

Weekly Diary

Sunday 15 December

6pm Carol service at St Andrews's church, Curry Rivel

Monday 16 December

No clubs today

Tuesday 17 December

After school: Netball club Years 4-6

Wednesday 18 December

During school: Maigold and Gala class parents viewing projects

No clubs today

Thursday 19 December

During school: Christmas lunch

During school: Christmas service at St Andrew's church at 2pm

Friday 19 December

End of term!

Christmas Services for the United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell



Wednesday 18 December

Thursday 19 December

Tuesday 24 December

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Wednesday 25 December

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Carols in the Crown at the Crown Inn, Fivehead 7pm

School Carol service at St Andrew's, Curry Rivel 2pm

Fivehead Crib Service 4pm

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Curry Rivel Midnight communion Service 11.15pm

Swell Christmas day communion service 8.30pm

Fivehead All Age Family Christmas service 10.30am

Dates for your Diary!

23 December – 6 January

7 January

14 February

17 February – 21 February

6 April – 17 April

25 May – 29 May

17 July

School Holidays

Return to school

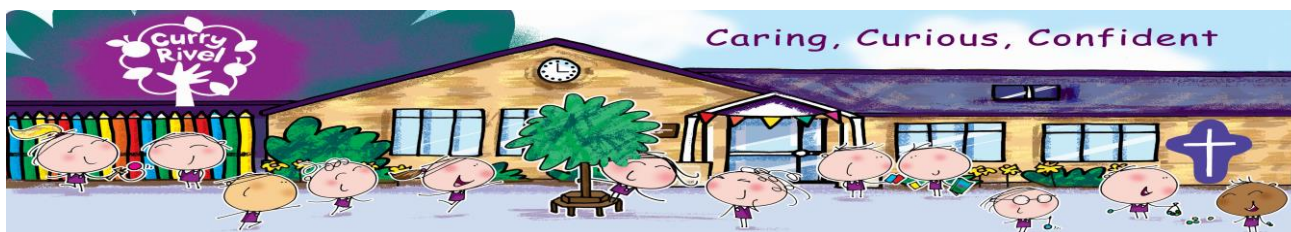
Inset day

Half term

Easter holidays

Half term

Break up for summer holidays



Dear Parents and Carers

December already, this term is certainly passing us by at great speed and for the governors it has been particularly busy.

In addition to our normal meetings and monitoring visits and background work that we do on a regular basis, this term has involved the recruitment process of our new headteacher. As a board of governors, this is the single most important task we have to perform: we have to make the right decision - our children and school deserve the very best.

This as you can imagine is a lengthy and complex process and we were delighted to have such a high calibre of candidates apply. After a two-day intense interview process, we are now in a position to inform you all that we have appointed our new headteacher.

Mrs Ali Pook will be joining us in April 2020 and we are thrilled with her accepting the position. Mrs Pook is an experienced headteacher who is bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise with her. Governors were impressed by her ability to provide a calm, concise approach, and her vision to drive our school forward whilst maintaining our school ethos and strengthening our links with the church and local community.

Mrs Burns has done a fantastic job and will be missed by the children, staff, governors and parents and we are truly grateful for all her hard work and the commitment she has shown to our school. I am sure Mrs Burns, and indeed Mr Burns, will be preparing for a well-deserved break in the not too distant future!

On that note, the board of governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs Charlene Hunsperger

Chair of Governors

Welcome from our new PFSA, Suzy Wedley

A Parent and Family Support Adviser (PFSA) can support you and your family if you are experiencing difficulties which may be having an effect on your child's education. Once referred to me, I can:

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| • Give a listening ear | Provide a friendly, supportive service |
| • Support families in crisis aiming to empower them | Be an advocate for parents/carers and children always |
| • Arrange to meet you at your home or school | Work 1:1 with children |
| | Book appointments at times convenient to you |

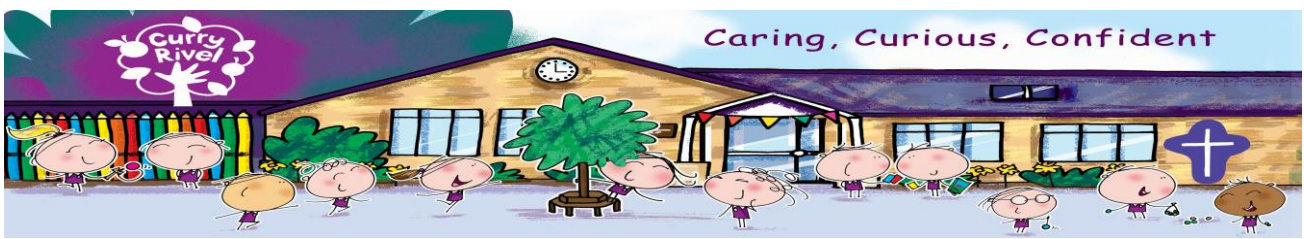
Difficulties can include: Housing Benefits, Health issues, Relationships, Family issues, Behaviour, Parenting, Attendance, Bullying, Mental Health, Emotional Health, Drug/Alcohol misuse, Sexual Health - anything which may have an effect on your child's education. I also have a twitter feed and blog to support parents and children's mental and emotional well-being.

