



Weekly Update: 26th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

29th May- 2nd June	Half term
Monday 5th June	First day back after half term
Friday 9th June	PTA Festival Disco
Wednesday 14th June	New Reception Parents' Evening 6pm
Thursday 15th June	Gala Class Trip to Vivary Park
	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 16th June	PTA Father's day Pop-Up Shop
Friday 16th June	Discovery Class Trip to Magdalene Farm
27th-30th June	Year 6 Blenheim residential
Monday 3rd July	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency sessions begin
Wednesday 5th July	Year 6 transition day to Huish; New Classes morning in school
Tuesday 11th July	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)
Friday 14th July	Sports Day Reserve
Monday 17th July 7pm	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
Wednesday 19th July	Little Pips Olympics (Morning)
	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
Friday 21st July	Final Awards Assembly
	End of Year BBQ
Autumn term	4 September- 15 December 2023
Autumn INSET Days	4 September and 30 October
Autumn Half Term	21 October -29 October
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

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Happy Retirement



Mandy Horsey attended Curry Rivel School as a child, and she returned for 26 years as a valued member of the staff team. She retires today, and we all wish her well- her friendly, chatty and calm approach will be so missed by all. We know she is going to be really busy and will not be putting her feet up. I'm sure we will all see her around the village, and we look forward to hearing about all she gets up to!

UNIFORM

With the cost of living crisis impacting everyone, we are very pleased to inform you that Brigade have added one **FINAL** promotion for parents ordering online this summer.

This offer is available to **ALL PARENTS**:

Offer: 10% DISCOUNT ON YOUR WHOLE ORDER
Date: WEDNESDAY 24TH – SUNDAY 28TH MAY
Code: FINAL23
Visit: www.brigade.uk.com/parents

Parent Survey

We received 45 responses which is 27% representation of our school families- thank you as this means we have some meaningful information as we continue to further improve the school. The summary of the survey is attached.

Sporting News

Our Cricket Team attended a tournament yesterday at Curry Rivel cricket club and they won all their games. Well done to: Harry J (Captain). Amy C, Mia Y, Grace G, Jasper W, Joseph C, Zak P, Ronnie B and William R.

In March, our Year 5/6 cross country team qualified for the area team and our team came 3rd- well done Summer and Grace.

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Public Speaking Opportunity Shared with the Children

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT! PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Curry Rivel Primary School Classes: [Friday 9th June](#)

Curry Rivel Primary School Final: [Friday 16th June](#)

CLP School Final: [Monday 3rd July](#)

Are you a change maker in the community?

Would you like the chance to do public speaking?



You need to prepare a 3-4 minute speech, using notes, your voice, your words, your body language & humour. Topics can include:

- **Topic 1: Children as Change-makers at school** (e.g. travel to school, mental health and well-being, online safety, medicines and drugs, playground initiatives, bullying, obesity)
- **Topic 2: Children as Change-makers in the local community:** (e.g. crime prevention, loneliness, playing safely, caring for the countryside, what makes a healthy community, children's rights)
- **Topic 3: Children as Change-makers in the global community:** (e.g. sustainability, climate change/justice, diversity, fair trade, energy, water, food and farming, healthy)

Sign up with your class teacher

Prepare over half-term

Prizes for all entrants

Be inspired: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81bheB2-ixM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtCxjMdE5dM>

Keeping Safe in the Sun

Don't forget to send your child in with sunhats, sunscreen and water bottles after half term.

