



Weekly Update: 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th February 3.30-4.30

6th-10th February

Friday 10th February

Friday 10th February

13th-17th February

Wednesday 22nd February 9.15am

Wednesday 22nd February 10.15am

Thursday 23rd February 7pm

Monday 27th February

Tuesday 28th February

Wednesday 1st March From 8.20am

Thursday 2nd March

10th-19th March

Tuesday 14th March 5.00pm

Thursday 16th March 9.15am

Friday 17th March

Week beginning 20th March

Saturday 25th March

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th March

Tuesday 28th March

Wednesday 29th March

Friday 31st March 9.15am

3rd-14th April

Monday 17th April

Saturday 22nd April

Wednesday 19th/Monday 24th April

Thursday 20th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th May

29th May- 2nd June

27th-30th June

Parent session from 'Escapeline' on exploitation, grooming (and County Lines) @ Curry Rivel Primary School.

Children's Mental Health Week

Brighten Up Your Day - non uniform day in exchange for sweets, chocolate, Easter eggs or snacks. To coincide with Children's Mental Health Week. The donations will be used for the PTA Easter raffle.

3.15am: PTA cake sale (and hot drinks). Front playground.

Half term

Ash Wednesday Service at St Andrew's Church

PTA serving the children Pancakes in the hall

PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse. All welcome.

Online Safety & Social Media - online session

Launch of sponsored reading bingo

PTA Bacon rolls on the front playground

World Book Day (Details to follow)

Science Week

Year 2 Parent Information Session Key Stage 1 SATs (On-Line)

PFSA Coffee Morning led by Victoria Gould in school hall

PTA Pop up Shop - Mother's day

Assessment Week

PTA Bingo Village Hall

Clive Pig Storyteller Workshops (Gifted by PTA)

National Child Measurement Programme for R & Year 6 pupils

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Easter Service at St Andrew's Church

PTA Easter Children's Raffle

Easter holiday. PTA Village Easter Trail

INSET training day- school closed

Volunteer day in school to tidy up the grounds

Parents' Evenings (Years R-5)

No Outsiders workshop for all classes

Bank Holiday

Additional Bank Holiday: Coronation of King Charles III

Year 6 SATs week begins

Half term

Year 6 residential



Children's Mental Health Week 6-10 February

This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. Emma Myhill (Senior Mental Health Lead) and Emily Langford (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) have made some great plans, including

- Special assemblies on mental health
- All children to receive PTA-made 'Positive Potato' keyring
- Each child and adult to print a hand to create a 'Let's Connect' linked hands display in the hall
- Class based activities on mental health
- Re-launch of Mental Health Page on school website:
http://www.curryrivelpprimary.co.uk/web/mental_health_of_children/383607
- A new well-being display in hall corridor
- Friday 10th February: 'Brighten Up Your Day' non-uniform day

Exciting New Project: Developing a Relational Approach

This academic year, we have been successful in gaining a grant to support this approach to behaviour management and 'readiness for learning'. A relational approach is informed by strong evidence regarding the importance of teacher-student relationships on academic achievement, mental health, wellbeing and behaviour and involves the following:

- Developing awareness and knowledge of staff regarding what is meant by relational practice and what this means practically on a day-to-day basis for how students are interacted with and responded to. This is being supported through staff CPD that involves learning about the rationale for trauma-informed practices and the evidence around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how these impact development.
- Development of a behaviour policy that is implemented consistently across the school and aims to have a preventative function using de-escalation techniques and a culture that promotes a positive and calm environment.
- A system that is as effective as possible at identifying the needs of those individuals who present in the most challenging way, so that adjustments can be made where needed. A relational approach recognises that many challenging behaviours communicate something important about a young person that needs exploration.

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- A commitment to using suspensions and exclusion as a last resort and an appreciation that the evidence indicates that suspensions and exclusions rarely address underlying reasons for behaviour.

We are working closely with other Somerset schools, but in particular Curry Mallet Primary School. We have together shared training days and twilights for all staff, and we are currently developing policy and practice. We are implementing the research from Paul Dix's book 'When the adults change, everything changes', developing consistent practice like our 'visible consistencies' below. In addition we will soon be forming a parent/staff/pupil 'forum' to further develop and improve.

Our Visible Consistencies at Curry Rivel Primary School

1. Our behaviour code: 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'

1. Meet and Greet/End and Send

2. 'Wonderful walking' and 'legendary lining up'

3. 'I like it when you...'



