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Dear Parents,

Staffing Update: Mrs. Claire Hardwidge will be returning to school following her maternity leave and will take up her class responsibilities after Christmas with Dolphins Class. She will be working for the first three days of the week and Miss Dyer will continue with the last 2 days of the week. Mrs. Wallis will be working with Mrs. Knife and Mrs. McLaren for the spring term, and she will be leaving at Easter to take maternity leave.

Mumps: There is a suspected case of mumps in the Year 2 class, the symptoms are swollen glands in the throat under the ears, there is no medication except for pain relief, if you have any concerns please telephone NHS Direct on 0845 454647. There are also a number of 'flu' like cases throughout the school, we are constantly reminding the children to 'catch it' - 'bin it' - 'kill it'. We are encouraging them to wash their hands properly and regularly. Can I remind you that if children are sick at home that they should not return to school until they have been free from symptoms for at least 24 hours.

Year 3/4 and 5/6 visits to Bath and Swindon: These enrichment visits went very well, the children really enjoyed them and learnt a lot. The staff also enjoyed taking the children as they were a real credit to themselves and the school. Thank you for supporting these visits, it really brings learning to life.

Arsenal Football Club on Wednesday's: has finished for this term but will start again next term for Year 1- 3. Letters to follow in the new year.

Cross Country: 9 children from our school competed in the Sedgemoor Schools Cross Country competition yesterday in Bridgwater. They all did their very best and were great competitors. Victoria Prior came first in the Year 4 girls race, so well done Victoria.

Head Lice: A parent has found a web site selling Head lice repelling badges, for more information please look at www.mapertontrust.com.

Book Club: Please ensure that all book club orders are in by Tuesday 8th December.

Coasters: Each child has brought home a coaster that they have painted in school, please look out for it, they will make very special Christmas presents. If you want to keep it please send in £3, if you don't want it please send it back to school, otherwise the school will get charged for it.

Wells Cathedral Carol Service: Thank you to Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. James and Mrs. Lambert for taking our Y5/6 choir to Wells Cathedral last Wednesday. They all had a lovely afternoon and evening, and it was a lovely start to the Christmas season.

Lions Christmas Concert: Our school choir will be singing in The Princess Hall, Burnham on Sea on **Saturday 5th December at 7.00 pm**. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Home Hardware in the High Street. There will be music from a Band and Burnham Infant's School choir will also be singing and the evening will end with some communal singing of Christmas carols and songs.

Free School Meals: if you are entitled to Free School Meals and do not wish to take them up please please let us know because a lot of our funding is dependent upon the numbers of Free School Meals.

Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church Berrow, Sunday 6th December at 6 pm: Thank you for returning the candles filled with coins, if you would like to take any remaining candles to church on Sunday that would be much appreciated, or bring them into school next week and we will ensure that they are given to Rev. Sally.

Coast Road Footpath: There is a strong group of people campaigning for the footpath to be installed, they are meeting regularly and would welcome ideas and support from parents and the school. If you feel passionate about this and would like to attend the meetings please let me know.

If you would like to receive these newsletters by e mail, please send your e mail address to the office, this will save paper and ensure that it doesn't get lost on the way home!! If you have any questions or concerns at any time please make an appointment to talk to your class teacher or me; we are all here to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible education for your children.

Heather Hector (Mrs.)
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

- 6th December: Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Berrow 6 pm
- 8th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 6.30 details to follow
- 9th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 6.30 details to follow
- 10th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1.30 details to follow
- 15th December: Whole School Carol Service at St.Mary's Church 6.00 details to follow
- 17th December: School breaks up for Christmas Holidays
- 4th January 2010: Inset training day
- 5th January 2010: School reopens