

Dear Parents/Carers

This is going to be a very short newsletter as the week has been extremely quiet!

The Governors met on Monday night for the first full meeting of the new School year. We welcomed Anders Omell as our new Parent Governor. We will be sending out Parent Governor letters shortly as we still have one more Parent Governor role to fill. Our Governors are supportive and serve us well as 'critical' friends. They plan to come in and have lunch with the children this term and also attend School Council meetings wherever possible in order that the children have more idea about who these Governors are!

The children and staff in Camelot and Blenheim are becoming more familiar with our new 'Accelerated Reader' programme. We would like to hold a meeting for parents straight after School on Wednesday 5 October 3.30pm - 4.15pm in order to explain to you in more detail how the system works. This is open to all parents from Maigold Class up as the children in Years 2 and 3 will gradually be moving into the system as the year progresses. This will be a very brief meeting and it will be supplemented by a letter home explaining the scheme in more detail (also useful for those who are unable to attend the meeting).

This year as part of our charity support, the School Council and I would like to join in with the shoebox appeal. This will be part of a community effort as the Church and the Rainbows already support this particular charity. Families who wish to help are asked to donate £2.50 (for cover the transport cost of the boxes) and a shoebox filled with bits and bobs that would be suitable for a boy or girl. If it would be difficult to supply a whole shoebox, then any new small items to go in one would also be gratefully received.

Ginny Smith (School Governor) is part of the team that packs up the boxes in Ilminster and it is hoped that members of the School Council could accompany her to see the next stage of the process. She is happy to bring in lots of boxes next week. These will need to be completed and in School by Tuesday 1 November. There are further details later on in this newsletter regarding what to pack (and what not to pack!) and a label for you to cut out and stick on your box (boy/girl and age) and a form to complete are available from the School Office.

The DVD that I showed in Assembly this morning is quite moving as the children who packed the boxes in a School in Bedfordshire watched, with delight, the joy on the faces of the children receiving them.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Amanda Russell

PS This letter wasn't as short as I thought it would be! Apologies!

Class Cups

Pippin: Alfie for some brilliant number work

Maigold: Jack for excellent number work

Discovery: Archie for really good script and speech bubble writing

Camelot: Nathan for a mature and independent attitude in all aspects of his work, with an improvement in presentation.

Blenheim: Jack for a great start to the year, particularly in his reading

Lunchtime Awards

Mrs Moore says thank you to Lily, Harry and Liam for their good behaviour at lunchtimes.

Letters etc sent out this week

Cross Country letter Hambridge 27.9.2011

Football Tournament Huish 22.9.2011

Data Collection Sheets – Please return as soon as possible

NrGize Arts and Crafts Club

Lunchtime tag rugby – invitation only

Theatre Visit – Blenheim Class

Offsite Activity permission slips – please return asap

SCHOOL COUNCIL APPEAL

Any old pencils please to use at lunchtimes etc.

WANTED:

Small boxes for Discovery Class – no bigger than cereal boxes please.

SCHOOL APPEAL following Pod dismantling

Does anyone want any old tyres or yellow tubing or know how to dispose of them?

Shoebox Appeal: Operation Christmas Child

Suitable Items – Yes Please!

Toys: Bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument.

For boys: trucks and cars, for girls: dolls, clip on earrings, etc.

Educational Supplies: Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.

Sports Items: Tennis ball, skipping rope, baseball hat, small football, inflatable beach ball, stop watch, sweat bands, toy medals (let's celebrate the 2012 Olympics by sending sports items to needy children)

Other items: Sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hat, bangles, necklaces, etc.

All gifts should be new and please include items from each category.

Unsuitable Items – No Thanks!

No food especially chocolate. Only exception, non-chocolate sweets.

No medicines or vitamins of any kind

No war related items – toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind

No clothing other than listed above

No fragile items: glass containers, mirrors

No liquids: including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols.

No dangerous items: Sharp objects, scissors or razors

No novels

Nothing of a political nature

No hand-knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark

Due to import regulations, all gifts should be new and comply with the conditions listed above. Please make sure your gifts are age appropriate and that you do not send items in a shoebox (intended for a small child) which might be swallowed or mistaken for sweets. Should you inadvertently include any item that is not suitable or might be regarded as dangerous for the intended child, Samaritan's Purse reserves the right to remove that item and use it for the benefit of the charity. Occasionally we have to change some contents to meet specific country requirements or change the shoebox to meet our approximate dimensions. (13cm depth, 18 x 30cm dimensions)

SOME LEAFLETS AVAILABLE BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 September

Tuesdays until half term

Saturday 24 September

Thursday 29 September

Sunday 2 October

Friday 14 October

Monday 17 October

Wednesday 19 October to

Friday 21 October

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Monday 31 October

Monday 31 October

Tuesdays from half term to Christmas

Monday 21 November

Monday 12 December

Friday 16 December

Wednesday 4 January

Thursday 5 January

Reception Class stay until 12.30pm

Swimming for Blenheim Class

Playdays on the field pm TOMORROW!!!!

School Harvest Festival 2.30pm St Andrew's

11.00am Harvest Festival St Martin's Fivehead

6.00pm Harvest Praise St Andrew's

Life Education visit all day

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Beam House activity days

Start of Half term

Return to School from Half term

Academy Portraits Individual Photos

Swimming for Camelot Class

Messy Church 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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Last day before Christmas Holidays

Inset Day

Pupils return to School

3 days until Voting in NatWest Community Force Awards - You could support Girlguiding Somerset

One of the projects is for Girlguiding Somerset's County Campsite. The project is to complete a new building at Somermead (near Wedmore) which will have accommodation for twenty four young people & six adults with disabled facilities; and providing all year round use of the site.

Girlguiding Somerset have already raised over £250,000 to complete the first stages of the building, but still need another £30,000 to finish the last stage which includes the building of ramps & decking around the outside which will give access to disabled users & those with mobility problems. The award will go towards the building of these ramps and decking.

Please help by voting from **Monday 26 September (max 3 times)**. Telephone 0800 2100246 or minicom 0800 155545 or go to www.communityforce.natwest.com, projects tab, put postcode **BS28 4QS** in search, click orange icon on map and that takes you to Somerset Girlguiding and follow the on screen instructions for voting **THANK YOU!**

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS Fundraising Event organised by the Rotary Club of

Langport and Somerton **Friday 30 September 2011 8.00pm at Huish Academy** - Tickets £8 at the door or Tel 01458 252813 or email roger@merchantfinancial.co.uk.