



Weekly Update: 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th September	Clubs start
Monday 25th September 9-10am	SENDCo Drop-In Cafe
Thursday 28th September	Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)
Thursday 28th September 2.30-3.15pm	Pippin Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop
Friday 29th September	Flu vaccinations for all- Email to follow
Tuesday 3rd October	Open Morning for prospective parents 9-10.30am
Wednesday 4th October	Live Harvest lessons from the NFU
Thursday 5th October 9.15am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)
Monday 9th & Thursday 12th October	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 10th October- Friday 13th October	Book Fair
Friday 13th October	PTA Break the Rules Non Uniform Day
Monday 16th October	PTA Bags2School
Thursday 19th October	PTA Disco
Friday 20th October	INSET training day- school closed- staff training day
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	Half term holiday (PTA Pumpkin Trail)
Thursday 9th November 8.45-9.30am	PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks day
Thursday 16th November	Bags2School Collection
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Non-School Uniform
Wednesday 6th December	Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)
Thursday 7th December 7-9pm	PTA Wreath Making
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day (Fundraising for Save the Children)
Tuesday 12th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Friday 15th December 9.15am	Panto, gifted by the PTA
Autumn INSET Days	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church
Autumn Half Term	4 September and 20 October
Spring term	21 October -29 October
Spring INSET Days	2 January- 28 March 2024
Spring Half Term	2 January and 9 February 2024
Summer term	10 February-18 February 2024
Summer INSET Day	15 April- 24 July 2024
Summer Half Term	15 April 2024
	25 May- 2 June 2023

Our School Vision and Values

Our vision and values underpin everything we do as a school. Governors and Staff have reviewed and relaunched our school's vision and values:

'Healthy trees bearing good fruit' – From Matthew's Gospel chapter 7 vs. 17

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we nurture our children to flourish and grow. We have chosen a tree to symbolise our vision and values. The tree represents our school community, the fruit our children living out our core values, all rooted in Jesus' teachings.

Building on these core '5-a-day' Christian values of forgiveness, kindness, respect, thankfulness and perseverance we care for each other and our world. We develop resilience, confidence, creativity and independence through our innovative and diverse curriculum, inspiring and motivating everyone to thrive.

Our core Christian values underpin our school, providing the best possible environment for these fruit to grow and ripen within our children and whole community.

Book Donations

Our reading books get well-loved and are always in need of replenishing. If you have any children's picture books or novels in good condition, that you no longer need, we would happily give them a new home! Donations can be passed to class teachers or dropped into the school office.

Democracy Day: Thursday 28th September

The children will be involved in voting for their class school councillor at the school's polling station next week.

All pupils are welcome to put their names forward. They need to submit a poster persuading voters to vote for them! Students must be able to:

1. Represent their class at school council meetings with commitment and full attendance.
2. Report back to their class following meetings.
3. Believe in the importance of representing their class's point of view even if they do not agree with it themselves.
4. Initiate discussion and debate with fellow pupils
5. Understand that as a school council representative, they have the obligation to participate in making decisions about the school, along with staff and school governors.

If your child would like to be a member of our school council, children need to let their class teacher know with a poster explaining who you are and why pupils should vote for you. Please hand in by Monday 25th September, as voting will take place on Thursday 28th September.

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Safeguarding

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. Curry Rivel Primary Church of England School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. If you have any concerns, no matter how small they seem, about the safety or welfare of any child, please make contact with a member of our team below:

Ali Pook: Head Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Hannah van Cole: Senior Teacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Charlotte Monk: SENDCo & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

All staff have regular update training and can also help. If you are concerned that a child is in danger you should report this immediately to: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 224 or the Police on 999 or www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens/safeguarding

Appointment

Can we ask that you contact the school office, in advance where possible, regarding medical/dental appointments for your child. Where reasonable, we would expect pupils to be in school before and/or after appointments. Evidence of appointments will be requested- e.g Appointment card/screen shot of reminder.

Pedestrian Safety on Yellow Zig Zags and at Water Street Entrance

Thank you to all of you who are parking and driving responsibly. Some families have been stopping on the yellow zig zags to let their children out of cars- this is not safe for them or for others. The Local Authority will be making this an enforceable zone soon. At Water Street, some cars are also stopping to drop off and turning in the Water Street entrance which creates a risk to all.

**Dyslexia Information Morning
for Parents and Carers**

Saturday 7 October 2023, 10.30 to 12.30

Taunton Library Meeting Room

 

Somerset Dyslexia Association, supported by Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C, are offering a morning of dyslexia information to parents and carers. Teachers, LSAs and others are also welcome.

Claire Harvey, Head of Education at Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity, will:

- describe dyslexia and its impact
- provide hand-on activities to help you support your child at home with reading, comprehension, writing and spelling
- offer tips to boost self-esteem.

Tickets are £10 per person. **If payment is a barrier, please phone SPCF on 01458 259384.**

To find out more and book, scan the QR code or go to www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk



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Message from the PTA

We hope everyone's got their hands on our latest events leaflet this week. It seems our mischievous PTA elves have decided to work their magic and switched up a few dates for the end of term. But fear not! We've got you covered – a shiny, new leaflet with the correct dates for your fridge will be winging its way to you after the half term break. And guess what? Our cheeky elves have been warned that they can't mess with our website calendar! So, if you're subscribed there, you'll have the accurate dates delivered straight to your phone.

Autumn Term 1 Events 2023

Event	Date
PTA AGM	~ 14th Sep
Open Morning **	~ 3rd Oct
Harvest Festival **	~ 5th Oct 9.15am
Book Fair	~ w/c 10th Oct
Parents Evening **	~ 9th and 12th Oct
Break The Rules Day (Non Uniform)	~ 13th Oct
Bag2School Collection	~ 16th Oct
Christmas Art launch	~ 19th October
Fancy Dress Disco	~ 19th October
Pumpkin Trail	~ 21st - 29th Oct

*Enrichment Event funded by PTA ** Non PTA Event

Visit our website and sign up to the PTA calendar to keep on top of events

Buy PTA Bux on our website to spend at events



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Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any changes to events

Autumn Term 2 Events 2023

Event	Date
PTA Meeting	~ 2nd Nov
Wear Odd Socks Day**	~ 13th Nov
Non Uniform ** (Children in Need)	~ 17th Nov
Christmas Raffle	~ Launch 1st Dec
Grotto	~ 30th Nov 1st, 2nd Dec
Christmas Fair	~ 2nd Dec 11am - 2pm
Christingle Making** (The Children's Society)	~ 6th Dec
Wreath Making	~ 7th Dec 7pm-9pm
Christmas Jumper** (Save the Children)	~ 8th Dec
Elfridges	8th Dec
Nativity (R, Y1 and Y2)**~	12th 2pm, 13th 6pm
Panto* and Ice Creams	~ 14th Dec 2-3pm
Carol Service**	~ 15th Dec 9.15am
Kids Raffle	~ 15th Dec

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Thank you for your ongoing support!

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	1	1
Maigold	1	2
Gala	3	3
Discovery	0	1
Camelot	2	2
Blenheim	2	3
TOTAL	9	12

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

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- 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

Overall attendance this week:

Highest attendance: Blenheim- 98.5% (Target 96%)

Most improved: Discovery- 95.2%

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Thomas
 Maigold: Lily
 Gala: Luca
 Discovery: Lillyann-Mai
 Camelot: Brooke
 Blenheim: Dulcie

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Daisy
 Discovery: Millie
 Camelot: Toby H
 Blenheim: Harry

Our new Year 6 sports captains: Bea, Jasper, Joseph, Molly, William, Sophie, Summer and Ella

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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