Coronation Mug Design Competition

Miss Avery launched this competition for the King's coronation, and has printed the mug designs for the following winners:

Pippin: Phoebe

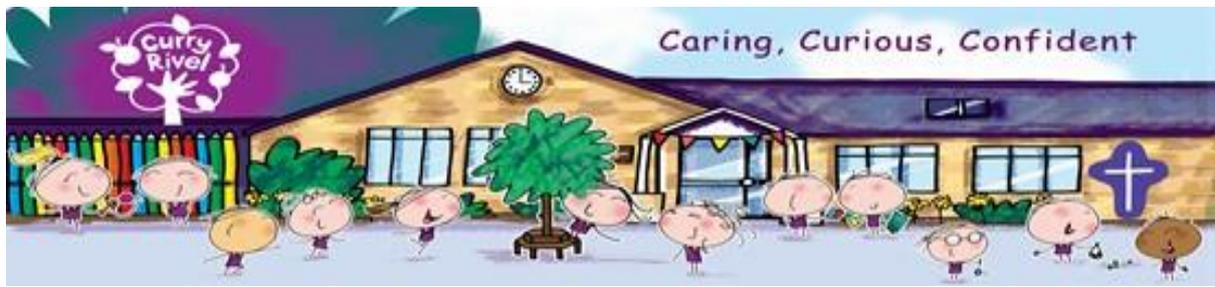
Maigold: Izabelle

Gala: Emily

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Discovery: Elcie
Camelot: Tiana
Blenheim: Harriet (Staff: Mrs Davies)

A-Life Workshops

Thank you to the PTA for gifting the A-Life Healthy Living workshops to all the children this week. Hands-on workshops included fun team activities that are related to the National Curriculum and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Pupils were challenged to stretch themselves beyond their existing knowledge and experience of healthy living as they solved puzzles, answered thought-provoking questions and completed tasks. Topics included:

- Developing healthy habits
- The human body, bones and organs
- Where food comes from
- Getting 5-a day
- Sleep and screen time
- The five ways to wellbeing
- The importance of physical activity

Message from Curry Rivel Active Travel

The Curry Rivel Active Travel Steering Group has been busy behind the scenes trying to forge ahead with improvements within the village and on the route between here and Langport/Huish Episcopi. Progress has been slow due to the re-organisation of the new Somerset Council, however the group is optimistic that things may start to happen soon.

Pedestrian safety improvements within the village are still a high priority, and the Steering Group are now waiting for feedback from Somerset County Highways on the measures already proposed. They are also looking into a possible crossing over the A378 near Westfield and one near Honeylands/Parsonage Place.

This week, the Curry Rivel Active Travel Steering Group, alongside representatives from Langport, Huish Episcopi, Drayton and Aller, had a very interesting presentation from leaders of the group responsible for The Strawberry Line project. The Strawberry Line is a cycle path stretching from Yatton near Bristol to Cheddar and across Wells and Shepton Mallet. The visitors were able to share their valuable experience gained in implementing their project over the years. The Strawberry Line website is worth a visit and sections of the route are also worth a trip on foot or by bike <https://www.thestrawberryline.org.uk/>

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Message from the PTA

2023 Challenge

We hope you have all seen the flyer that came home last week with your child. We thought it may be useful to give you some of the suggestions we've heard others talking about.

- Sponsored silence for 2023 seconds
- Cake sale
- Gardening chores
- Completing 23 levels of a game
- Identifying 23 different flowers
- Running 2023m
- Spending 23 mins a day playing football
- Reading 23 books
- Car wash
- Completing 2023 Karate punches

We love hearing about how everyone is getting on with their tasks so do send us updates and photos to CurryRivelPTA@outlook.com Closing date 30th June

The Disco! - PTA Festival Friday 9th June

Pippin, Maigold, Gala: 5.30 - 6.30

Discovery, Camelot, Blenheim: 6.45 - 7.45

We are planning on having an outside disco with a festival theme on 9th June. The PTA track record isn't great for weather but we are pushing on regardless! We will have gazebos and a marquee up just in case. The price is £4 if bought before and £4.50 on the door. This will include entry, a hot dog and unlimited squash. We are hoping all tickets will be bought in advanced to reduce any waste. DJ Gambrill will be sorting all the music but to keep it relevant to the kids we are asking for requests beforehand. Please add your child's request when you buy their ticket. We will have tuck, glam and shop available for children to buy items ranging from 50p-£2

Tickets and PTA Bux are available to purchase on our website www.crpta.co.uk (cash will still be accepted). If your child cannot eat the hot dog please let us know when you buy the ticket in the comment section and we will get an alternative in for them. Staff are supporting the PTA to run this event so they will be providing first aid cover and know those children with extra needs and allergies.

