



'Healthy Trees Bearing Good Fruit'

Matthew Chapter 7 and verse 17

Weekly Update: 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd September

Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)

Monday 25th September

Clubs start

Monday 25th September 9-10am

SENDCo Drop-In Cafe

Friday 29th September

Flu vaccinations for all- Email to follow

Tuesday 3rd October

Open Morning for prospective parents

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

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

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Half term holiday

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th November:

Odd Socks day

Thursday 9th November 8.45-9.30am

PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all

Wednesday 6th December

Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)

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 (Not 30 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

Communication

Communication with our families is so important to us and I just wanted to ensure you knew how we share updates with you:

- Weekly Update email (Fridays): All main information for all classes
- Termly class newsletter- hardcopy and on website (Pippin class also on Tapestry)
- Weekly Pippin Sharing Newsletter- on Tapestry

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- Email- we will email you if there are additional messages/reminders
- Our Facebook pages celebrate what is going on in school
- Out school website has statutory information, polices and curriculum detail

If you have any questions, queries or messages, do see the class teachers or senior staff at the beginning/end of the day. If you require a longer conversation, do contact the school office to make an appointment as we will be happy to help. Please meet the class teacher in the first instance, as they will know your child best. For safeguarding concerns, please see Mrs Pook who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Where there are concerns or worries, please speak to us as if we are not aware we will not be able to assist. The class Whatsapp groups are really useful to families, but may not resolve school issues for you.

Punctuality and procedures for late pupils

The school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. At the beginning of the school day, the doors open at 8.40am and they will close at 8.45am, both front and back. We open the gates at the front at 8.35am to reduce congestion on the pavements. Pupils and parents arriving after 8.45am will need to come through the front gates and parents/carers will be asked to inform the office for the reason for lateness- we may be able to help. I cannot stress enough the importance of being punctual in the morning. Similarly, children must be collected on time, as staff have meetings, training and preparation to attend to, which can only take place at the end of the school day. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding regarding this very important matter.

Uniform

Keeping track of 'which uniform when' can be hard, especially if you have more than one child at the school. Hopefully this will help:

	Pippin	Maigold	Gala	Discovery	Camelot	Blenheim
Monday	School uniform	School uniform	School uniform	PE uniform	School uniform	School uniform
Tuesday	School uniform	PE uniform	PE uniform	School uniform	School uniform	PE uniform
Wednesday	PE uniform	School uniform	School uniform	School uniform	School uniform	School uniform plus swimming kit
Thursday	School uniform (Plus wellies and outdoor coat)	School uniform	PE uniform	PE uniform	PE uniform	School uniform
Friday	PE uniform	PE uniform	School uniform	School uniform	PE uniform	School uniform

Continued Mental Health Provision in School: Place2Be

We have been successful in gaining funding to support a relational approach to behaviour- this is funding our 'Place2Be' which is a safe space during lunchtime that children are able to access. Our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Mrs Langford will be running Place2be and will be able to support the children with any emotional needs they may have. During their time in Place2Be, they will be able to do mindfulness activities and speak with Mrs Langford if they feel they need support.

Packed Lunches

As part of our healthy eating plan, we ask that children do not have chocolate/chocolate bars in their lunchboxes.

Football at lunchtime

If your child enjoys playing football at lunchtime, please can they bring shinpads into school (Please label with pupil's name). With our ride on mower mended, we hope to get back on the field soon; there is a rota for both girls' and boys' football:

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	Session 1:	Session 2:
Monday	Blenheim Boys	Gala Boys
Tuesday	Camelot Boys	Maigold Boys
Wednesday	Discovery Boys/Girls (Alternate weeks)	Pippin Mixed
Thursday	Blenheim Girls	Gala Girls
Friday	Camelot Girls	Maigold Girls



THIS SATURDAY September 16th 3.30-5.30pm
The Old School Room, Curry Rivel

Very informal, includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food.
As part of this week's session, we're going on a short walk so, wearing trainers would be a plan.

Contact Helen on 07880706517 helen@saich.co.uk



Messy Church Curry Rivel

All ages, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
No charge, donations appreciated. Messy Church is supported by local churches.

Somerset Dyslexia Association Dyslexia Information Morning for Parents and Carers

Saturday 7th October 2023, 10.30-12.30 in Taunton Library Meeting Room

Message from the PTA



Please email us to be added to the class WhatsApp group
CurryRivelPTA@outlook.com
t&cs can be found on our website

CLASS REPS

2023/2024

Pippin	Lucy - Jessica's mum	
Maigold	Claire - Louis' mum	
Gala	Elle - Luca's mum	
Discovery	Abbie - Freddie's mum	
Camelot	George - James' mum	
Blenheim	Sara - Molly's mum	

Play 4 Pounds

ITS BACK! Get ready for some thrilling monthly fun!

