



Weekly Update: 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th January	Primary Futures Event Years 5/6: Meeting a Virtual Author
Thursday 25th January	SENDCo Café 9.00am
5th to 11th February	Children's Mental Health week
6th/7th/8th February	Book Fair
8th February	Brighten Up Your Day Non-Uniform Day
9th February	INSET Training day- school closed
19th February	Book Fair
22nd February	PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	PTA Mother's Day Stall
8th-17th March	Science Week
13th March	Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs Parents' Information Meeting 5pm
W/B 18th March	Assessment Week
23rd March	PTA Easter Bingo in the village hall
25th/26th/27th March	Year 6 Bikeability
26th/27th March	Clive Pig Storyteller
26th/28th March	Year 6 Parents' Evening (R and Year 1-5 Parents' Evenings in April)
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)
Spring term	2 January- 28 March 2024
Spring INSET Days	2 January and 9 February 2024
Spring Half Term	10 February-18 February 2024
Summer term	15 April- 24 July 2024
Summer INSET Day	15 April 2024
Summer Half Term	25 May- 2 June 2024

Attendance: Moments Matter

Every day of school is important, and the Department of Education is reminding families that 'moments matter, attendance counts'. The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

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- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. PA is where attendance is below 90%.
- And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹ And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:
- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.² But attendance is important for more than just attainment:
- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

We also know that pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

We also know that you can have a significant effect on your child's absences this academic year and we would really appreciate your help and support ensuring that your child comes to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this – please call or come in and meet the class teacher or myself as Head Teacher if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We appreciate that every family's situation is unique.

Sports Update

Curry Rivel School Year 5/6 football team played Hambridge school this week. Well done to our team who won 11-1. Thank you to Mr Silver who prepared the field for the game, and Mr Bridgeman for organising and refereeing. Riley and Joseph wrote this match report:

On Wednesday, a variety of boys from Years 5 and 6 competed in a friendly football match versus Hambridge. The game was played on our school field. The team that guided us to victory was Ronnie, Casper, Taylor, William, Noah, Billy, Riley, Ethan and Joseph and was coached by Mr Bridgeman who also refereed. Thank you to Mr Silver for putting up the nets and painting the lines. The scorers were Ethan, Joseph, Riley and William. The boys scored a whopping 11 goals and their team spirit was also great. Everyone should be really proud of their achievements and hopefully this will continue into their next tournament.

Travel

The Curry Rivel Active Travel Update is attached in this email.

The Parish Council have been completing works in the village carpark- I have brought the impact on parent parking to their attention and they assure me the works will finish early next week.

SENDCo Café

Mrs Charlotte Monk is our co-ordinator for pupils with Special Educational Needs. She runs termly cafes, so you can drop in and have a chat with her about any questions or queries you might have. Of course, all teachers are teachers of children with SEND, and Mrs Monk's focus is on pupils who are on the SEND register. However, these sessions are open to all, so please feel free to come along.

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THURSDAY 7TH MARCH
9AM - 10AM

SENDCo
DROP IN CAFE



ALL WELCOME

**THE SCHOOL NEEDS
 CHROMEBOOKS
 AND IPADS**

Do you have any old unused devices?

Perhaps you have just upgraded yours
 and are wondering what to do with
 your old one.

Drop them into the school
 or contact
office@curryriver.somerset.sch.uk
 and we can collect from you.




Saturday January 27th 3.30-5.30pm at The Old School Room, Curry River.

Very informal; includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food.

Contact Helen on 07880706517 helen@saich.co.uk



Messy Church Curry River

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Somerset Youth Singers is open to young people aged 8 – 21.

There is no audition, you just need an enthusiasm to learn mixed with a love of singing! Being a member of SYS gives you the opportunity to broaden your singing technique and challenge your musical creativity. You will sing a wide range of repertoire and work with vocal experts.

We perform regularly at large and small scale events across the county.

SYS Seniors (age 12-21)
SYS Training (age 8-12)



Contact Sarah Alsop
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All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Messy church is free though donations are welcomed.

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	1	2
Maigold	1	2
Gala	3	3
Discovery	2	1
Camelot	3	4
Blenheim	4	5
TOTAL	14	17

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.

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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

Attendance

Overall school attendance: 95.2% (Target 96%)

Class attendance award: Maigold (98.6%)

Most improved class attendance: Maigold

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Oliver
 Maigold: Aarib
 Gala: Edie
 Discovery: Riley
 Camelot: Noah
 Blenheim: Summer

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Oliver
 Maigold: Honor
 Gala: Azalea
 Discovery: Bobbie
 Camelot: Oakley
 Blenheim: Ethan

50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Maigold: Aarib

Gala: Jason

Blenheim: Jasper, Ronnie, Tiane, Sophie, William

Worship Leaders

There were 32 applications for Worship leaders, so the selection process was challenging. Well done to the following children:

Pippin	Kirree and Thomas
Maigold	Isla and Evie-Jane
Gala	Eli M and Luca
Discovery	Millie and Lizzie
Camelot	Elcie and Mia Rose
Blenheim	Mia and Sophie

Have a good weekend.

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