daniella, Zara and Lorna. This is due to the hours of practice put in by the team and the commitment of Michala and Sharon.

New HUISH Web page link on the Huish Academy website for CLP events:

<http://www.huishleisure.co.uk/content.asp?c=74>

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.

CURRY RIVEL CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sunday 11 December

Doors open 6pm Eyes down 7.00pm

Curry Rivel School Hall

Messy Church School Hall 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Monday 12 December

games, creativity, praise & worship and enjoying a meal together.

All ages are welcome, but no children without an adult

No charge but contributions welcome!

FREE Triple P 0-12 years

Positive Parenting Group (7 week course) The Power of Positive Parenting

12 January 2012 to 23 February 2012 At Huish Academy Langport

Presented by Nicky Buckler and Claire Kelly, Parent and Family Support Advisors

Please register on 07825 833556 (Nicky) or 07500 882411 (Claire) or ring for more information.

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.

Register for free school meals to help out our School

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'Pupil Premium' - an extra payment for each eligible child which they can spend on useful services. Registering might also get you extra help for things like music lessons or school trips.

Applying for free school meals

Eligibility

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How to apply

If you want to register for free school meals for your child, contact your local authority or the School Office. You may need to provide a letter to prove that you're receiving one of these benefits - your local Jobcentre Plus should be able to help with this.

Pippin and Maigold Classes Nativity Play including Discovery Class Choir

We Three Kings by Niki Davies

Follow the three kings, Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar as they prepare for, and travel on their long and tiring journey to visit a very special baby.

Tuesday 13 December 2011 2.00pm and

Wednesday 20 December 2011 6.00pm

Tickets have already been available for a week

Retiring Collection for School Council Charity 2011-2012 NSPCC

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays from half term to Christmas	Swimming Camelot Class – don't forget costumes!
Monday 12 December	Messy Church 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 13 December	KS1 Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 14 December	Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas party pm
Wednesday 14 December	KS1 Performance 6.00pm
Thursday 15 December	Pippin, Maigold and Year 3s Christmas Party
Friday 16 December	Last day before Christmas Holidays
Friday 16 December	2.30pm St Andrew's Church Christmas Service
Sunday 18 December	10.00am All Age Service St Andrew's
Sunday 18 December	6.00pm Carol Service St Andrew's
Monday 19 December	7.00pm Carols on the Green – mince pies etc
Tuesday 20 December	6.00pm Carol Service St Catherine's Swell
Wednesday 21 December	7.00pm Carol Singing The Crown, Fivehead
Saturday 24 December	4.00pm Crib Service St Andrew's
Saturday 24 December	4.00pm Crib Service St Martin's Fivehead
Saturday 24 December	10.30pm Christmas Eve Service URC Curry Rivel
Saturday 24 December	11.30am Midnight Mass St Andrew's
Sunday 25 December	11.00am Family Communion St Martin's Fivehead
Wednesday 4 January	Inset Day
Thursday 5 January	Pupils return to School
Tuesday 10 January	Swimming Discovery Class – don't forget costumes!
Friday 3 February	PTA Spring Disco KS1 and KS2
Friday 10 February	Inset Day