



Weekly Update: 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

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| 2nd May | PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse |
| 7th May | Maigold trip to Puxton Park |
| 9th May | SENDCo Café- 9.00am |
| 13th-16th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| 15th May | Reception Vision Screening |
| 17th May | Discovery Kingfisher Project day (Info to follow); Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park (New Date) |
| 20th May | Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline. 6pm, Huish Episcopi Academy. Book via: https://forms.gle/YVj1EpvbRqJKQzoF8 |
| 24th May | Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day |
| 7th June | Road Safety Morning with Road Safety Officer Somerset Council; Bag2School Pick Up; PTA Festival Disco |
| 10th June | Pippin Trip to Haldon Forest |
| 11th June | Class Photos |
| 12th June | New Reception Class Parent/Carer Meeting 6pm |
| 14th June | PTA Father's Day Pop Up |
| 16th June | Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public |
| 17th June | Gala Trip to Magdalen Farm |
| 18th June | Digital Mobile Planetarium visiting school- gifted by PTA |
| 20th June | Camelot Trip to Vivary Park |
| 25-28 June | Year 6 Residential |
| 28th June | SENDCo Café- 9.00am (New date responding to parent feedback) |
| 9th July | Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 th July) |
| 11th July | Discovery Trip to Exeter Royal Albert Museum |
| 15th July | Escapeline workshops - Years 5 and 6 |
| 22nd July | Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out |
| 23rd July | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party |
| 24th July | Last day of 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)

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Our school is truly rooted in our community, as demonstrated in just one week at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School. We have welcomed families into school for Parents' Evenings; we had 27 volunteers here for volunteer day on Saturday (please see them at work in the photos below); the Parish Council have attended our Parents' Evenings so they can get to know the families they serve, and Rev Scott has led worship teaching us about the wisdom of 'building on the rock'. Finally, the school community supported Mr Bridgeman in completing the London Marathon and raising money for a charity close to his heart, Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK.



Attendance

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

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.

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 know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child. It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature.



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Parent/Carer Survey

As Head Teacher working with the Governors, we are always striving for the school to be as good as it be. As I work with Board of Governors to create the School Development Plan for next year, it is vital that we hear the voice of all stakeholders- therefore I ask that you spend a few moments completing the on-line parent survey- it will only take a few minutes. You have received the link via another email today. Closing date: **Monday 13th May.**

SENDCO Cafes

Mrs Monk will be running a SENDCo café on Thursday 9th May and Friday 28th June at 9am (Second date is new). This is a drop-in session which is quite informal. Mrs Monk often shares information on a theme, but if parent/carers have a specific topic they feel would be helpful to discuss or gain a further understanding of, please feel free to email the office with any suggestions. It is also just a chance to ask questions and seek advice on SEND issues.

Shinpads

We will soon be starting our playtime football rota which means all children have the chance to play social football in an allocated slot. If your child is keen to play, they will need shinpads please.

Planning

The Parish Council have just received plans from Somerset Council to show off highway improvements along the main road, and in the vicinity of the school- this includes traffic calming, and also a new one-way system along Church Street and Church Road. You can find the plans here:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/find-small-improvement-schemes/?q=curry+rivel>

Please share your feedback to the Parish Council by emailing clerk@curryrivel.org.uk.

Place2Be

Place2Be is a safe and calming space during lunchtime that children are able to access. Our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Mrs Langford runs Place2Be in the Russet Room and is able to offer emotional support for the children.

Blenheim, Camelot and Discovery- 12.10-12.30

Gala, Maigold and Pippin- 12.30-12.55

During their time in Place2Be, they are able to do a range of mindfulness activities and talk to Mrs Langford.

Place2Be allows the children to self-refer if they require emotional support. Adults in school are also able to refer children if they need some time to regulate or a safe space to manage their emotions. It is still important that we are all trusted adults for all children and we all give support first and not refer to Place2Be straight away as any of us can potentially resolve an issue or solve a problem. Place2Be needs is used as a calm space for children to regulate and share worries...but not for getting out of the rain with their friends!

Clerk to Governors

Due to the retirement of the current post holder, we are looking to appoint a new Clerk to the Governing Body.

We need someone who:

- Has experience as an administrator
- Is IT literate
- Is well organised
- Has good communication skills
- Is able to take accurate minutes at meetings
- Is able to maintain impartiality and handle confidential minutes

You should be reliable and have a flexible approach. Previous clerking experience is not essential as full training and support will be provided.

The role is primarily term time. Meetings are generally held after school, between 4pm and 6pm, although occasionally, by agreement, these may happen at other times. Meetings are sometimes held online.

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The holder of office will be required to liaise with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors to set an appropriate agenda which, together with the associated documents, needs to be shared, in good time, with the relevant members of the Governing Body. They will then be required to take detailed, accurate minutes and get them typed up and shared within a week of the meeting. In addition, they will be expected to manage all governing body information effectively in accordance with legal requirements and provide support to the governing body in order to meet its statutory duties.

Other than attendance at meetings, the role will be flexible and carried out at home, at times of the day to suit the Clerk, whilst ensuring agreed deadlines are met. They will be supported by Somerset Governor Services.

The role of Clerk to Governors provides a valuable insight into education and a school environment, providing an ideal stepping stone for someone looking to get into a school-based administration role.

Curry Rivel C of E Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children. You will be expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

A full application pack will be available soon, but we hope that this will give you something to consider.

Message from the PTA

The PTA Colour Run - Friday 17th May 3.45pm

Secure your spot for the ultimate colour-filled adventure at our PTA Colour Run! Pre-book your tickets for just £4 on the PTA website or pay £6 at the gate. Join us on Friday 17th May on Westfield straight after school. With your ticket, you'll receive everything you need for an afternoon of vibrant fun: paint, sunglasses, a finishing medal and a tasty milkshake. Get pumped with Mr. B's energetic warm-up before hitting the track, and fuel up at our tuck shop and BBQ. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience! This event is open to all so do tell your friends and family.



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Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Razan
Maigold: Arthur
Gala: Rosie
Discovery: Emily
Camelot: Olivia
Blenheim: Scott

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Wilf
Maigold: Emily
Gala: Dot
Discovery: Riley
Camelot: Harrison
Blenheim: Sophie

100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Maigold: Trixie, Eddie,
Gala: Henry, Jason
Discovery: Lilly-May

PTA Gardening Awards

Pippin: Daisy, Elisha
Gala: George, Luca, Noah
Discovery: Anna, Ruth
Camelot: Beth, Ashton

Have a wonderful weekend.

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