



Weekly Update: 24th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

- 3rd September** INSET Day- training day for staff
4th September First day of Autumn term

INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

Best wishes and farewell to:

- Ellie Godfrey, Teaching Assistant since September 2020
- Brian Lippitt, Governor since September 2016
- Rev Scott Patterson, Vicar and Governor since October 2013
- Our wonderful Year 6 pupils

Rev Tim Richards

Rev Tim Richards has recently passed away. Tim was the minister of the United Reformed Church and a true friend of the school, leading worship here over many years. He was an inspiration to all who met him; we have passed our condolences to his family.

Message from the Chair of Governors

As we come to the end of the school year, I thought it would be good to give parents an update on the work of the Governing Body. Governors are volunteers, representing all aspects of the school community, who work at a strategic level with the Headteacher to provide the best education for the children at the school.

The Board has seen some changes this year with some Governors leaving the Board and new ones joining. We were sorry to say goodbye to Charlene, Lucy and Simon who due to work commitments, and having been on the Board for a considerable time in some cases, felt it was time to move on. More recently we have said goodbye to Brian and the Rev Scott who are both moving on to pastures new. We have welcomed Anne, Ellie, Phoebe, Sarah and Steph during the year, all keen to get to know the school and help to make a difference.

As Governors we get to enjoy the successes and strengths of the school but also to face the challenges. This year we have seen the school build on the success of the Ofsted last June and develop the school Leadership team with Special Needs coordinator Charlotte Monk joining the school. The school staff are a major asset of the school and as Governors we are pleased to work with such a skilled professional team who always put the children at the heart of

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everything they do. The governor's monitoring role often involves coming into school and having discussions with school staff.

The children are always a delight, and Governors enjoy coming to special events in school but also getting to see the children during the normal school day as they take part in a variety of learning activities. Governors have monitored aspects of the Curriculum, and behaviour as well as the school values in the classroom and on the playground in addition they have met with the School Council and accompanied school visits. As a school we are justly proud of the children who work hard and enjoy their learning and all aspects of school life particularly their sport!

Challenges this year are ones familiar to all working in the public sector and are all related to finance. The school budget which Governors are responsible for ensuring is spent effectively is not getting any bigger and the demands on it are increasing. Working with the Head teacher and Business manager, who manage the day-to-day finances with great skill, Governors look to ensure that we are getting value for money when we spend and that we are prioritising spending in the areas of greatest need to ensure that the children get the resources and support they need.

The other challenge to the successful functioning of the Board is the lack of a clerk following the relocation and decision to retire of the previous post holder. We are looking for someone to minute our meetings and undertake other administrative tasks. If you think you might be interested or know someone who is then please contact the school office and ask to speak with Mrs Pook or contact me on sharvey@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk

As the school year comes to an end I would like to say goodbye and good luck to our school leavers and wish the children, their parents and the staff a very happy summer break. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sally Harvey, Chair of Governors

Apple Trees

Apple Trees Wraparound Care are excited to let you know we are expanding!

- We'll have a new staff member, Ellee, for you all to meet in September. Plus we've listened to your feedback and **from September we will be open from 7:30 am for breakfast** to mirror Little Pips opening time! We won't even charge you any more!
- You will also be able to drop your school-aged child and nursery-aged child together at 7:30 at the front gate.
- We will also trial re-introducing the later session on Thursday afternoons meaning we'll be open from 7:30am-5:30pm Monday - Thursday and 7:30am-4:30pm on Fridays.
- We already have lots of reservations for September, so if you'd like to secure your child's place, and haven't already been in touch, please email Jane on appletrees@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk as soon as possible (payment won't be due until the beginning of September). Still just £5 per session, but if you're a tax payer, you can even save 20% by using the HMRC Tax-free Childcare Scheme! Just ask us how.

Message from Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

I have finally found an experienced & fully qualified LTA tennis coach, who potentially may be able to offer coaching for your children here at Stoke SG Tennis Club. Initially offering Summer Tennis Camps during the holidays. I still have to work out the details, but we need to show that there is sufficient interest to make it viable for him. What would help me at this stage is if you could indicate your interest, plus age of child/children. I appreciate it may depend on which dates & times. Please let me know, together with your contact details so I can get in touch with you when coaching details are finalised.

Reply & enquiries to: stuart.w.mark@btinternet.com

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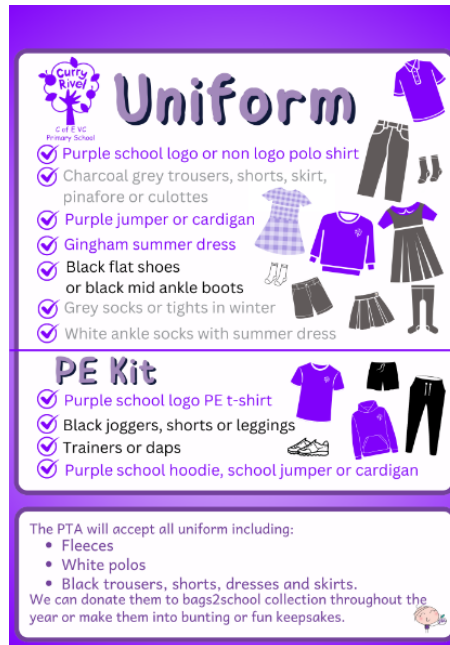
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Free and Cheaper Activities for the Summer

The summer holidays can be a challenge, especially when trying to find cheaper activities- I have had compiled some ideas (Including ideas from Mrs Jarvis- thank you) which may give you some inspiration- these are attached to this email.

