



Weekly Update: 24th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th June

Tuesday 27th June

27th-30th June

Monday 3rd July

Thursday 6th July

Thursday 6th July

Tuesday 11th July

Friday 14th July

Monday 17th July 7pm

Wednesday 19th July

Friday 21st July

Autumn term

Autumn INSET Days

Autumn Half Term

Spring term

Spring INSET Days

Spring Half Term

Summer term

Summer INSET Day

Summer Half Term

New date for New Parents' Meeting

PTA bags2school collection

Year 6 Blenheim residential

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency sessions begin

NEW date for Year 6 transition day to Huish; New Classes morning in school

Reception Vision Screening To be confirmed

Sports Day

9.00-11.00: R, Years 1 and 2

12.45-3.15: Years 3-6

Children to wear house colours: Blackdown (Red); Mendip (Green); Polden (Blue); Quantock (White)

Sports Day Reserve

Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out

Little Pips Olympics (Morning)

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party

Final Awards Assembly

4 September- 15 December 2023

4 September and 30 October

21 October -29 October

2 January- 28 March 2024

2 January and 9 February 2024

10 February-18 February 2024

15 April- 24 July 2024

15 April 2024

25 May- 2 June 2024

Transition September 2023

The Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit from the Head of Year 7 (Huish Academy) today so we really are starting the important transition for our oldest pupils. Today your child will bring home a letter outlining information on their new class for September. The governors and I are delighted to share with you that Curry Rivel Primary School is able to maintain the six-class structure we have had for the last four years. You will know that the construction of these classes changes depending on the

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numbers we have in each year group. Each class will have approximately equal numbers of pupils (25-30 pupils).

Deliberate decisions have been made about the placement of the staff, and I hope you can trust that these decisions are made with the best outcomes of the children in mind. We are pleased that each class has a teaching assistant. Other teaching assistants will work as 'key adults' supporting specific pupils. Mrs Langford will continue to offer ELSA support.

As with all schools, we are dependent upon budgets which are dictated by a national funding formula, which hasn't always favoured smaller schools. We do not have a crystal ball, and hope that in future we can maintain what we think is a great class structure for your child to thrive and develop. It is important to be aware that there is a rapidly changing educational climate, especially given current circumstances, and it is important that we are all aware that changes in the future may be beyond our control (E.g in needing to reduce staffing or classes).

For Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, I have worked closely with the teachers to create the classes. The factors we try to take into account are: numbers of pupils, attainment, SEND needs, class dynamics, peers children work well with and friendships. Meetings and discussions are held over a period of time to establish the classes. It is important to note that Pippin, Maigold and Gala classes will continue to have playtimes and lunchtimes together, so Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be together at these times. We also teach some lessons in year groups E.g. Phonics. This is a complex operation and, unfortunately, it is not possible to consult with parents and children; it is difficult to please everyone, but I ask parents/carers to respect our professional judgement. **Also, classes cannot be changed once parents/carers and children have been informed.**

It is really important that parents/carers and pupils don't perceive the split year group as pupils 'moving up' and 'staying down'- children will not be held back! The ways in which learning and teaching are organised in primary schools means that teaching and work is tailored to the needs and current achievement levels of each and every individual pupil. The staff at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary school are very experienced at planning and delivering work to match the needs of mixed age learning. They provide challenge for higher attainers and support for those needing more help no matter which year group or class they are currently in.

Transition

At this time of year we are preparing for your child's transition. Much of the behind the scenes work will continue as usual: teachers will have 'handover meetings' and the school's SENDCo will meet with teachers about Special Educational Needs provision. In the coming weeks, staff will contact individual families where specific transition planning is required (E.g. medical). The children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers on Thursday 6th July (morning)- please note that this date has changed due to teacher strike action which has affected the secondary school.

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Updating information

It is important that we have up-to-date information about you and your child. Please ensure you have informed the office of any changes to your data (E.g. Change of mobile number, new address, change of email address).

Message from Mrs Dance – Plea for cutlery

We are running low on spoons in our school kitchen and would really appreciate any cutlery contributions for our lunchtime service.