Just imagine, for only £1 a month, you'll be part of our fantastic 12-month draw extravaganza!

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Mark your calendars for the 28th of every month because that's when the magic happens. We'll draw a lucky number at random, and there are fantastic prizes waiting for you!

The 1st Prize is a whopping 40% of the pot, and the 2nd Prize is a cool 10% of that month's treasure chest. But wait, there's more excitement! In December and June, the prizes get even bigger, with 50% and 25% up for grabs!

Plus, here's the best part - if you win, we'll shoot you an email so you can choose how you want your winnings; cash, money straight into your bank or PTA Bux for your child to spend at PTA events. Your name will also shine like a star on our homepage for everyone to see!

Don't miss out on the chance to join the fun and win big! For more info and to sign up visit our website. First draw will be 28th September. Good Luck!



Bag2School - 16th October

Following the success of our last Bag2School collection, where we were given £75 for your donations, we have decided to do it again. As before we are counting on your support to make it an another success!

Here's what you can contribute:

1 Clothes: Gather your gently used clothing items that are still in good condition. This includes t-shirts, pants, dresses, jackets, and more. Let's give them a new lease on life!

2 Shoes: Check your closets for shoes that you no longer wear but are still in wearable condition. Sneakers, boots, sandals – every pair counts!

3 Textiles: Don't forget about textiles! Bedsheets, curtains, towels, and even soft toys can find a new purpose through our donation drive. Let's keep them out of landfills!

Remember, all the items should be clean and in a condition that someone else would be happy to use. Let's make sure they are ready for their second chance to shine!

By donating these items, you'll be supporting the environment, educational projects in underprivileged communities and raising funds for our school. It's a win-win!

Bring your bags (any bag will do) to the office or give it to your class rep by 9am on 16th October. We can store items so please do get them in before this date.

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For more details on what can be donated visit www.bag2school.com

Spread the word and invite your friends, family, and colleagues to participate. Together, we can make a significant impact and create positive change in the lives of others.




Harvest Moon Barn Dance

Saturday 30th September, Curry Rivel Village hall, Doors Open 6.30 pm, 7pm start. Tickets £14.

Ploughmans Supper, Bar, Raffle. In aid of St Andrew's Church North Chapel Windows

Tickets: Sandpits or curryrivelsta@gmail.com or 01458 253431

Exploring God, Faith, Life
What does God mean to you? Spiritual but not religious? Join us to explore matters of God, faith and life over a cuppa and pizzas.
4:30pm, Sunday 17th September
(and every other week)
@ St Andrew's Old School Room, Curry Rivel



Cafe Church

The complex block contains text for a church event and an image. The text is centered and includes the title 'Exploring God, Faith, Life', a description of the event, the time and date '4:30pm, Sunday 17th September (and every other week)', and the location '@ St Andrew's Old School Room, Curry Rivel'. Below the text is a photograph of two striped mugs and a stack of pizza boxes on a wooden table. The text 'Cafe Church' is written in a cursive font at the bottom right of the image.

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Term time Mondays, 3.30-4.30

St Andrews School Rooms

Donations for cuppas and biscuits

A promotional poster for 'SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS'. The top half features a photograph of two girls in soccer uniforms (one pink, one blue) playing on a grass field. The bottom half is a dark grey box with white text. The text includes: 'SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS', 'DURING OCTOBER HALF-TERM', 'ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS', 'FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES', 'FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE', 'PRIZES, MEDALS & GIVEAWAYS', 'SIBLING & CLUB TEAM DISCOUNTS', 'EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE', '10AM-3PM', 'DEVON, CORNWALL & SOMERSET', 'OCTOBER', and 'BOOK NOW: SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK'. There is also a small logo in the top right corner of the poster.

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	0	1
Maigold	4	1
Gala	2	3
Discovery	1	0
Camelot	3	2
Blenheim	2	2
TOTAL	12	9

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:

Highest attendance: Maigold- 97.9% (Target 96%)

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Florence
 Maigold: Phoebe
 Gala: Alec
 Discovery: Dylan
 Camelot: Tommy
 Blenheim: Ella

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Kirree
 Maigold: Willow
 Gala: George
 Discovery: Lizzie
 Camelot: Belle
 Blenheim: Casper

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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