- Twitter: @HuishCLPPFSA

Blog: www.huishCLPPPrimaryPFSA.home.blog

Suzy Wedley

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time in the term, I look back on so many positive moments from this term:

~ the super nativity, performed with such confidence and verve, by Pippin, Maigold and Gala classes with the additional help of the Y3 singers. A huge thank you to Mrs Batchelor, Miss Kilner and Miss Yarde for all their creative ideas, organisational skills and abilities to inspire the children to give their best performances. The teaching assistants, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Patten and Mrs Myhill, generously gave of their time and enthusiasm and I know were key to the success. Ms Wilde was the creator of the great backdrop and it is such an asset to have someone who can provide that level of artistry. Thank you to all these staff and congratulations to all the children!

~ the children of Year 5 and 6 wowing the CLP schools and parents with their superb performance at the Carol Service last Monday. We were thrilled to have parents of other schools telling us that 'Curry Rivel were stunning!' and 'You ended the service with the most brilliant performance'. Miss Tucker's and Mr Bridgeman's musical skills and enthusiasm really showed and the children's singing was really spine-tingling!

~ thank you to all the parents who have come in to share their children's work. All the children get really excited about these afternoons and it is lovely to see the progress that they have made and their pride in their work. The Maigold and Gala's afternoon is this Wednesday – do come if you possibly can.

~ the success of the Open Morning to welcome the 'new' 2020 parents in to see the school. Our transition between the nursery and Pippin class is even stronger this year with more events planned for both children and adults.

~ the progress the children have made in their learning. Over the last couple of weeks, the governors, subject leaders and I have spent focussed time in the classrooms; studied children's books; looked at the impact of the teaching over time. It is key to my work as headteacher that I understand how each child is getting on – socially and academically. I really enjoy being outside at lunchtimes to chat to children and see how they're getting on and it helps me to better understand each child's viewpoint.

~ The greater range of clubs: we are very grateful to Mrs Turner for running the popular art club and it was lovely to have a science club too. If you have a particular skill and would be happy to share it, do please let us know. The children are really keen to have a soft toy/sewing club – can anyone help us?!

~ The PTA's hard work in so many areas – the tea towels, the Christmas mall, the discos, the Christmas raffle. All this voluntary work helps your children to have better resources and our main push at the moment is for the new playground equipment. Many thanks to the PTA!

Finally, I hope that many of you will join us for the end of term Carol Service which will be led by the Year 6 children. Your support adds to our great sense of community and is really appreciated by us all.

Mrs Frances Burns

Acting Head teacher



Weekly Award winners

Pippin class: Freddie Smith for singing fantastically in the play and being so kind to teachers and friends.

Maigold class: Paige Willey for a fantastic dragon description.

Gala class: Arthur Banks for being a star performer in our nativity show.

Discovery class: Oliver Trott for brilliant focus and attitude to maths this week and he's listened extremely well to feedback.

Camelot class: Lily Stewart-Lake for being a super teacher in our shape focus.

Blenheim class: Georgia Epps for such thorough preparation and excellent teaching in Shapefest.

Forest School : Bobbie Gage for learning to tie knots.

Lunchtime award: Darcey Stevens for always being polite and kind at lunchtimes.

Please check your child this weekend for headlice! There have been a few reported sightings!



Swimming dates for February 2020 - July 2020



13 January – 10 February

Discovery class

Huish pool

24 February – 30 March

Gala class

Huish pool

20 April – 1 June

Maigold class

Strode pool

8 June – 13 July

Pippin class

Strode pool

Safeguarding

The safety and the happiness of each child are our school's highest priorities. We take our safeguarding duty of the children very seriously. This duty covers many aspects from neglect or physical harm to e-safety and the Prevent Duty.

If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or queries about what to do, please talk to Mrs Jo Ward, our designated safeguarding lead or Miss Hollie Westlake, our deputy safeguarding lead or phone for advice or to report a concern to Somerset Direct on 0300 1232224