



Weekly Diary

Sunday 2 December

4pm Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

Monday 3 December

During school: Swimming lessons for Blenheim Class

After school: Fun Football - Years 1, 2 & 3

After school: Creative and Street Dance – All years

7pm Carols on The Green, Curry Rivel with Rev Scott

Tuesday 4 December

After School: Netball Club

Wednesday 5 December

During School: PTA Christmas Crafting - Camelot and Gala Classes

After School: Dodgeball Club

Thursday 6 December

During School: PTA Christmas Crafting - Pippin and Maigold Classes

After School: Tag Rugby Club – Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Friday 7 December

During school: 2.45 pm Celebration Assembly

During School: PTA Christmas Crafting - Blenheim Class

After school: Football - Years 4, 5 & 6

Sunday 9 December

11am Holy Communion and Sunday Club at St Andrew's Curry Rivel

6pm Carol Service at Fivehead



He came so that we may have life and have it to the full

John 10:10

Dear Parents,

There are lots of activities happening now as we head towards all the Christmas activities. The PTA have their own great activities planned and we are very grateful for all their efforts and time towards these.

Christmas Cards:

This year, we have a Christmas Postbox in school for all the children's Christmas cards. If your child wants to send cards, please can you help them to write the name of the child and the recipient's class name – it will make life much easier for our Year 6 postpeople! The cards will be given out on the last day of term. If you want the names of the children in your child's class, a list of first names only will be available from the Office. We're organising the cards in this way so that no child has that horrid feeling of being the one that doesn't get a card when they are handed out by hand each day. It's also great fun having the excitement of the cards all at one time!

Attendance:

There can be a little confusion over how attendance is noted and followed up. We obviously have a duty to ensure that every child is safe and so we will follow up any unknown absence from 9.15am onwards. Any child coming into school from 9 to 9.15am is registered as being 'late'. Any child coming in after 9.15am will be down as unauthorised for that session. When a child is frequently late, it really disrupts their learning. They feel awkward joining the lesson; they don't know what the focus is; they start the day feeling unsettled. We therefore will address this problem; firstly with a conversation with the parent/carer and then we will follow this up with a letter to try and work out how we can improve the attendance. As a school, we are very closely monitored re our attendance and any child who is frequently late or absent. I agree with the practice as we owe it to children to give them a positive start to each day and the best experiences to support learning.

You can really help the Office staff by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent. Our new phone system means that you can leave a message at any time of day or night! If your child has a medical appointment, we may have to ask to see the appointment card or equivalent if there is a concern about the amount of time being taken.

Christmas events & photographs/videos:

Just a gentle reminder about taking photos or videos at any of our end of term events: please remember that these must not be shared on any social media but obviously can be emailed within family members, etc. With everyone keeping to this agreement, we are able to allow photos, etc to be taken and we don't want to go down the route of banning mobile phones as happens in some schools.

Finally, some of you may have attended the excellent CLP meeting on children's wellbeing and mental health held last week. We will put the powerpoint that was presented onto our website as it does have some useful links and thought provoking ideas for parents and carers.

Mrs Frances Burns
Acting Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary!

5 November –	
17 December	Blenheim Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **
6 December	Years 5 and 6 at CLP Advent Service in Somerton
7 December	PTA Christmas Colouring competition
10 December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (costumes in school please)
10 December	Messy Church
11 December	KS1 Nativity – 2pm afternoon performance
12 December	KS1 Nativity – 6pm evening performance
12 December	Reception – Year 5 flu vaccinations
13 December	Christmas Lunch

Children can wear Christmas accessories



14 December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Children can wear Christmas jumpers & give a voluntary donation
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19 December	Phase 2 Parents Open afternoon 2 -3pm and 3.30 – 4pm
20 December	Carol Service 2pm at St Andrew’s Church
21 December	Last day of term

Children can wear own/party clothes

14 January – 4 March	Camelot Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **
17 January	Cross Country 3 at Huish
8 February	PTA Disco
25 February	PTA Book Fair all week
28 February	Maigold Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **
12 March	Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC
14 March	Cross Country 5 at Curry Mallet
19 March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC
3 June to 15 July	Pippin Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **



Class Cup winners

In **Pippin**: *“Belle Routledge for some amazing addition work.”*

In **Maigold**: *“Clemmie Pember for her excellent story map plan for our instruction text.”*

In **Gala**: *“Harry Davies for working super hard on his handwriting at school and at home. Keep it up!”*

In **Camelot**: *“George Limm for his helpful and hard working attitude.”*

In **Blenheim**: *“Paige Ponting for excellent progress in maths this week.”*

Forest School Award – *Sam Tucker for a great gloop experiment.*

Lunchtime Award – *Teon Paul-Page for excellent behaviour at lunchtime.*

Little Pips Star of the week – *Alex Smith for being so kind and caring when visiting Immacolata House.*

For parents of Reception to Year 5 children

Somerset SAINT (school aged immunisation nursing team) will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12 December to administer the nasal spray flu vaccination. If you have given permission for your child to have the vaccination please could you inform the school if any of the below apply to your child:

- if your child is wheezy on the day of vaccination, or has been wheezy in the three days prior to this date
- is asthmatic and has had to increase his or her asthma medication since you returned the consent form
- if there are any other changes in your child’s health since you returned the consent form
- if your child has already received the flu vaccine via their GP recently, it is **really important** that you inform the school otherwise your child may be immunised again because Somerset SAINT may still hold a consent form for them. Many Thanks.

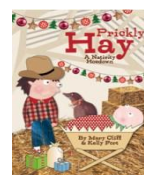


PTA Quiz Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined the PTA Quiz last Friday evening. Over 60 people enjoyed the quiz, ploughman's supper and delicious puddings. An amazing £395.00 was made which match-funded takes our total raised to a fantastic **£1180.00!!!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped - Suzanne, Alan, Louise, Neil, Amanda, Georgie, Laura, Ben, Sarah, Mel and our star waiters - Zac, George, Grace, Alex, Violet, Jake, Tom and Harry.

Our Nativity this year is:



“Prickly Hay”

by Mary Cliff & Kelly Fort

An exciting new nativity with a fun hoedown flavour, featuring Sam, a hardworking stable boy, his faithful friend Shrew and some very special visitors.

Tuesday 11 December at 2pm and Wednesday 12 December at 6pm in the School Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE NOW!

Friends of Langport Library Christmas card competition

Entry Forms may be collected from Langport Library, otherwise use your own A5 sheet.



Please paint or draw your card, using any colours or materials. It can be either portrait or landscape.

There are two age groups, 3-7 years, 8-12 years. Entry is FREE. The closing date is Saturday 15th December, 2018.

There will be prizes in each age group, and in addition, the two winning entries will be printed as 2019 Christmas cards sold in aid of Friends of Langport Library.