



Weekly Update: 25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Sunday 27th November	PTA Christmas fair
Week beginning 5th December	Assessment week
Wednesday 7th December	Christingle making for all pupils. Fundraising for the 'Children's Society'
Thursday 8th December	Inter-house 'Christmas Cracker' (Sport competition with Mr B)
Friday 9th December	PTA Christmas Mall: 'Elfridges'
	Christmas Jumper Day- Optional donation to Save the Children Fund
Friday 9th December 7pm	Adult wreath making
Tuesday 13th December 2pm	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents (PTA providing refreshments from 1.30pm- info to follow)
Wednesday 14th December 6pm	Evening Nativity performance to parents (PTA providing refreshments from 5.30pm- info to follow)
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th December	Panto & Icecreams, gifted by the PTA
Friday 16th December	9.15am: Carol Service at St Andrew's (Parents/Carers welcome)
	Kids' PTA Raffle
Monday 19th December- 2nd January	Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET training day- school closed
13th-17th February	Half term
3rd-14th April	Easter holiday
Monday 17th April	INSET training day- school closed
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday: Coronation of King Charles III
29th May- 2nd June	Half term
Friday 21st July	Last day of term

Drumming

The children enjoyed a performance by Organic Rhythm this week, a West African inspired drumming group. Each class loved their workshops where they had hands on opportunities to play the drums and also see traditional African clothing. Thank you to this gift of 'enrichment through the arts' from the PTA. Here is what the children said:

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"I liked the music and how the drumming sounded. We learned how to make animal noises with the drums." (Emily)

"It was fantastic. It was fun as we got to look at West African clothes." (Bobbie)

"I liked everything. I liked hitting the drums. We learned how we can make rhythms in a group." (David)

Staffing News

We have recently welcomed Chelsea Steele to our teaching assistant support team in Year 5. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Becca Hardwick, class teacher, at the end of term- she is currently on maternity leave but will be visiting us before the Christmas holidays. We have baby news: Karina Kilner has a baby boy named Rowan, and Hollie Westlake has baby Ezra- such wonderful news.

Lunchboxes

As a parent myself, I know the challenges of packing a convenient and affordable child's packed lunch. To support children's nutrition and to help avoid sugar rushes (which can affect behaviour), chocolate bars, chocolate covered bars and sweets should not be included in packed lunch boxes. Break time snacks can be fruit, vegetables, or a sandwich. For those children who eat school dinners, we encourage the children to use a knife and fork, which I know you will be teaching at home too.

Online Safety

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms - such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyberbullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it. In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.

[Parents' Guide to On-Line Bullying](#)

Sports Coaching

We are again Christmas Holidays Sports Coaching in Langport. This time we are at Huish Episcopi Academy.

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XMAS Multi- sports

21st - 23rd December 2022

9am - 2pm (4-13 years old)

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WITH LA TENNIS COACHING

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR

STOKE ST GREGORY TENNIS CLUB - MON 19TH DEC
SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB - TUES 20TH DEC
YEOVIL TENNIS CLUB - WED 21ST DEC

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-16

9AM - 3PM

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Health and Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day

Thank you for supporting my requests for children not to play at the front double gates at the beginning and end of the day. Children are also walking into school, rather than running, which is great.

Message from the PTA

The Christmas Fair, Sunday 27th November 10am - 3pm

The PTA elves have been working hard over the last few weeks to get everything ready for our Christmas Fair. There will be bacon rolls available in the morning and hotdogs from 11.30. The bar will be stocked with mulled wine and fizz. We have a lovely cake stall offering tasty treats and this year we will be serving fancy hot chocolates to warm you all up. Rudolf and his buddies will be catered for at the reindeer pick and mix station where you will be able to make up a bag to sprinkle on Christmas Eve. We wouldn't have a PTA event without our glam station for all your glitter needs. The tombola is growing with some amazing prizes (or useful gifts for others!). There will be a number of games stalls to test your skills and luck at. We will also have a variety of gifts for sale including felted soaps, sweet bags, bundles of walnuts, flowering bulbs and mistletoe bunches all made up by our very own elves. There will also be an opportunity to write your letters to Santa and create lovely cards in our craft corner. Across the road in the village hall the Curry Rivel Crafters will be in residence including some of our very own talented mums.

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help out on the day. We will be contacting you over the next few days to let you know more specifics about the day and your role. We are still looking for additional elves so if you can give an hour or two to help or have a child in year 5 or 6 who is keen to support us and be an elf for a few hours we would love to hear from you. Email us at curryrivelppta@outlook.com to discuss further.

Wreath Making, Friday 9th December 7pm-9pm

We are trying a first for the PTA; running a wreath making workshop! We have secured an experienced wreath maker who will be on hand with techniques and ideas and the PTA team will be out sourcing a variety of greenery for you to make your wreath unique to you. Tickets are just £20 and include festive fizz, mince pies and everything else you need. This event is open to all so bring friends, family or come on your own and make new friends. Let's have a lovely evening being creative together.

For tickets go to www.CRPTA.co.uk/

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CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Friday 9th December at 7pm - 9pm in the School Hall

All materials, a glass of wine or juice and mince pies are included.

Please bring your own gloves, secateurs and your festive cheer!

Tickets available from CRPTA.co.uk

Ticket sales will close on 2nd December

Booking Essential
£20
Places Limited

Curry Rivel Christmas Fair

AT THE SCHOOL AND VILLAGE HALL

CRAFT STALLS, SWEETS, CAKES, PLANTS, GIFTS, FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES, MUSIC & SANTA'S GROTTO

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 10AM-3PM

2022

CRPTA.co.uk for more info and grotto tickets

WELCOME TO WARM @THE ANGEL

Turn off the lights and heating at home and come to share the warm space.

First opening: Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December. 12-4pm. Then continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays going forward.

@ The Angel Cafe, Bow Street, Langport

Accompanied children welcome. Unfortunately, we can't accommodate pets. Guide Dogs very welcome.

SOUP AND HOT DRINKS PROVIDED FREE

Warm & Cozy

Volunteer run for Langport

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Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late- please see below.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	1	4
Maigold	2	4
Gala	1	5
Discovery	2	5
Camelot	2	8
Blenheim	3	3
TOTAL	11	29

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.

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

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Trixie
 Maigold: Rebecca
 Gala: Emily
 Discovery: Barney
 Camelot: Tiana
 Blenheim: Mia

Lunchtime stars

Maigold: Rebecca
 Gala: Emily
 Camelot: Joseph
 Blenheim: Tyler

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50 Merits

Maigold: George

Gala: Lily

Discovery: Seb, Harrison

Camelot: Mia, Joseph, Clemmie

Blenheim: Katie

Overall attendance this week: Blenheim- 98.1 % (Target 96%)

Class most improved attendance award: Maigold (97.2%)

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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