



**Weekly Update: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.30</b>	Parent session from 'Escapeline' on exploitation, grooming (and County Lines) @ Curry Rivel Primary School.
<b>6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Brighten Up Your Day - non uniform day in exchange for sweets, chocolate, Easter eggs or snacks. To coincide with Children's Mental Health Week. The donations will be used for the PTA Easter raffle.
	3.15am: PTA cake sale
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half term
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9.15am</b>	Ash Wednesday Service at St Andrew's Church
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.15am</b>	PTA serving the children Pancakes in the hall
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm</b>	PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse. All welcome.
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Online Safety & Social Media - online session
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day (Details to follow)
	Launch of PTA Sponsored Read
<b>10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Science week
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm</b>	Year 2 Parent Information Session Key Stage One SATs (On-Line)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am</b>	PFSA Coffee Morning led by Victoria Gould in school hall
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Pop up Shop - Mother's day
<b>Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Assessment Week
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Clive Pig Storyteller Workshops (Gifted by PTA)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.15am</b>	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church
	PTA Easter Raffle
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter holiday
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET training day- school closed
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>/Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parents' Evenings (Years R-5)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	No Outsiders workshop for all classes
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Additional Bank Holiday: Coronation of King Charles III
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs week begins
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May- 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Half term
<b>27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 residential



### Staffing news

Mrs Jo Ward has been the school SENDCo at the school for seven years and will sadly be leaving us at the end of January. She would like to take this opportunity to send her thanks and best wishes to you all and the children for the support you have given her since she joined Curry Rivel in September 2016. She hopes the future brings you many successes and good fortune. We wish Jo all the best for the future.

### Free EscapeLine Parent Session: Monday 6th February 3.30-4.30 (Tea and coffee provided)

This session is hosted by Escapeline, a charity committed to preventing child exploitation by criminal gangs across South West England. The term "county lines" is used to describe a form of exploitation where criminals befriend children, either online or offline and manipulate them into becoming involved in drug dealing. Young people between 13-16 are most likely to be targeted, but there are reports of as young as 6 year olds being groomed into county lines activity. The illegal drug business has been estimated to make an annual profit of more than £800,000,000 with over 50,000 young people being exploited by County Lines in England alone. Gangs target any young person, of any background, race, gender, or age. It is not just the vulnerable and disadvantaged young people or those from poorer backgrounds, with a history of abuse that get targeted. This event intends to focus on the balance between factual information by experts in the field, alongside real-life stories and experiences of those that have been exposed to child exploitation into county lines.

**NOT suitable for children- If needed, please book your school-aged child a place with our workshop 'creche'- places limited- please book via the school office.**

### Message from Brigade Schoolwear

We are pleased to be able to offer a 1 day promotion for your parents; FREE DELIVERY ON ALL ORDERS OVER £20 - SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY FROM 12AM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

### The Really Big Sing is coming to a village hall near you!

Come along and sing for an evening ☺ This is a one off singing occasion to have fun singing with others. Singing is great for your wellbeing, your vocal health and you will meet other educators who share a love of singing!

The Really Big Sing is taking place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** from 1700 - 2000 at Horton Village Hall Broadway Hill, Horton, Ilminster, TA19 9QP.

No preparation, prior involvement or solos are needed!

The cost for the evening is £10 and refreshments will be available.

If you would like to attend please complete the form below to express an interest and you will be emailed payment details.

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**Strike**

Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School will not be affected by teacher strike action on 1 February and 2, 15, 16 March.

**Clubs**

Our clubs will begin after half term, and will run for 5 weeks (With the exception of the Year 6 SATs Club). You can now book sessions on SchoolMoney.

Day	Staff	Activity/Club	Location	Year group(s)
Tuesday	Mrs van Cole/Mrs Samuel	Netball (Boys and girls)	Netball court	Year 4, 5, & 6
Wednesday	Miss Avery	Craft Club	Discovery Class	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	Mrs Davies-Evans	Craft Club	Pippin Class	Reception
Thursday	Miss Carnie	Just Dance	Maigold	Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Mr Bridgeman	Football (Boys and girls)	Field	Years 3 and 4
Wednesday	Miss Tucker/Mrs Pook	Biscuit Club (SATs prep fun)	Blenheim and Russett	Year 6 Dates: 1 <sup>st</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> March 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 19 <sup>th</sup> April 26 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> May

**SEND News**

Please find out the latest news in regard to children with special needs and disabilities here:

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/news/>

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### On-Line Safety

The name 'Huggy Wuggy' may sound cuddly and endearing, but experts warn that children are being left frightened by the viral video game character's appearance in social media content.

The fanged monster features in the horror-themed 'Poppy Playtime', a computer game set in an abandoned toy factory. Huggy Wuggy, a blue teddy bear who sings songs about hugging and killing people, is appearing across TikTok, Roblox and Minecraft. Children in school, as young as Year 2, are mentioning this character, and this is upsetting others. We encourage you to have an open discussion with your child/ren about this character, how they know about it and the impact it has on others.

### Cost of Living

If you are struggling with bills at the moment there are some places to go to get support. The Household Support Fund is designed to provide short-term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials such as buying food, paying for energy and water bills and other essential household items such as beds and white goods. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-household-support-fund/>

Safe & Warm Somerset supports anyone in Somerset who may need help with energy bills or keeping warm at home: <https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1367>

You can also contact the school office and speak to Mrs Pook who may be able to signpost you to help.



### Graceful Badger Forest School

Drayton Woods, Law Lane, Drayton, Langport TA10 0LB  
 (Part of registered charity: Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership)  
[gracefulbadgerforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:gracefulbadgerforestschool@gmail.com)

*Join us for woodland fun: play, bushcraft, natural arts and crafts, wildlife, campfire cooking, games and stories.*

#### After-School Club for 5-8 year-olds



Wednesdays in term  
 time: drop-off 4.15pm - 6.00pm  
 (February to July)  
 £12.00/session, booked in half terms.  
 Campfire tea included



AND  
 School Holiday Inclusive Family Days, all welcome.  
 £15/child/day, discount for siblings, parents and under-twos free.  
 Campfire lunch and drinks included  
 email for details:  
[gracefulbadgerforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:gracefulbadgerforestschool@gmail.com)

All lead by qualified Forest School practitioner/qualified teacher, DBS checked, first aid and child protection trained.  
 Facebook: Graceful Badger Forest School

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## Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	5	6
Maigold	7	3
Gala	2	2
Discovery	5	9
Camelot	5	4
Blenheim	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

## Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Molly  
 Maigold: Isabelle-Faith  
 Gala: Dylan  
 Discovery: Olivia  
 Camelot: Connie  
 Blenheim: Lottie

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Thomas  
 Maigold: Izabelle  
 Gala: Seth

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### **50 Merits**

Pippin: Honor, Arthur, Ava, Isla, Sonny,

Gala: George, Lillyann

Discovery: Jacob

Camelot: Rupert, Molly, Arthur, Ella, Sophie, Logan, Blake, Tyler

Blenheim: Harry, Yusef, Teon, Carla

### **100 merits**

Discovery: Beth

**Overall attendance this week:** Discovery 95.7% (Target 96%)

**Class most improved attendance award:** All class attendance decreased this week.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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