



Weekly Update: 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

1st March	PTA Sponsored Reading Bingo Launch
7th March	World Book Day
7th March	SENDSCO Café 9am in hall- drop-in session
8th March	PTA Mother's Day Pop-Up Stall
8th-17th March	Science Week
11th - 25th March	PTA Easter Artwork Competition
13th March	Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs Parents' Information Meeting 5pm
14th March	PFSA Coffee Morning
Friday 15th March	Experience Easter Outside at St Andrew's Church
W/B 18th March	Assessment Week
20th March	No Outsiders Information Session for parents 9.00am
22nd March	Spinal Muscular Atrophy non-uniform day (Wear Sky Blue)
23rd March	PTA Easter Bingo in the village hall
25th-28th March	Year 6 Bikeability
26th/27th March	Clive Pig Storyteller
26th/27th March	Pippin and Year 6 Parents' Evenings
28th March	PTA Easter Treat Sale & PTA Easter raffle Easter Service 9.15am
20th April	Saturday Volunteer Day working on school grounds- for tea and cake!
22nd/24th April	Maigold, Gala, Discovery and Camelot Parents' Evenings
2nd May	PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)
18th May	Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park
24th May	Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day
7th June	PTA Festival Disco
14th June	PTA Father's Day Pop Up
16th June	Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public
9th July	Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 th July)
22nd July	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
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

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Ash Wednesday

Thank you to Rev Scott and Rev Mark who welcomed us to St Andrew's Church today to celebrate the start of Lent, with our Ash Wednesday Service. It was great to see families there too, enjoying the chance of a PTA hot drink. The children were so respectful and demonstrated such positive behaviour.

Enrichment Through External Visits

School trips and visits are an essential part of your child's education- we want the children to have new experiences, see new places, challenge themselves and become independent, as well as enhancing learning within the curriculum. We are working hard to plan our summer trips, outlined below- we will provide details and payment options as soon as possible

Class	Trip	Date	Curriculum Link
Pippin	Haldon Forest (Gruffalo Trail)	TBC	English
Maigold	Puxton Park	7th May	Geography and Science
Gala	Magdalen Farm	4th June	Science
Discovery	Museum TBC	TBC	Geography and Science
Camelot	High Ropes, Vivary Park	26th June	Outdoor adventure
Blenheim	Hill House, Otterhampton	25 th -28 th June (Residential)	Outdoor adventure

Open the Book

Upper School classes enjoyed 'Open the Book' in worship this week. Open the Book (OtB) is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories, from a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. Rev Scott and his fellow actors, John and Ruth, enjoyed acting out 'The Ten Lepers', a story which reinforces the core '5-a-day value' of thankfulness.

Parents' Evenings: Save the Dates

You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face to face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on:

Pippin and Blenheim: Tuesday 26th March/Wednesday 27th March 3.30-6.30pm

Maigold, Gala, Discovery and Camelot: Monday 22nd April/Wednesday 24th April 3.30-6.30pm

The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with some feedback on your child's start to the new school year and progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have and you will have a chance to look at your child's work. Please be aware that the length of the meeting will be rigidly adhered to and if, in the meantime or after the meeting, you wish to discuss any issues or concerns please remember that your child's class teacher will be pleased to make an appointment to see you to discuss the matters further.

We will be sending you a link via email which should make booking really easy. If it is impossible for you to attend on one of these evenings, please see your child's class teacher to make an alternative arrangement. For some families, where parents are separated, we hope you can attend these meetings together – please contact the school office if an additional appointment is needed. During the parents' evening, the school's parent teacher association (PTA) will be providing free refreshments and pre-loved uniform in the hall where you can also view your child's books.

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PFSA Coffee Morning

Victoria Gould is the Parent Family Support Advisor for our local group of schools- she will be here on the 14th March (8.45/9.00 start) so you can drop in and have a chat with her about worries or concerns- she can give advice, sign-post you to services or just be a listening ear.

Chicken Pox

We do have a small number of pupils in school with chicken pox currently- we are monitoring this carefully.