Reminder of our 'Open Door' Policy

Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School staff ensure that they are present at the beginning/end of everyday; this enables you to pass on information and ask quick questions. If you have a concern that may require a longer conversation, please email the school office (office@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk) and we will get back to you. We would ask you to communicate with us whenever you have a concern regarding your child so that we can discuss the matter and hopefully resolve it at an early stage. In the first instance, you may want to talk over a concern with the class teacher. The headteacher is also keen to know if you have any worries and is happy to talk in person or over the phone if that is easier.

Change of numbers and email addresses

If you have changed your telephone number or email address, can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

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Free EscapeLine Parent Session: Monday 6th February 3.30-4.30 (Tea and coffee provided)

This session is hosted by Escapeline, a charity committed to preventing child exploitation by criminal gangs across South West England. In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as 8 years old, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs. These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. They also train these young people to become recruiters and future gang members. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, in particular girls, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs. The charity Escapeline are providing workshops for Year 5 and 6 in school, on Monday 6th February, designed to help young people gain greater awareness of grooming, recruitment, gangs, friendship groups, peer pressure, drug facts and other dangers and most importantly how to keep themselves safe.

Parent Session NOT suitable for children- If needed, please book your school-aged child a place with our workshop 'creche'- places limited- please book via the school office.

Message from the PTA

We are aware we have been quite quiet recently but don't fear we are still working behind the scenes planning fun events for this term and beyond. We have two events coming up before we break up for half term on Friday 10th February. They are planned to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week.

Firstly we have a non-uniform day where the kids can dress in their brightest clothes. We are asking for donations of sweet things rather money this time which we can put towards our Eater Raffle. Any item from a small pack of sweets to a large Easter egg would be useful as we will be making up prize bundles.



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Our second event will be the PTA returning to its roots and holding a cake sale. It will be at pick up time in the front playground. If you would like to donate any cakes for this event please drop them off to the office by 9am on 10th. We will be serving hot drinks too so do come and stay for chat with friends and maybe make new connections which is the theme for children's mental health week.



Looking forward to next half of term we will be setting up various pop up shops selling bacon sandwiches in the playground before school, pancakes at break time and our much loved mother's day stall. We will be working with the school to support World Book Day with a month long sponsored reading event and Clive Pig is coming back to the school to dazzle the kids with his story telling and maybe some potato juggling!

The rumours are true we are hosting BINGO on the 25th March. This is a great event for all the family to attend. More details will follow how to book you place to avoid disappointment. We need your help to create some kids and adults hampers so if you have any unwanted items please drop them off to the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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THE PTA ARE HOSTING FAMILY

BINGO

**25TH MARCH
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

We really would love any unwanted items that you could donate to us as prizes! So we can make up lots of lovely hampers, for grown ups and kids.

Food items - in date
Bottles - alcohol or soft drink.
Home items
Beauty
Kids toys or crafts
Gift Vouchers

**Please drop off your items to the school office
by 1st March**

CRPTA.co.uk CurryRivelPTA@outlook.com

🎾 February Half Term Tennis Camp 🎾

Join us this half term for some ace tennis and lots of fun!

Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club: Monday 13th Feb

☐ 9am - 3pm

💷 £20 per day per person

- ✓ Qualified coaches
- ✓ Suitable for ages 5-16
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Have loads of FUN!

HOW TO BOOK

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✉ Luke Andrews on: Latennis@hotmail.com

☎ Call Luke on: 07437 404242

Please share and tell your friends and families! <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LATennisCoaching/Coaching/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. What an improvement this week!

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	6	2
Maigold	3	4
Gala	2	1
Discovery	9	4
Camelot	4	3
Blenheim	3	0
TOTAL	27	14

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

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Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Mabel
 Maigold: Rosie
 Gala: Lilyann Mai
 Discovery: Paige
 Camelot: Summer
 Blenheim: Tyler

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Brody-Luca
 Maigold: Oliver
 Gala: Lily
 Discovery: Barney & Finley
 Camelot: Molly
 Blenheim: Akaisha

50 Merits

Pippin: Elly, Noah, Harley, Lily, Evie, Thomas, Lily, Louis
 Maigold: Dot
 Gala: Lexi-Mae, Riley
 Blenheim: Akaisha

100 merits

Camelot: Bea

Overall attendance this week: Blenheim & Discovery 99.2% (Target 96%)

Class most improved attendance award: Maigold

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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