

Dear Parents/Carers

There were, what looked suspiciously like snowflakes in the rain this morning (Wednesday) as I begin to write the newsletter – I don't wish to be lacking in festive spirit, but I really, really hope that it doesn't snow until at least next Monday when all our School festivities are done.

The last week of the Christmas term is packed full of fun and games as you'd expect. In between rehearsals, plays and parties however, you will still see Literacy and Maths work happening albeit around a Christmas theme.

On Monday afternoon Pippin, Maigold and Discovery classes entertained us with their dress rehearsal for 'We Three Kings' which some of you will have had the pleasure of seeing this week. They were brilliant – lovely singing and lovely acting. Thank you to the staff who brought it all together and to Mr Lovesy, Eve and Alisha, the sound crew.

On Monday evening, we were privileged to be invited to the 'Première' of the CLP film 'Selling our School'. As I mentioned last week, a team of Year 5&6 children were asked to prepare a script about the School which they would then film and edit with the aid of a professional team. The result was delightful and it was so interesting to see how different schools had interpreted their 'brief'. The complete DVD will be available for us to share in the New Year. Meanwhile, a big thank you and well done to Oliver, Jess, Phoebe, Charlotte, Richard and Chris – who, incidentally, looked so smart for the event at Huish Academy.

Wednesday was a particularly busy day. In the morning Year 4 entertained us with the music that they have been working on with Mr Smith (Somerset Music). The accompaniment by the staff to Jingle Bells was a sight to behold! I shall not explain - you will have to ask your child/ren.

Wednesday afternoon, Mr Staddon met with Mr O'Donoghue to plan next term's maths/literacy and topic work which gave me the opportunity to join in with the KS2 party – lucky me, poor Mr Staddon! I think that everyone enjoyed themselves though my ears are still ringing! Wednesday evening was the final performance of 'We Three Kings' – it was lovely and though they were tired, the children seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves (Nearly there!) Thursday afternoon was the KS1 party packed full of games, dancing and NOISE and finally our Christmas service this afternoon. You may remember that this was snowed off last year and I dutifully kept all the service sheets. This year is a sort of repeat of that with a couple of minor adjustments and I really hope that we will be able to finish the term in the best possible way – a Carol Service in Church before we wish each other a Merry Christmas and head off into the night (sounds just like Miss Read again!)

As the term draws to a close, we wish Mrs Stevenson the very best for her new life in Cornwall. She will be much missed.

Thank you for your support this term. I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 5 January. In the meantime, I hope that you have a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Best wishes

Amanda Russell

Class Cups

Pippin: Joshua for a wonderful 'star' performance in the Nativity

Maigold: Daisy for adding some lovely description to her writing

Discovery: Liam for beautiful handwriting

Camelot: Maddy for a lovely watercolour on the front of her Christmas card

Blenheim: Charlie for settling in brilliantly and having high standards in his presentation.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to Liam for completing his yellow chart and Amelia and Teigan for achieving their blue charts

Letters etc sent out this week

KS2 Party slip
Breakfast Club Letter

Joe Meredith Trophy

Awarded by Peter Goodenough, Chairman Curry Rivel Parish Council to Ellie

Sports Results

New HUIISH 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.

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.

ALL AGE SERVICE
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
10.00AM SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

ALL WELCOME!!

Dates for your Diary

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