Message from the PTA

STIKINS

This week you have received some free name stickers and information about bag2school. Stikins have provided every child in the school with a 5 free name labels to stick on clothes, shoes or water bottles. We are hoping this will help keep items with their owners. If you do choose to buy more please use our fundraising code 5512 to allow us to receive 30% commission on each purchase. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

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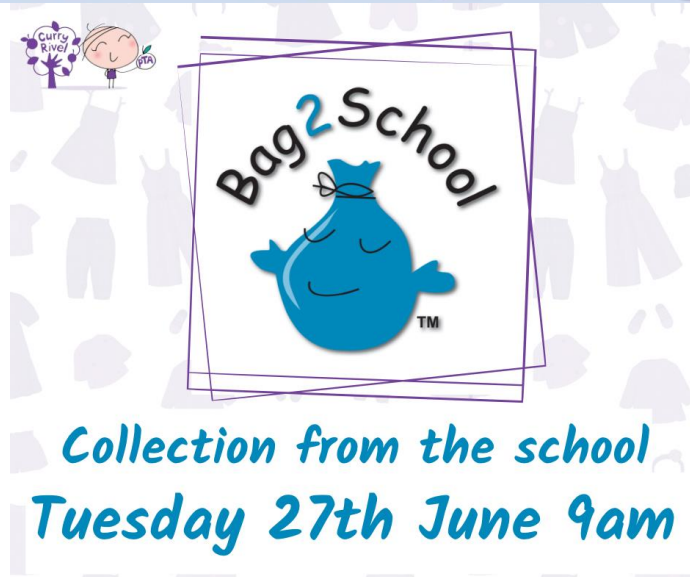
We will be having a collection of preloved clothing (no uniforms) and other items from the school on 27th June. We will be paid by the weight of the bags collected so if you are having a clear out do bag it up for us. Please use the bags provided or any other plastic bag including bin bags will be accepted. Please drop them off to the school before 9am on Tuesday.

For information visit <https://bag2school.com>

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End of Term BBQ

Unfortunately, we have to cancel the end-of-term BBQ due to time constraints. While we were excited to celebrate together, unforeseen circumstances have made it difficult to find the necessary time to organize the event. We apologize for any inconvenience caused and hope to make up for it with future gatherings.

2023 Challenge

No change in the leader board but with 1 week to go this may change. Top fundraiser will win a hamper of goodies and the winning class will win a treat and a non uniform day.





New Classes from September- WhatsApp Groups

The PTA have now been hosting the class WhatsApp Groups for nearly 2 years now. Many parents have reported how useful they are for keeping on top of what's going on for their class. We are keen to keep them going next year too. Information will be sent home with your child on how to join your class group by the end of term. If you are already in a group you will be automatically moved. It is voluntary to join and you are under no obligation to speak in the group and can leave at any time. Please note by joining the group you are giving consent for all in the group to be able to see your phone number. If you would rather not be in the group but would still like PTA reminders please email us curryrivelPTA@outlook.com to be added to an email group. We also have a calendar on our website you can subscribe to.

There is no school information in the groups that cannot be found either in the weekly update, via a school email or on Facebook. If you have worries or concerns, always contact the school directly as they will always be happy to help you or resolve any issues.

Car Park on Water Street

Just a reminder that parent/carers (and indeed members of the public) cannot use our staff car-park at the rear of the school- we are limited in spaces and we need to keep it clear for emergency vehicles. In addition, we need to manage this as a safe space for access for pupils at the beginning and end of the day.

SEND News

Please find out the latest news in regard to children with special needs and disabilities here:
<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/news/>

Overall attendance this week: Maigold (98.7%)

Most improved attendance: Maigold

Celebration

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

Class Cup

Pippin: Razan
 Maigold: Elliot
 Gala: Lilliann mai
 Discovery: Toby & Noah
 Camelot: Harry
 Blenheim: Harriet

Headteacher:
 Mrs Ali Pook

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Phoebe
 Maigold: Elliot
 Gala: Freddie
 Discovery: Jacob & Brooke
 Camelot: Bea
 Blenheim: Logan



50 merits

Maigold: Eliath
Camelot: Harry

100 merits

Gala: Lexi-Mae
Discovery: Freddie
Camelot: Ella, Molly, Logan,
Jacob

150 merits

Maigold: Eli, Bella, Izabelle,
Ailsa
Gala: Darcy J, Dylan, Emily, Lily
H, Anna, Ruth, Freddie,
Discovery: Olivia, Elcie, Jack,
Billy, Barney, James, Harrison,
Noah, Paige

Cross country competition CLP: 3rd overall: Paige (Discovery) and Joseph (Camelot)

Public Speaking Competition Participants

Pippin: Trixie, Elcie, Willow, Thomas, Lily, Jacob, Molly, Lily, Arthur
Maigold: Eli, Jason, Frazer, Rory, Rosie, Finlo, Dot, Edie, Archie, Mason, Jake, Brody-Luca
Gala: Lilliann-Mai, Lizzie, George, Ellie-Mai, Freddie, Lily
Discovery: Beth, Paige, Toby, Brooke, Miila, Elcie, Mia-Rose,
Camelot: Mia G, Bea, Tiana, Jamie, Riley, Holly, Polly
Blenheim: Amy C, Alex

Winners going to Public Speaking CLP final: Amy C, Mia G, Beth

Have a wonderful weekend.

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