

# St Thomas Community Action Partnership



## St Thomas CAPS

Effective partnerships with Parents

June 2006

### Spring News



Our project to create an exciting new play space for the children using the grounds at St Thomas Primary School is now underway. Those of you who regularly come to school will have witnessed the clearance of bushes on the designated area during March and April and more lately the laying of some turf. The CAPS Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers who have helped us so far. However, we have been disappointed by the response, often only 1 or 2, this has slowed the project down. We struggle on undefeated, as we really want our children to get a lovely play space. Getting the funding to buy the trim trail equipment (e.g. climbing nets, stepping posts, clatter bridge) has also been

challenging, but you will be pleased to hear that St Thomas Primary School were successfully awarded £5000 grant from "Awards for All" in April which has allowed us to proceed with this project.

The work so far in clearing the site and laying of the turf would not have been possible without the generous funding of Signpost Housing who gave CAPS a grant and to Exeter City Council who loaned us bins cheaply to clear away some of the waste generated.

We need your help to complete this project. Please come along to one of the working evenings on Thursdays – see below

### What's happening next?

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

7pm till 9pm at school - final effort to get the ground cleared ready for more turf to be laid.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

7pm till 9pm at school - laying the final portion of turf in preparation for the

installation of the trim trail equipment in August.

#### July 8<sup>th</sup> 2006

School Summer Fayre. Make wind chimes at the St Thomas CAPS stall.

#### August 2006

Installation of the trim trail equipment by Playline Designs. Date to be confirmed.

#### September 2006

Official launch of the trim trail.



### Can You Help?

We would love to hear from anyone who can help us finish this project or who has an idea

for another community project we could organise.

In the future we are particularly interested in running weekend or evening events, where parents and children can do things together. Do you like the idea of a discovering wildlife workshop or a sampling craft day?

Please get in touch with any CAPS committee members:

Call or speak to us in the playground (we're the ones with the hose pipes watering the grass!)

Steve Coomber – 425099

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**“Together we can achieve great things”**

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## Who are we?

We are volunteers, some of us parents just like you with children at St Thomas Primary School. We formed St Thomas CAPS in January 2005, because we wanted to do something that would benefit our school and community and make it a better place for all of us.

Our aim is to develop better partnerships between parents, school and the wider community for the advance of learning opportunities for all. We are able to obtain grants and work with local businesses so the school becomes an important part of the local community offering opportunity not just to the children who go there but to their families and the people living in the area.