



Weekly Update: 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th January	Day of European Languages (Spanish Day)
Thursday 11th January	PTA meeting 7.00pm Firehouse
Friday 12th January	Short pupil reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 24th January	Primary Futures Event Years 5/6: Meeting a Virtual Author
7th/8th February	Book Fair
9th February	INSET Training day- school closed
4th March	Closing date for writing competition
8th-17th March	Science Week
W/B 18th March	Assessment Week
25th/26th/27th March	Year 6 Bikeability
26th/27th March	Clive Pig Storyteller
26th/28th March	Year 6 Parents' Evening (R and Year 1-5 Parents' Evenings in April)
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week
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

Chrome books
Active Travel
Spanish Day

A very warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you. Thank you for all of your support in the run up to Christmas; we have heard such wonderful feedback about our Christmas Service, nativity and other festive events. Thank you too for the many cards, gifts and best wishes that were shared with the team here at the school.

Curriculum Learning

It is important to us that you are fully informed about the school's curriculum and all that goes on in the classroom- your enthusiasm, interest and encouragement in your child's learning makes such a difference to your child. Today, your child/ren will be coming home with paper copies of Spring Class Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers - these will help you have those daily conversations about the learning happening in class. You can also use the Knowledge Organisers for mini-quizzes once you have read them together with your child- you may find the children quizzing you too! This information is also on our website (Under Children/Classes)

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Smart Watches

Some of our pupils have been fortunate enough to have received 'smart watches' at Christmas- like mobile phones, children are not permitted to use them in school due to risks of loss and damage and of misuse. For those older pupils who, in exceptional circumstances, may need a mobile device at the beginning/end of the day, parents need to complete a 'Mobile Phone' form (Please contact the school office)- devices are stored by the school office throughout the school day.

Worship Leaders

It is so important that children have the opportunity to be leaders- at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, we have many leadership roles for pupils including Sports Leaders, Digital Leaders, House Captains, Librarians and School Council. The children have been informed that they can apply to be 'Worship Leaders' and there have been application forms available in their classrooms. Deadline for applications is Monday 8th January.

Spring Term Clubs

Clubs are listed below, and are setup on SchoolMoney, ready for you to book.

Day	Activity/Club	Location	Staff	Year group(s)	Dates
Wednesday	Biscuit (Free SATs preparation club)	Blenheim	Mr Bridgeman Mrs Pook Mrs Shaw	6	10, 17, 24, 31 Jan 7,21,28 Feb 6,13,29,27 Mar 17, 24 Apr 1 May
Wednesday	Coding	Maigold	Miss Carnie	4/5	24 Jan 31 Jan 7 Feb 21 Feb 28 Feb 6 Mar
Tuesday	Science	Gala	Mrs van Cole Mrs Samuel	2/3	23 Jan 30 Jan 6 Feb 20 Feb 27 Feb 5 Mar
Tuesday	Baking	Pippin	Miss Bullen	R/1	23 Jan 30 Jan 6 Feb 20 Feb 27 Feb 5 Mar
Thursday	Choir	Camelot	Miss Tucker	3-6	25 Jan 1 Feb 8 Feb 22 Feb 29 Feb 7 Mar

Free Information Session for Parents and Carers

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The Huish Community Learning Partnership are pleased to be able to offer information sessions again this academic year and hope that the later start time is more convenient.. Please book your place online via the individual link provided.

Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Solutions Somerset

Date: Monday, 15th January 2024 Time: Starting at 6pm with an estimated end time of 7:30pm Venue: Room H1, Huish Sixth building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

A whistle stop tour of some parenting techniques and strategies to use with your children aged 2-18. We will be looking at the following principles that underpin all areas of parenting (and relationships) whatever the age.

- Emotion Coaching, being able to label our emotions- CBT/Behaviour Curve
- Brain development and how it affects children
- 3 Key questions to help with behaviour management
- Supporters – who can support you?
- Focusing on what really matters – basket exercise
- Social Learning Theory – new behaviours can be learnt by observing and imitating others (bandura) The session will be fully collaborative, and we will be open to conversations and listening to your own techniques which have been successful. To book a place to attend this session please visit:

<https://forms.gle/ghkCJj4cV85Vo54MA>

Message from the PTA:

PTA Meeting

Mark your calendar for our first meeting of 2024 on January 11th at 7 pm in the Firehouse. Your support is crucial to turning our fun ideas into reality. Join us for a drink and chat!

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Gift Donations Needed

Clearing out after Christmas? Donate your unused adult and children's gifts, as well as fancy dress, Christmas outfits and uniform to the PTA. Drop them off at the school office throughout January. Your contributions make a difference!

Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week (Short week)
Pippin	4	2
Maigold	2	1
Gala	3	2
Discovery	2	4
Camelot	5	3
Blenheim	4	3
TOTAL	20	15

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

Attendance

Overall school attendance: 95.33% (Target 96%)

Class attendance award: Blenheim 97.5%

Most improved class attendance: Pippin 96.2%

Celebration

All the children were praised today for making such good choices this week; for smiling, for opening doors, for settling down to learning quickly, for their manners and their general positive attitude. All individual awards will begin again next week!

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