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WINTER NEWSLETTER NO.41

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by saying a big thank you to all those families who supported the Epiphany service this week. I realise it clashed with other commitments but it was good to see so many of you there on such a cold and frosty evening. The children were excellent and we have had a lot of compliments from the local community.



The new library has now been completed with light and warmth in there so once we have transferred the books across we can start to use it again. If anyone has any spare time next week and is able to help sort books please see Lorraine or me.

Pre-school has an open morning on February 9th from 9am -11am so if anyone knows of people looking for the facility please can you let them know. We have posters and flyers ready to go out and again if anyone can help distribute them please come to the office.



A very well done to all those children who took part in the Huish cross country yesterday. All of the children did very well on an incredibly difficult course and we are very proud of them all. The sportsmanship and camaraderie shown by the pupils of Curry Mallet was exceptional and reflects the ethos of the school.

There were some outstanding performances from the year 3/4 boy's race: James Collins (1st) Sam Cannon (4th) and Charlie Weatherill (8th) and Ella Duncan was 9th in the girls 3/4 race. Harry Burdge was 2nd in the 5/6 boys race but as I have already said we are delighted with the amount of children who took part and 'had a go'. Well done to all.



It is that time of year again when we start thinking of the SAT'S which the year 6 children take in May. This year the dates of the test will be from Monday May 8th until Thursday May 11th. (Year 2 children will also be assessed around that time but we keep it so low key that they don't even know it's happening!)

We have sent home some study guides and question books for you to use with the children and we intend to provide some optional booster sessions. Miss Tyrrell will be sending out a letter before half term. We do not want the children to get stressed about these tests –we just want them to do the best they can do.

Diary Dates

Friday 27 th January	Class 2 sharing assembly
Monday 30 th January	Class 3 Visit to Carymoor
Thursday 2 nd February	Vision Screening for Reception Children Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Bristol Hippodrome 7.30pm
Friday 3 rd February	Class 1 Sharing assembly PCSO visit to give internet safety training talk
Thursday 9 th February	Pre-School Open Morning
Friday 10 th February	INSET DAY
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM



Please could we remind you that all the children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and would ask that you provide a water bottle for them to have in the classroom.

ATTENDANCE-HOLIDAY REQUESTS During term time. – We have had a couple of requests for holidays in term time, please could I remind parents of our policy on attendance and holidays during term time.

“The Government has issued schools with new legislation which will only allow Head Teachers to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. We believe that children need to be in school for all sessions, so that they can make the most progress possible. If parents/carers make a request for holiday in term time it will only be authorised if the school deems that there are exceptional circumstances and reasons for this to happen.

Such exceptional circumstances may be:

- *Where forces personnel are on leave from a foreign posting*
- *Where parents have significant employment restrictions.*
- *Where significant family events and circumstances occur such as bereavement.*

Any unauthorised absence such as taking holidays in term time when they have not been approved by the school may result in a fixed term penalty notice being issued by the Education Attendance Service. The Fixed Term Penalty Notice fees are currently £60/£120 per parent per child



Sainsbury's' Active Kids starts again on Wednesday 25th January and runs until 30th June 2017. Please support our school by collecting the vouchers. The collection box will be at the back of the hall on the worktop for you to put your vouchers in.



We are looking for a cleaner to work 2 evenings a week, 3 hours per night (Tuesday & Thursday) from the 2nd February. Please pop into the office and collect an application form if you are interested.

Kind Regards

Wendy Devereux