

## Nether Stowey Church of England V.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The past eight weeks seem to have flown past. I have found the school to be a very happy place to be for both adults and children.

My main objective is obviously to lead school improvement. Much of the work will not always be evident to you immediately, but everything we are doing is designed to impact positively on the children. I had an excellent meeting yesterday with our LEA school improvement advisor who was very happy with progress so far. Hopefully you are aware of your child's literacy targets and your child should be able to tell you exactly what he or she has to do to achieve the next level. Although academic progress and attainment is essential it is only one component of school life. After half term, in addition to the well-supported sporting after-school clubs, we are offering drama on Wednesdays and choir on Thursdays for children in Beech, Maple and Willow classes. The initial focus of both clubs will be to prepare for the school production of *Wind in the Willow* later this term.

Last week I met with staff from Cannington College and in the new year students from Cannington College will work with our children to make raised vegetable and flower beds.

**Drama and Choir Clubs:** will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school from week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November to provide extra rehearsal time for those children who are available in preparation for our Beech, Maple and Willow production of 'Wind in the Willows'. Drama Club will be specifically for main characters who will be asked to audition in the first few days after half term. More details will be sent home straight after half-term.

### **Friday After-School Football Club**

Unfortunately there will be no Friday football club for years 3 and 4 after half term. Our thanks goes to Ian Dane who has very kindly run the club for us this half term. If there is any other willing football enthusiast out there who would

be available to continue to run the club we would be pleased to hear from them (CRB clearance is required).

### **Transport of fridge to Dump**

If there is anyone with a truck or van who would be willing to take a fridge from the school kitchen to the dump for us we would be extremely grateful. It is currently situated by the wheelie bins by the school kitchen.

**Pepperhill Forest School:** will take place Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> for children aged 5 - 11 years from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information telephone Gillian Harper on 07833346160/01278 671108 or Tracey Sedgwick on 07516791716/01278 732443.

**Parentline** is the leading charity providing support to parents. Their service includes a 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year confidential response within three working days. Their website offers topical, regularly updated information on all aspects of parenting from new baby days to teens and beyond. They can be found at [www.parentlineplus](http://www.parentlineplus).

**Bags2School** - our next collections will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (2010).

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy and restful half-term break. Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Weedon  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES

Half term Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November inclusive	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (afternoons)	Christmas Concerts (Oak, Holly and Ash classes)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concerts (Willow, Maple and Beech classes)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	'when Santa Fell To Earth' - Brewhouse trip
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	The Big Enormous Present (visiting Theatre) Oak, Holly and Ash