



## Weekly Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 8.45-9.30am</b>	PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.50am</b>	Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Odd Socks day
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Morning for prospective parents 9-10.30am
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Non-School Uniform
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Deadline for Christmas Shoe Boxes
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm</b>	Free Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mrs Robinson from Huish Academy visiting Year 6
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper day (Fundraising for Save the Children)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Panto, gifted by the PTA
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Evening Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. Last Day of term
<b>Autumn INSET Days</b>	First day of the spring term
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	4 September and 20 October
<b>Spring term</b>	21 October -29 October
<b>Spring INSET Days</b>	2 January- 28 March 2024
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	2 January and 9 February 2024
<b>Summer term</b>	10 February-18 February 2024
<b>Summer INSET Day</b>	15 April- 24 July 2024
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	15 April 2024
	25 May- 2 June 2023

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Thank you for your understanding in our decision to close the school at the end of the week- this decision was not taken lightly. We look forward to your children sharing their home learning with us in school on Monday.

### **Remembrance**

As we move into November and Remembrance Day approaches, we will be selling poppies in school every day. House Captains will be selling the poppies (Paper poppies, wrist bands, sharpeners, button hole poppies etc) for a small donation (suggested donation 50p-£1.50) for the next two weeks. Please note that slap bands are £1.50, but we have politely asked the children to wear these out of school. Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion. All classes are learning Remembrance Poetry by rote, and we will be holding a minute's silence in the school hall on Friday. A Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, where I will attend with House Captains and School Councillors- all parents, carers and pupils are welcome to join us.

### **Cyber Security**

Staff at Curry Rivel Primary School have been undertaking training in Cyber security at school. The security of our devices and data cannot be under-estimated. With hacking, identity theft, impersonation, fraud and scams all on the increase it is important that everybody has an awareness of cyber security. Internet Matters have a great article with lots of advice and guidance around a range of cyber security topics for parents/carers and their children including phishing, doxxing, cryptojacking and much more, all in a non-techie easy-to-understand format.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

### **Start Small Dream Big**

Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School is further developing its 'Primary Futures' Careers programme with 'Start Small; Dream Big', which is a free career-related learning programme for primary schools, delivered by The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) and backed by the Department for Education (DfE). It is part of the government's drive to ensure all young people get high quality advice to make informed choices on the skills needed for a successful career. The benefits will include:

- Opportunity to be part of an innovative national programme of activity and research, influencing and shaping future policy decisions on primary career-related learning.
- Career-related learning and skills development will become embedded into curriculum teaching, leading to an enhanced curriculum, impacting on the learning outcomes for all.
- Increased aspiration and motivation levels for pupils.

Please watch this space as we receive training and support to deliver a relevant careers programme to our pupils.

### **PFSA Coffee Morning**

Victoria Gould is the Parent Family Support Advisor for our local group of schools- she will be here on the 9<sup>th</sup> November so you can drop in and have a chat with her about worries or concerns- she can give advice, sign-post you to services or just be a listening ear.

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### **PTA Update**

#### **Santa is coming to Curry Rivel School!**

We're thrilled to announce that Santa and his merry elves will be making a return to School this festive season. Their visit was such a hit last year that they're extending their stay to three days this time! Stay tuned for details on how to secure your special visit with Santa. And that's not all - mark your calendars for our Christmas fair on December 2nd, featuring local artisans, handcrafted gifts, delicious food, entertaining games, and the ever-popular PTA cake stall. It's a festive extravaganza you won't want to miss!



#### **Wreath Making 7th December**

Join us for a festive and creative evening of wreath making that's sure to get you into the Christmas spirit! For just £20, you can indulge your artistic side and craft a beautiful, personalized wreath to adorn your home. Whether you're a seasoned DIY enthusiast or a complete beginner, our PTA wreath making night is open to all. With expert guidance and a wide array of materials, you'll have everything you need to design a unique and stunning wreath. Book your spot today on the PTA website.

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### Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are joining forces with St Andrew's Church in their Christmas charitable work with the 'Shoebox Appeal'. Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe. If you are interested in filling a Christmas Shoebox with gifts, you can download the leaflet with list of items etc. from the Blythswood Care website at <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

We will also make leaflets available to all children today, and Jenny Smith from St Andrew's will hopefully will explain more about the project to the children in collective worship on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Your filled boxes need to be delivered to school by **20th November**. Please note that this is a completely voluntary activity.

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A festive poster for 'CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COURSES' set against a dark, starry night background. At the top, the title is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, the text 'ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST...' is in white. To the right, there are white line-art icons of a tennis racket, a tennis ball, a basketball, and a soccer ball. Two circular photos show children holding certificates and a child kicking a soccer ball. Three red rounded rectangular buttons list features: 'FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS', 'PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS', and 'EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE'. A section titled 'THE INFO...' includes a clock icon for '10AM-3PM (9AM EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE)', a location pin icon for 'DEVON, DORSET, CORNWALL & SOMERSET (AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS)', and a calendar icon for 'DECEMBER 2023'. The bottom features a colorful illustration of Santa Claus in a sleigh, a Christmas tree, and presents.

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 **DECEMBER 2023**

Please take care as we continue to navigate watery travel routes!

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Head Teacher