Saturday February 24th 3.30-5.30pm at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

Very informal; includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food.

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.

Support for Separated Parents

A message from Ruth James, the 'Reducing Parental Conflict' Co-ordinator for Somerset who has set up lots of support for families:

Parenting Cafes in Taunton, Chard, and Wellington – Top tips for successful co-parenting for separated parents

We know from experience that conflict between separated parents can have a particularly negative effect on children's outcomes. So, I am piloting several Parenting Cafes for separated parents:

Date	Time	Location	Link to Eventbrite
29.2.24	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Priorswood Library	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/795945433217?aff=oddtcreator
29.2.24	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	Chard Community Centre	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/772225526337?aff=oddtcreator This is the only Parenting Café for couples struggling with conflict - click on link to find get more info.
21.3.24	1 PM-3 PM	Wellington Library	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/795951471277?aff=oddtcreator
27.3.24	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	Wellington Library	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/795953657817?aff=oddtcreator

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The hope is that these informal Cafes will engage parents who then may choose to come along to some "Parenting When Separated" courses I will be running from 16 April. This is about getting separated parents together so they can have conversations and hopefully find the "one thing" that may help in reducing conflict. At the Parenting Cafes, parents will have the opportunity to meet and chat with other parents who are going through similar experiences in a relaxed, non-judgemental space. All the information you need to know about the Cafes is on Eventbrite and they focus on:

1. How to develop a successful co-parenting relationship and reduce conflict.
2. Understand how you can stay connected with your children and support them with smooth handovers and transitions.
3. Find out more about practical tools to reduce conflict in co-parenting communications.
4. How to manage different ways of parenting in different homes.

Oneplusone online course- available until 31 March 2024

FREE access for any Somerset parent	https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents
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Finally, here are a couple of new links that are worth a look:

1. Supporting children through separation. This is an excellent online course and includes information about how divorce/separation affects children at different ages and how parents can help them: <https://parentingtogether.gov.wales/>
2. #Learnforlove (code Dragon) - several free online Solihull parenting courses, including "Understanding your relationships": <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/>

Do you know anyone who might be interested in training to teach?

Come and meet **Five Counties ITT providers** and find out about our training programmes. Routes into Primary and Secondary. Local school partners and placements. Friendly trainers! Information about applying and funding.

Thursday 14th March

2.00-5.30pm (to include school experience and drop-in)

Oakfield Academy

Oakfield Road

Frome

Somerset

BA11 4JF

To register your interest, please email info@fivecountiesalliance.co.uk

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March 2024- Advance notice

This year's theme is all about embracing the unique reading choices of each child. With this in mind, we invite the children to come in dressed up as the character that they would most like to see in a story. We welcome them creating their own character and letting their imaginations run wild, however they can choose a pre-existing one if they prefer. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young readers to express themselves and share their interests with their class

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Please can they also bring along their favourite reading material on the day- be it a book, a magazine or anything else that captivates their imagination. Let's make this World Book Day a celebration of diversity, creativity and the joy of reading.

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	3	0
Maigold	0	1
Gala	4	3
Discovery	2	2
Camelot	4	4
Blenheim	3	7
TOTAL	16	17

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: 94.76% (Target 96%)

Class attendance award: Discovery (96.2%)

Most improved class attendance: Pippin

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Daisy
 Maigold: Sonny
 Gala: Noah and Annabel
 Discovery: Millie
 Camelot: Leo
 Blenheim: Joseph

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Florence
 Maigold: Elly
 Gala: Luca
 Discovery: Darcy
 Camelot: Freddie
 Blenheim: Taylor

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50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Henry, Riley, Archie, Thomas

Discovery: David, Seth

Blenheim: Summer, Poppy

Big school birdwatch: Alfie D (Blenheim)

February 2024 -July 2024 House Captains:

Mendip: Isabelle and Joseph

Polden: Sophie and Holly

Blackdown: Ronnie and Bea

Quantock: Connie and Poppy

Have good weekend.

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