



Weekly Update: 7th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

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)

Reception Vision Screening (New Date)

Wednesday 12th July

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 9.15am and Tea Party

Friday 21st July

Final Awards Assembly 2pm

Autumn term

4 September- 15 December 2023

Autumn INSET Days

4 September and 20 October (Not 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

Transition September 2023

Thursday morning was a very positive time for all- it was so lovely to have the buzz and excitement of new year groups, new classes and pupil and staff combinations- the children are certainly ready for the next step on their primary school journey.

Sports Update

We have had several sporting successes in the past few weeks. The Year 3&4 Football team played their first tournament of the year, making it to the semi-finals and showing some brilliant teamwork. We also finished an amazing 2nd place overall in the annual CLP Athletics competition at Huish - we were competing in the 'large schools' event, and finished runners up for the second year running, missing out by only six points. We are looking forward to the KS2 Swimming Gala at Huish next week!

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Residential

I have sent a personal thankyou to Hill House (Quantocks, near Bridgwater) for being so warm and welcoming to the Year 6 children and staff team last week. We had such an amazing week, and we all felt the benefit of the team's patience and love. The Georgian manor and grounds were amazing, immaculately clean, and a joy to be in. The children loved it all, as did the staff, and we especially loved the food and silent disco! The superman grace has been continued here at school too. Other highlights included an escape room, high ropes, kayaking, fire making and a Mrs Pook geography walk!

SPORTS DAY Tuesday 11th July

We are excited about welcoming you all to our Sports Day.

9.00am-11.00am (Approx finish time): Reception, Year 1 and 2

12.45pm-3.15pm: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

At this stage the forecast is NOT good, so we all need to be prepared for possible changes. It not feasible for us to ensure a specific time when any decision regarding postponement will be made- British weather changes as quickly, so we would not want to make too hasty a decision and then the sun comes out! **Our reserve day is Friday 14th July.**

Please ensure that your child/ren come to school with water bottles, with sun cream applied and hats. Gazebos will be in place to provide shade/shelter for the children.

R/KS1 Sports day will start at 9.00 am and parents/carers can come to the field through the front gate once we have all the children in school (I will re-open the front gates at 8.50/8.55am to allow you in).

Parents/carers are asked to leave the school site between the two events.

KS2 Sports day will start at 12.45pm and parents/carers can come through the Water Street (rear) entrance from 12.35pm.

Other information

- Parents/carers are kindly asked stay in the parents' area, which will be clearly defined.
- You are welcome to bring camp chairs- we will have seating available but extra capacity is useful. Again, please stay in designated areas.
- Parents/carers are politely asked not go to start/finishing line or cross over to children in house pens. This is for safeguarding purposes.
- The school PTA will be providing refreshments for parents (not children).
- Photos- we are taking photos which will be shared on our Facebook page (With the correct permissions). Parents/carers are asked to refrain from taking photos/film in order to support Safeguarding and Data Protection policies. We appreciate your support with this.
- House colour T-shirts encouraged but not essential (Purple school PE t-shirts can be worn):

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Ice creams

A big thank you to the PTA for arranging Noodles ice cream to come in and serve us all free ice creams on Wednesday- what an amazing treat!

Bikeability

A big thank you to the Bikeability team ably supported by Miss Tucker, Mrs Silver and Mrs Ainsworth. The Year 6 pupils enjoyed learning the 'rules of the road' and how to cycle safely in the local community.

Message from the PTA

STIKINS

We have had feedback from very happy teachers that the name stickers are being used already in uniform. If you do choose to buy more please use our fundraising code 5512 to allow us to receive 30% commission on each purchase. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

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Bag2School

We are pleased to announced that your donation raised £75 and hopefully you cupboards have more space. We will be arranging another collection in the Autumn term so do hang on to your preloved items until then if you can.

Curry Rivel Live '23! - 22nd July

We are thrilled to be asked back to be part of the children's area at CRL this year. We will be there with games, things to buy and fun! The organisers have agreed to let us sell tickets at a reduced rate on our website www.crpta.co.uk or you can buy them in person from friends of the PTA or at Lucy Jorge in Langport.

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2023 Challenge

We had a small but mighty group of entries for the challenge this year. We had children raising money by remaining silent for an hour, doing chores, playing 23 game levels, selling cakes, creating a scene from Indiana Jones and The Temple of Doom out of Lego, collecting rubbish around Langport and running their own stall at a festival to name a few. We are so proud of you all and the money you have raised is very much appreciated. Each entry was given a golden voucher to spend on Wednesday to get the most delicious sprinkle laden icecream of their choosing from Noodles Icecreams. We hope they enjoyed them!

Prizes, certificates and the winning class will be announced next Friday!