Please drop off and pick up your child at the back gate. We also need to ask that those children with phones leave them at home or bring a named bag for them to be placed in during the disco. Keep everything crossed for good weather for us!

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PTA FESTIVAL 9TH JUNE

PREBOOK AT CRPTA.CO.UK
£4
 (£4.50 ON THE DOOR)
 INCLUDES HOT DOG (OR SIMILAR) AND DRINK

PIPPIN, MAIGOLD, GALA
5.30 - 6.30

DISCOVERY, CAMELOT, BLENHEIM
6.45 - 7.45

TUCK, GLAM AND SHOP AVAILABLE
50P-£2
BUX OR CASH ACCEPTED

Father's Day Pop Up - Friday 16th June

We have been searching the shops and making up lovely gifts for the special men in the kids' lives. The shop will be in school on Friday 16th. Kids can buy 1-2 items price range from £1-1.50, cash or PTA Bux accepted. Buy Bux before 15th June to allow us to get them to the kids in time. www.crpta.co.uk

Discovery will be able to buy their gifts after they get back from their trip.

Up to 2 gifts each

PTA PopUp Shop

Gifts £1 - £1.50 available for all the special men in your life.

16th June

Bring cash or buy PTA Bux in advanced see CRPTA.co.uk for details.

Bag2School

We will be having a collection of preloved clothing (no uniform) 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. Empty bags will be coming home with your child with more info on what can be donated but

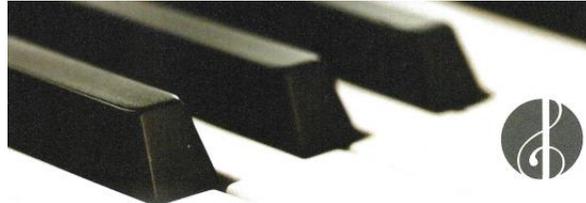
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do feel free to start gathering items using your own bags too. We will be collecting bags all through June and storing them in our shed at the back gate so feel free to drop them into school when you can.



Piano Teacher

*All ages welcome
Lessons tailored to individual needs
Experienced teacher*

Emily Stringer BA (Hons) Music PGCE

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SEND News

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

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	1
Maigold	2	1
Gala	1	4
Discovery	3	3
Camelot	3	5
Blenheim	1	2
TOTAL	11	16

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends

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- 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.

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

Overall attendance this week: Pippin (Target 96%)

Most improved attendance: Pippin

Celebration

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

Class Cup

Pippin: Reuben
 Maigold: Rory
 Gala: Riley
 Discovery: Leo
 Camelot: Dulcie
 Blenheim: Oliver

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Ava
 Maigold: Finlo
 Gala: Ellie-Mai

50 merits

Camelot: Harry

100 merits

Pippin: Elly May, Jake, Eddie,
 Trixie, Evie-Jane, Lily T, Mabel
 Maigold:
 Gala: Daisy,
 Discovery: Jacob, Freddie
 Camelot: Dulcie, Connie
 Blenheim: James, Kahleesi

150 merits

Pippin:
 Maigold:
 Gala:
 Discovery: Miila, Sienna,
 Tommy, Leo, Finley
 Camelot:
 Blenheim:

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House Dojos

1st Blackdown with 115 dojos per child average
2nd Mendip with 113 dojos per child average
3rd Polden with 111 dojos per child average
4th Quantock with 109 dojos per child average
Congratulations to Blackdown

Achievements outside of school

Cubs Chief Scout Silver award: Arthur (Camelot)

Have a wonderful half term- we are back on **Monday 5th June!**

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