



Weekly Update: 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Thursday 6th October 9.15am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)
Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th October	Parents' Evenings (Please contact the school office if you have any queries)
Tuesday 11th - Monday 18th October	PTA Book Fair after school
Friday 14th October	PTA 'Break the Rules' non-uniform day
Thursday 20th October	PTA Fancy Dress Disco
Friday 21st October	INSET training day- school closed
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October	Half term holiday (PTA Pumpkin Trail)
Thursday 3rd November 8.45-9.30am	PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all
Sunday 27th November	PTA Christmas fair
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th December	Panto, gifted by the PTA
Monday 19th December- 2nd January	Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET training day- school closed
Monday 17th April	INSET training day- school closed

Harvest Festival

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for all schools and nurseries to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. Our harvest festival service will take place on Thursday 6th October at St Andrew's Church, at 9.15am. Parents/carers will be welcome to join us- there may be standing room only if this is a popular event. We will be demonstrating 'courageous advocacy' by supporting the important work of the Curry Rivel Foodbank, and ask that children bring dried foodstuffs (tins or packets) to the Harvest service. We would like to make a special harvest display both in school and at church- we would welcome donations of a few ears of corn, wheat or barley.

School Development Plan

We always want the best for our children and we are always striving to improve. The Governing Board of the school works with the school leadership to develop the priorities for the year ahead. This year, our priorities are:

Priority 1: To effectively promote Equalities and Diversity & Inclusion to improve the outcomes for staff and pupils

Priority 2: Develop a culture where "attendance is everyone's business" to improve our school attendance.

Priority 3: Develop an effective and consistent relational approach to behaviour.

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Priority 4: Develop a writing culture within the school and to raise the proportion of pupils reaching ARE and GDS so that they are in-line with national expectations

Priority 5: To develop an engaging and sequential school curriculum that meet the needs of the pupils at Curry Rivel.

Priority 6: To ensure the schools' ambitious Christian Vision and Values are realised through strong, shared values, policies and practice.

If you would like to know more, please find the detail of our plans on our website:

http://www.curryrivelpriamry.co.uk/web/school_development_plan/515897

Rewards

Our School Rules are the foundation of a secure, happy and safe environment within which we all relate, thrive and learn. It is generally agreed that rewarding good behaviour generates yet more good behaviour. A universal, whole school approach to positive behaviour is essential. We would like to explain our positive behaviour approach to our new children and remind you all about how we reward our children for making great behaviour choices. Children are awarded merits when they have demonstrated positive behaviours throughout the school. These merits can be awarded by any member of staff and are recorded on the on-line platform 'Class Dojo'. When a pupil achieves a total of 50 merits they receive a 50 merit certificate in Celebration Assembly- these are then followed by 100, 150 200 merit certificates throughout the year. Each month, we calculate the average number of merits achieved by each house with a cup going to the highest scoring house. This is a collective approach to positive behaviour throughout the school. Talk to your child about how they have earned their merits.

More Rewards

We are working hard as a whole school on achieving good attendance for all of our pupils. Each week there will be class cups for the class with the highest attendance and also the class with the most improved attendance.

Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupil who arrive late each week- hopefully we can achieve this next week.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	0	0
Maigold	1	3
Gala	0	2
Discovery	2	5
Camelot	2	4
Blenheim	4	0
TOTAL	9	14

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

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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

Car Fumes and Smoking/Vaping

Thank you to parents and carers who park near the school who ensure car engines are not left running. We do have many pupils with asthma, and exposure to smoke and vape fumes can trigger asthma attacks, so we politely ask that we have a smoke/vape free zone around the periphery of the school.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed the school session, you have an opportunity to receive the vaccination. Please find a list attached (to this email) of upcoming community sessions. All sessions are walk in sessions, so there is no need to arrange an appointment unless your child requires the IM vaccination due to the nasal flu vaccine contents, in which case they will need to contact 'Somerset Saint' to make an appointment. Somerset SAINT

School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team: 0300 3230032 SomersetSaint@SomersetFT.nhs.uk

Christmas Art

The PTA are using 'My Childs Art' this Christmas; this means your child can create a fabulous festive drawing which you can then access easily online and place orders for lovely gifts such as: Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels, magnets, keyrings, coasters and many more items. Look out for artwork sheets coming home in book bags very soon! Check out their website to see their products at: www.mychildsart.co.uk

Update from the PTA

We had a successful 1st meeting of the new school year last week with lots of new faces joining up which is great. Remember even if you can't attend the meetings, we still need your support 😊

Big thanks to Liz our chair and Kat our treasurer for all your hard work over the past year and who have stepped down from their roles. I will remain on as secretary and events organiser for the next year. We welcome Damien Cerri as chair and Louisa Chetnik as our treasurer.

We have also decided to create class reps roles which will be your go to person for anything to do with your class and also a link to the PTA:

Little Pips: Sam Waygood

Pippin: Claire Hamar and Laura Francis

Maigold: Ele Cerri

Gala: Sara McDougall

Discovery: George Morrisroe

Camelot: Rachel Spencer

Blenheim: Suzanne Gambrill

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The class reps will be contacting you to set up class WhatsApp groups. Don't feel you have to join these. For Little Pips as there are so many children Sam will liaise with Hollie and Anne to get information to you using Tapestry. We really value our younger individuals and will be planning more events with the Little Pips team over the coming year.

Our main focus this year will be raising funds to buy iPads for the school as well as continuing to provide the enrichment programme to all.

I've attached our events list for this term it is split into each half term as we have so much going on!

If you would like to get involved with the PTA it's not just for mums! Everyone is welcome 😊. If you have ideas for events or want to get involved with the ones listed please get in touch either here, speak with your class rep, via our email curryrivelppta@outlook.com or visit our website www.CRPTA.co.uk

It's going to be a great year! 😊

Best wishes
Ele Cerri
PTA Secretary

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Messy Church- Message from Anne Geach

Messy Church is back next Saturday 8th October in the Old School Room 3.30- 5.30pm. If you intend to come please let us know before Wednesday 6th October (contact ajgeach@yahoo.co.uk) when we'll do the shopping. We know things change and always have extra if you decide to come last minute, but it's great to have some idea of numbers for catering. The planned meal is bolognese - a meat and veggie option, with pasta. Look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you on Saturday.

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards	Lunchtime stars	Running Rockstars	Headteacher awards
Pippin: Harley	Maigold: Isabelle-Faith	Gala: Freddie	Gala: Millie and Lily H
Maigold: Eli	Gala: Freddie	Camelot: Rupert	Discovery: James
Gala: Ruth		Blenheim: Zach	
Discovery: Finley			
Camelot: Dulcie			
Blenheim: Lexi			

Class attendance award: Gala (100%)

Most improved class attendance: Pippin (97.1%)

Year 6 Sports Captains were announced by Mr Bridgeman: Lexi, Cayden, Amy, Mia, Grace, Harriet, Zach and Sophia E

And finally...Cost of Living Advice

Everyone is affected by current events within our economy, which is why we aim to signpost you to useful forms of support, advice and tips.

- Book a free day out this autumn at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn
- Our Village and Community Agent can provide confidential, practical community-based solutions for people in Somerset. **Jo Robinson** jor@somersettrcc.org.uk
- **Somerset County Council's Household Support Fund** is designed to provide short-term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials such as food, bills and other household items including beds and white goods. **Visit:** <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-household-support-fund/> **Call:** 0300 123 2224

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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