

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing this as I watch a succession of our children in wellies pass my window. They have been taking turns in helping Barbara Clift make our special willow sculpture. We know that Nick Moseley has been smiling on us as the sun has been shining and that coupled with the damp soil will encourage the willow to grow.

Thank you to Barbara for her guidance, enthusiasm and skill and to Mark, Andrea and Michala who, themselves, have now become willow experts! If you have the time, come out the back and take a look, it will be a perfect place to sit on a warm, sunny day!

I spent an interesting day at Dillington on Tuesday finding out about the new Ofsted framework which came into force at the beginning of January. There have been some changes – a greater focus on reading and phonics, progress and engagement of pupils and behaviour. These meetings are always daunting and there were times that I felt rather depressed/anxious. However, it is very important that schools are monitored and I hope that when they do arrive, the professional challenge will help to ensure the best possible provision for your children.

The mini whistlers course finished this week and we now have 16 trained referees from Blenheim Class. We hope to organise some intra-School matches in KS1 that our newly qualified referees can oversee. Congratulations to all those who took part – the training took place over two days and was quite challenging, so they have all done well.

Congratulations as well to our Netball Team who are through to the next round of the League. The match will take place at Maiden Beech School on Wednesday 21 March in the afternoon.

Mrs Robinson, Head of Year 7 at Huish Episcopi Academy, came to visit the School this week and our Year 6 in particular. It is a sobering thought that these pupils will be there before the year is out – so little time and so much to do!!

Let's hope that the sun continues to shine this weekend – I am discovering all sorts of exciting plants in my garden and the winter sun is bringing out the most wonderful hellebores and spring bulbs (sorry non-gardeners!). Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Amanda Russell

Class Cups

Pippin: Logan for working hard at everything including some especially good writing

Maigold: Alfie for his Gruffalo's child story. It was well structured, detailed and contained lots of excellent punctuation!

Discovery: Jacob for a fantastic, enthusiastic approach to maths investigations this week

Camelot: Harry for his use of paragraphs to structure his myth

Blenheim: Lorna for her great work in class, being an excellent house captain and excelling as a mini whistler!

Merit Awards

Congratulations to Kurt for achieving his Orange Award and Kara for achieving her Yellow Award

Helping Hands

Thank you to Zak for being very kind to a younger child

Lunchtime Awards

Mrs Moore says thank you to Oliver and Carmella for their good behaviour at lunchtimes this week

Letters etc sent out this week

Netball Years 3 and 4

Tag Rugby

Cross Country – Tuesday 31 January at Huish Episcopi

Arts and Crafts – starting Tuesday 31 January

New Lunch Menu

Friends of Curry Rivel Primary School – Spring Disco Friday 3 February

Sports Results and After School Clubs

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

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

CLP Orchestra: If you would like to join the Orchestra they meet on Wednesdays at Charlton Mackrell 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Please speak to the Office if you need any further information.

2nd Curry Rivel Brownies and Curry Rivel Guides

Would like your help

See poster by gate or telephone Emma on 07557790842 (Brownies) or Jane on 01458 252901 (Guides). *Information available by the School Office.*

ST James Street Swimming Pool - February Half Term Activities

Swimming 'Crash' Courses 13th - 17th February 2012

All lessons are in the main pool

Monday to Friday (5 day courses)

9.30 - 10.15am 10m/ Widths Stroke Improvement

10.15- 10.45am Breast Stroke Improvement (Frog 1 & up)

10.45 - 11.15am Lengths Stroke Improvement

9.30 - 10.00am Ducklings 1 - 2

10.00 - 10.30am Duckings 3 - 4

10.30 - 11.00am 5m Stroke Improvement

30 minute lessons £21.25 (ATL £16.25)

45 minute lessons £23.50 (ATL £17.25)

Telephone 01823 350100 for more information

Sea Scooters 8yrs+ 15 minutes instruction followed by 30 minutes of fun and games!

Monday 13th Feb and Thursday 16th Feb

11.45am - 12.30 £5 per session

www.toneleisure.co.uk

Carymoor are running some family fun days over half-term on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 February at the Carymoor Environmental Centre. 10am – 12.00 noon or 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Feathery February Fun at Carymoor! Half-term activities for national nestbox week.
Build your own bird box; make a willow bird feeder; or a bird's builder's yard!
Light refreshments available. Only £7 per family (up to 2 adults, & 2 children)
Booking essential: email info@carymoor.org.uk or call 01963 350143
Carymoor Environmental Centre, Dimmer Lane, Castle Cary, BA7 7NR or see their website
www.carymoor.org.uk

BUGFEST 2012 - The largest creepy crawly show in the South West!

Saturday 18th February 2012 11.30-3.30pm

Adults £3 children over 4 £1 (free in fancy dress)

Climbing wall, creepy crawlies, bug shows, face painting.

Bring this school newsletter with you and get in for half price!

Look on our web site for more details or to book a table

www.bugfest.co.uk

SMALL VOICES

The young people's singing group for the Curry Rivel area - "small voices" is to be re-started, with their first engagement being the pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" in half term week.

Children age 8 or over, who enjoy singing, will find plenty of opportunity by joining this group.

Phone Patrick Rendell on (01458) 253856 for details, or simply turn up at the Sewers Hall on **Monday - 7.15 to 8pm for the rehearsal.**

Initially there will be three Monday rehearsals in the Sewers Hall on January 30, February 6 and February 13

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH WEEKEND

West Sedgemoor Big Wetland Duckwatch -

Saturday 28 January 10.00am to 1.30pm + making birdfeeders

Booking essential on 07774 620879 or email west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10 January continuing
Friday 3 February

Friday 10 February
Tuesday 21 February
Tuesday 28 February

Thursday 29 March
Friday 30 March
Saturday 31 March to 15 April
Monday 16 April

Swimming Discovery Class – don't forget costumes!
PTA Spring Disco KS1 and KS2 –
Pre-School & KS1 6.30 – 7.30pm KS2 7.45 – 9.00pm
Inset Day for whole Community Learning Partnership of Schools
Pancake Races
School Talent Show
School Reports out
End of Term Easter Service 2.30pm St Andrew's Church
Easter Holidays
Return to School

REMINDERS!

School Lunches need to be booked *and paid for* by the Wednesday **before** the week you require them. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals or require the daily alternative of a Jacket Potato, these must be booked by the *Wednesday before* as well.

Breakfast Club: cost £3 per day – please ensure that you are paying this daily/ weekly as paper reminders from the School Office use up time and money!