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Sports Day 11th July

We hope you are all dusting off your house coloured tops ready for getting fully involved on Tuesday. The PTA will be on hand with cream teas and refreshments. For every purchase (or donation) you will have a chance of winning 1 of 4 family tickets to Curry Rivel Live!

We will also have our preloved uniform for sale if you are looking for items for next term. Cash or card will be accepted.



New Classes from September- WhatsApp Groups.

We will be sending out information on how to join the WhatsApp group in the next week but in the meantime here are the team of class reps.

Little Pips - Sam (Darcie's mum)

Pippin - Lucy (Jessica's mum)

Maigold - Claire (Louis's mum)

Gala - Elle (Luca's mum)

Discovery - Abbie (Freddie's mum)

Camelot - George (James's mum)

Blenheim - Sara (Molly's mum)

Crazy Hair Day, Non Uniform Day- 14th July

We want to see colours, we want to see accessories, we want to see imagination!

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Pay £1 or bring something in for our next tombola. Anything will do from a bottle of something to beauty product, from home decoration to soft toy. As long as you think someone would want to win it we will want it.



Visitors

Discovery class enjoyed a talk today by Mr and Mrs Hoare (Grandparents connected to the school)- they came to share their experiences of the earthquake of 2010 in New Zealand. This supported learning in Geography on natural disasters and all things tectonic plate! If you have any interesting experiences or a career/job which might be linked to our learning, do let us know- we love to hear different voices.

Public Speaking CLP Competition

We were proud to be represented at the Community Learning Partnership Public Speaking competition competing against 4 other local schools. Beth H, Mia G and Amy C presented on the theme of 'Acceptance'- they were incredibly independent in their preparations, and very clear in their presentations, whilst at the same time being determined in their arguments and questioning! Well done.

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Saturday July 15th 3.30-5.30pm at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

The theme is 'The fruits of the spirit' and the session includes: a game involving a ginormous catapult, chocolate coating of fruit, printing, a picnic tea ... plus more!

Food for thought. Inspiration for all ages.

A chance to explore the Christian faith in an informal way.

Contact Helen on 07880706517 helen@saich.co.uk



Messy Church Curry Rivel

All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Messy church is free though donations are welcomed.

Tuning into Kids Course (TINK)

Please let us know if you are interested in this free TINK course, run by our Parent family Support Adviser. Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children. In particular the program teaches parents skills in *emotion coaching*, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way. This approach helps the child to understand and manage their emotions. The programme has been shown to improve parenting, parent-child relationships and children's emotional competence and behaviour. The program has been particularly effective with children with clinical-level emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The dates are: Wednesday 1st November- Wednesday 6th December inclusive 10-12 at High Ham. Please see contact the school office to register your interest and we will get back to you.

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Library Summer Challenge

Joining a library is free, and membership gives you free access to books (and more) across Somerset. **Jeremy Thompson-Smith**, Library Outreach Officer, met the children this week to share with them information on the free reading challenge being held over the summer:

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

TAKE PART IN THIS YEARS
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
BY JOINING ONLINE
TODAY
VISIT:
<https://bit.ly/SRCRegister2023>
Or scan this QR code with your phone

Find out more:

[Summer Reading Challenge - Ready! Set! Read! \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

[\(2\) Summer Reading Challenge 2023 - YouTube](#)

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SOMERSET YOUTH SINGERS

LET'S SING!

24TH - 26TH JULY
FINISHING WITH A PERFORMANCE
AT THE MCMILLAN THEATRE, 6:30PM

MARK DE LISSER,
RENOWNED CHORAL
DIRECTOR, VOCAL
COACH AND ARRANGER
WILL LEAD PART OF THE SYS
SUMMER COURSE.
HIS WORK INCLUDES OUR
DEMENTIA CHOIR, THE VOICE &
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South West Saints

Please see attached for information on football camps.

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	2	0
Maigold	1	1
Gala	0	1
Discovery	3	2
Camelot	3	3
Blenheim	3	3
TOTAL	12	10

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

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- 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: Gala (96.8%)

Most improved attendance: Discovery

Celebration

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

Class Cup

Pippin: Ava-Mai
 Maigold: Noah
 Gala: Ellie-Mai
 Discovery: Paige
 Camelot: Ella
 Blenheim: Year 6
 for such an enjoyable residential

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Lily T
 Maigold: Thomas
 Gala: Lily H
 Discovery: Harrison
 Camelot: Poppy
 Blenheim: Blake

100 merits

Gala: Seth
 Blenheim: Tyler, Yusef, Carla,
 Cayden, Harry

150 merits

Maigold: Finlo, Archie
 Gala: Oscar, George, Azalea
 Blenheim: Lexi

200 merits

Discovery: Belle

Have a wonderful weekend.

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