Reminder of Uniform for September



In addition, in line with PE risk assessments and good practice in secondary schools and sports clubs, stud earrings MUST not be worn on PE days. We suggest if your child has their ears pierced, that this is done at the beginning of the summer break so they are healed before the start of term.

Allergies Heads Up for September

As an allergen aware school, please can we gently remind parents to avoid bringing nuts into school. We are not able to provide a 'no nut policy' in school as it is not possible to guarantee and enforce a nut free zone, as staff are not able to monitor all lunches and snacks from home. However, we do ask parents to try and avoid bringing in nuts in to help reduce risk of allergic reactions.

At break times, children are encouraged to eat fruit or vegetables, which will continue. However, we will be unable to allow sandwiches or cereal type bars from September, as we will have a pupil who has a severe milk intolerance, and whilst we can manage lunchtimes carefully, we would not want inadvertent contact with products containing milk during morning break, as this intolerance can also be triggered by airborne transmission- thank you for your support.

Information from the School Nurse Team regarding Monique and Purple Elephant in the Room.

My name is Monique and I am a qualified counsellor at Purple Elephant in the Room, Taunton.

We will be running wellbeing workshops for primary school children over the summer break in our Therapeutic Centre in Taunton and would be grateful if you could circulate our flyer. These workshops will each feature a theme (friendships, feelings, worries, bullying, coping with big feelings, and strength building) and will include age-appropriate talks, with fun and creative ways to explore these themes.

We will run drop off sessions Wednesday's 10:00-11:30. The price of this is £60 per child for the 6-week sessions, and £40 for a sibling.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact us on 03335 771099.

Best Wishes, Purple Elephant in the Room, centre@purpleelephantintheroom.co.uk

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PTA Thanks

The following children have been given PTA helpful awards:

Blenheim: Harry, Jamie, Jasper

Camelot: Jacob, Brooke

Discovery: Lily H, Dylan

Gala: Luca

Maigold: Elly, Willow, Ethan, Millie, Finlo

Pippin: Kirree, Harrison

End of Year Awards

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our End of Year Awards Ceremony.

Class Awards (For effort, endeavour or achievement or linked to our core 5-a-day values of forgiveness, kindness, respect, thankfulness and perseverance OR the 3 B's):

Pippin: Elsie, Eddie

Maigold: Brody Luca, Elly

Gala: Annabel, Finley

Discovery: David, Arya

Camelot: Finley, Annmiya

Blenheim: Bea, Rupert

Merit Awards (For highest number of merits)

Pippin: Delilah, Thomas

Maigold: Emily, Finlo

Gala: Dot, Oliver

Discovery: Anna, Freddie

Camelot: Bethany, James

Blenheim: Holly, Joseph

Highest overall merit achievement (The Alan Norton Merit Cup)

PE Awards

Pippin: Ellis, Elisha

Maigold: Mabel, Mason

Gala: Dot, Oliver

Discovery: Oscar, Evie

Camelot: Paige, Leo

Blenheim: Joseph, Summer

Swimming Awards

Blenheim: Connie, Riley

Camelot: James, Miila Louisa

Discovery: Henry, Bobbie

Gala: Henry, Bella

Maigold: Isla, Jake HM

Pippin: Razan, Oliver

Year 6 Awards

The Saskia Cup for MFL: Isabelle

Achievement in Music: Bea

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Drama Award 2024: Dulcie

Outdoor Pursuits Shield: Casper

URC Friendship Award Mia

Outstanding Achievement Clemmie

Curry Rivel Swimming Trophy: Rupert

The John Mullins Trophy for Most Improved Swimming: William

Langport Area Trust Sports Awards for Sporting Achievement: Joseph, Summer

Attendance (100% awards)

Azalea

Daisy G

Evie G

Ellie-Mai H

Miila-Louisa

Toby H

Ronnie

Bea

William

Tiana

House Merit Cup: Average merits per pupil:

1st Quantock with 124 dojos average per child

2nd Polden with 123 dojos average per child

3rd Mendip with 121 dojos average per child

4th Blackdown with 120 dojos average per child

Congratulations Quantock House.

Sporting achievements from the year:

WINNERS of the CLP Cricket Tournament

WINNERS of the CLP Cross Country Competition across 4 events

Second in CLP Athletics for the third year running;

Third in the Girls' Football tournament;

Third in the CLP Rounders Tournament

School record 11-1 win over Hambridge in Year 5/6 Football

Year 5/6 Boys Football came 4th in CLP tournament

5th in CLP Swimming Gala,

11 runners qualified for Inter-Area Cross Country finals, more than any other school; 2nd placed overall girl in Y3/4 girls' cross country (Ellie-Mai) & 3rd placed boy for Year 5/6 (Joseph)

Sports Day Cup

Congratulations to Polden House.

Thank you for your incredible partnership and support over the year. We wish our Year 6 pupils well as they move to secondary school, and we look forward to seeing everyone else on **Wednesday 4th September**. Enjoy some family time, some rest and relaxation at some point.

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