



### Weekly Update: 21st July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	INSET Training Day (School closed to pupils)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First day of Autumn Term
<b>Autumn term</b>	4 September- 15 December 2023
<b>Autumn INSET Days</b>	4 September and 20 October (Not 30 October)
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	21 October -29 October
<b>Spring term</b>	2 January- 28 March 2024
<b>Spring INSET Days</b>	2 January and 9 February 2024
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	10 February-18 February 2024
<b>Summer term</b>	15 April- 24 July 2024
<b>Summer INSET Day</b>	15 April 2024
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	25 May- 2 June 2024

#### Best wishes and Farewells

- Zoe Davies-Evans- Congratulations to Mrs Davies Evans and her husband Tom, who have announced the arrival of baby Valerie Pearl
- Theresa Avery- We were so blessed during COVID, when teacher recruitment was so challenging, that Miss Avery was recommended to me. The rest is history- Theresa has been such a values colleague and has had such a amazing impact on children and families. We wish her well in her new teaching post closer to home.
- Dee Long- Mrs Long thought she had retired and wanted an occasional volunteer role- well we snapped her up for lunchtime supervisor post! Mrs Long is so well loved by the children with her clam and dedicated approach- you can retire now Dee and happy travelling!
- Lisa Waller- Mrs Waller, our SENDCo, who we initially 'borrowed' her an academic year and retained for another is moving onto pastures new. She will continue to work with SEND and no doubt will be calling on her services in her advisory and support roles.
- Charlene Hunsperger: Mrs Hunsperger has been a volunteer school governor at our school since May 2016, with 4 years at the Chair of Governors here. Behind the scenes, she has been driving vision, strategy, holding leaders to account and also supporting us all at the same time- quite a feat! Without her leadership, we would not have such a strong Governing Body and school

#### Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, the end of the academic school year seemed a steady walk for many weeks but has again unknowingly crept up on us in a final sprint finish.

It has felt good to get through an academic year enjoying so many exciting events and trips with thankfully much less disruption than in recent years with Covid restrictions. Who could forget the magnificent Coronation

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service, Christmas Fayre with an amazing grotto, lots of sporting achievements with our fantastic sports teams, visitors sharing their stories of real life jobs, fantastic school trips and residential for year 6 oh and an Ofsted visit! (We hope to share that with you as soon as possible.)

One of my first roles as Chair was working with the board to recruit a new substantive Headteacher and over the 2 day interview process Mrs Pook came across as knowledgeable, calm, approachable and definitely steely. It was clear a vision for the school would be actioned on her watch!

I have been fortunate enough to be involved in most of our school teacher appointments and I am absolutely delighted with the strong team that we have built. We are blessed with dedicated, hardworking, resilient, approachable staff who all have the same goal; to ensure all pupils thrive and achieve the very best they can. On school visits it is great to hear from the children about what they are learning and how they feel confident to push themselves and that if mistakes happen "that's ok, we learn from them".

The governors are a passionate group of volunteers that work to support and challenge, to raise standards and drive forward the vision and values of the school. We have continued to work hard on ensuring the school is always looking ahead and adapting to ever tightening budgets to ensure children still have a wide, ambitious curriculum that allows them to know more and remember more.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck in their next steps and hope they take fond memories of Curry Rivel with them. We look forward to welcoming our new children and families in September along with new staff ready for the circle of school life to start again.

As I write what is my final end of year letter to you as a member of the Governing body it is bitter sweet, I have been a governor for 11 years and Chair for nearly 4 years. During that time there have been many challenges and difficulties but in equal measure many positives and I shall miss it dearly.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to each one of my fellow governors for their continued commitment and in supporting me in my role as Chair, and I wish them all the very best in taking the school even further forward.

Finally, I hope you will all get to have some much-needed down time over the Summer break and enjoy spending it doing whatever makes you happy and content.

Thank you all,

Charlene Hunsperger

Chair of Governors

### **Apple Trees**

Apple Trees bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club are now open for September. With lots of new children joining, bookings are coming in thick & fast! If you already know your requirements for next half-term do book on School Money or email Jane now at [appletrees@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:appletrees@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk) to secure your child's place.

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### **Memory walk for Alzheimer's**

DATE: SUNDAY 10TH SEPT 2023

TIME: 09.15 FOR A 09.30 START

START/FINISH: HUISH EPISCOPI ACADEMY

SENSIBLE SHOES/CLOTHES TO BE WORN

£5 DONATION TO TAKE PART

Raising funds for Alzheimer's Society.

For further details email: [thetillers@sky.com](mailto:thetillers@sky.com)

### **End of Year Awards**

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our End of Year Awards Ceremony.

**Class Awards. Presented by our Chair of Governors, Charlene Hunsperger:**

**Pippin:** Sonny D & Isla C

**Maigold:** Bella P & Luca B

**Gala:** Darcey S & George A

**Discovery:** James M & Brooke Bailey F

**Camelot:** Mia G & Harry H

**Blenheim:** Alex C & Grace G

**Merit Awards (For highest number of merits). Presented by one of our Vice-chair of Governors, Lucy Hunt:**

**Pippin:** Emily F & Brody-Luca F

**Maigold:** Izabelle C & Eli M

**Gala:** Daisy G & Dylan M

**Discovery:** Belle R & Tommy F

**Camelot:** Bea S & William R

**Blenheim:** Lexi B & Jack M

**Highest overall merit achievement (The Alan Norton Merit Cup). Presented by one of our Governors, Sally Harvey:** Belle R (Year 4)

**PE Awards: Presented by our PE Lead, Jack Bridgeman**

**Pippin:** Jake H & Ava-Mai T

**Maigold:** Dot R & Elliott B

**Gala:** Evie G & Oscar I

**Discovery:** Noah B & Elcie R-C

**Camelot:** Ronnie B & Anna M

**Blenheim:** (The Langport Area Development Trust Shield): Mia Y & Zach P



**Swimming Awards: To be presented by volunteer swimming coach, Tina Geary:**

**Blenheim:** Teon P-P & Blake C

**Camelot:** Casper B & Dulcie D

**Discovery:** Beth H & Leo B

**Gala:** Darcy J & Lily H

**Maigold:** Oliver J & Rosie F

**Pippin:** Evie-Jane T & Harrison F

**Best Swimmer overall:** Harriet S

**Best Improved Swimmer overall:** Tyler G

**Sporting achievements from the year:**

- Second in CLP Athletics for the second year running;
- Second in CLP Netball tournament;
- Unbeaten in the CLP Cricket Tournament;
- Semi-finals in Year 3/4 football tournament;
- First ever all girls football club and tournament;
- Came 3rd in our first ever Basketball tournament;
- Year 5/6 Boys Football came 5<sup>th</sup> in CLP tournament and competed in *Regional Kids Cup* competition at *Yeovil Town Football Club*,
- 6<sup>th</sup> in *Swimming Gala*,  
*12 runners qualified for Inter-Area Cross Country finals, more than any other school; Third place in cross country (Paige for Y3/4 girls & Joseph for Y5/6 boys)*

**Year 6 Awards. Presented by our Year 6 teacher, Fay Tucker:**

**The Saskia Cup for MFL:** Sophia E

**Achievement in Music:** Hugo G

**Drama Award 2023:** Amy C

**Outdoor Pursuits Shield:** Katie C

**Outstanding Achievement:** Lottie B

**Awards to acknowledge our caring and community vision for pupils. Presented by Governor Simon Gambrill:**

**United Reformed Church Friendship Award:** Harriet Shaw

**Langport and Somerton Rotary Community Service award:** Mia-Rose Thompson :

**House Merit Cup: Average merits per pupil**

1st Blackdown with 142 dojos per child average

2nd Quantock with 137 dojos per child average

3rd Polden with 136 dojos per child average

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4th Mendip with 136 dojos per child average

Congratulations Blackdown House. House captains: Tyler G and Lexi B

### **Sports Day Cup**

Congratulations to Polden House. Sports captains: Harriet S and Grace G

Thank you for your incredible partnership and support over the year. We wish our Year 6 pupils well as they move to secondary school, and we look forward to seeing everyone else on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Enjoy some family time, some rest and relaxation at some point.

Ali Pook

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