



Weekly Diary

Sunday 29 September

10.00am All Age Communion service at St Catherine's church, Swell

Monday 30 September

During school: Blenheim Class swimming

After school: Fun football club Years 1 -3

After school: Year 5 / 6 Football and Netball Leagues (wk 2) at Huish Academy

Tuesday 1 October

After school: Netball club Years 4 - 6

After school: Gymnastics club Years 1 – 6

After School: Fizz Pop Science club

After school: KS1 Fun Run at Long Sutton

Wednesday 2 October

During school: Years 4 and 5 Kilve residential trip

After school: Tag Rugby club Years 3- 6

Thursday 3 October

During school: Years 4 and 5 Kilve residential trip

After school: Art club

After school: Cross Country 1 at Hambridge

Friday 4 October

During school: Years 4 and 5 Kilve residential trip

2.40pm Celebration Assembly

After school: Football club Years 4 – 6

Sunday 6 October

11.15am All Age Harvest celebration at St Martin's church, Fivehead

6pm Harvest Songs of Praise at St Andrew's church, Curry Rivel

Annuals and comics

Do you have any annuals, joke books or comics that you no longer want? Now is the time to clear your clutter and donate them to the school! As part of encouraging children to read, we are hoping that having fun resources will hook some children in. All we ask is that they are suitable for primary age children and are in reasonable condition. We look forward to receiving them in school. Many thanks indeed.



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

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school and I have seen some wonderful work being done in every class.

You might have noticed that we have some changes happening to our site this week. Our access control system will be going live on Monday. The front gates will be open for you to drop your children off in the mornings and collect in the afternoons at normal school finish time and for after school clubs. At all other times, they will remain locked. Simply buzz through to the office to gain access at another during the day! As you leave the site, you will need to use the buzzer again and a member of staff will release the front gate for you. When using the system, please stand slightly back from the panel so that we can clearly see you. This new system is to ensure the safety of all our children. I appreciate that it might take some time to get used to it but should work smoothly in time.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Benton for all her dedication and hard work as our Chair of Governors over the last eighteen months. I personally have really valued her advice and support. We are delighted that she is staying on as vice chair and working alongside our new Chair, Mrs Hunsperger.

We are all very excited about the year 4 and 5 residential trip to Kilve next week. If any of you still have paperwork to complete, please do hand it into the office on Monday and I look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with the children.

Mrs Frances Burns

Acting Head teacher

Notices from our PTA

The PTA Annual General Meeting is taking place on Monday the 21st October at 7:30pm in the school staff room. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this year's AGM please!

Bonfire night themed Disco	Friday 8th November 2019
Spring Disco	Friday 28th February 2020
Summer Disco	Friday 5th June 2020
Book Fair	Week beginning 24 February 2020

We will be arranging tea towels and eco-bags to be made in school and they will be on sale later this year to tie in with Christmas. We will be having the usual Christmas raffle also!



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' (Joshua, 1:9)

We are now reaching the end of September, and seemingly Autumn has well and truly made its entrance with the change in the weather and the evenings are starting to draw in. It is so lovely to see how well all the children have settled in to their new class rooms and along with the brand-new Reception year group we have welcomed some new faces amongst our fantastic staff team.

This school year the Governing Body will be working hard to further develop and embed the changes and improvements we made across the school in 2018/19. We want to ensure Curry Rivel Primary School continues to see good progress in all year groups and offer the opportunity for every child to reach their full potential in both learning and childhood development.

The most important job for the Governors this year will be recruiting and appointing a new substantive Head Teacher. Mrs Burns is doing a superb job in supporting the school through a challenging period and has committed to continue working with us as Acting Head until we have found the right person to join and lead our school. We have been working very hard developing an attractive job advert and job description to encourage high quality applicants. That advert is due to be published soon. For that reason, there may well be prospective applicants visiting our school to get a feel of the wonderful atmosphere everyone in the school has worked so hard to develop. I know you will make them very welcome

Continuing the subject of change and new school year, I have taken the difficult decision to step down from my position as Chair of Governors. When I took on the role our school was in a very different place, and over the past 18 months, I am so pleased to have been able to support and steer everyone across a bumpy road. Being a Chair of Governors at a local primary school is both one of the most challenging and rewarding voluntary roles available in the community. With it brings the need to be able to dedicate enough time to give the school the support it deserves. During the past few months, my day job has become increasingly more demanding with additional travel and meetings across the South West and am no longer able to do justice to the position. I am very pleased to inform you that at our meeting of the Full Governing Body on Tuesday 24th September we have unanimously appointed Mrs Charlene Hunsperger as our new Chair of Governors. Many of you will already know Mrs Hunsperger from Apple Trees and as a parent, and her 4 children have been pupils at Curry Rivel. Mrs Hunsperger brings experience of being a Parent Governor at Curry Rivel for the past 3 years as well as being a Parent Governor at another school before moving to the village. I will be supporting Mrs Hunsperger as Vice Chair and will continue in my role supporting Mrs Ward as SEND and Pupil Premium Governor to ensure our most vulnerable learners are supported to achieve their potential.

That just leaves me to thank you all for your support over the past 18 months. I have learned a lot personally but could not have done it without all the Governors pulling together to work as a team. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to this term with residential trips to Kilve and Bristol for Key Stage 2 as well as our annual Harvest Festival. We will also be welcoming the school nurses into school on 24th October to deliver the annual flu vaccinations, which for the first time will be available to all children from Reception to Year 6; which helps protect all the children and our community from spreading nasty flu viruses around to keep everyone well.

Best wishes to all of you,

Mrs Lynne Benton



Weekly Award winners

Pippin class: Alex Smith for being a super mathematician trying his very best.

Maigold class: Leo Bristow for working really hard with his reading.

Gala class: Summer Limm for being so helpful, welcoming and a super role model in class.

Discovery class: Sophia Coleman Turner for a brilliant piece of descriptive writing and really trying to make considered word choices.

Camelot class: Isla Uniacke for her fantastic free verse poem.

Blenheim class: Alexis Champion for excellent progress with her handwriting.

Forest School: Alex Campo for really use good use of the hammer and nails when making his wooden house.

Little Pips star of the week: George Hoare for beautiful manners.

Lunchtime award: Seb Smith for always being so jolly and playing happily at lunchtime.

Dates for your Diary!

7 October

10 October
 11 October
 15 October
 16 – 18 October
 22 and 24 October
 25 October
 28 October - 1 November
 5 November
 11 November
 11 December
 12 December
 19 December
 23 December – 3 January
 6 January
 7 January
 14 February
 17 February – 21 February
 6 April – 17 April
 8 May
 25 May – 29 May
 17 July
 20 July

Tempest individual photograph: **changed******

Cross Country 2 Long Sutton ****new****
 MacMillan coffee morning
 Harvest festival service
 Year 6 residential trip to Bristol
 Parents evening meetings
 Inset day
 Half term
 Sports Hall Athletics Years 5 and 6 ****new****
 Messy Church
 Nativity (afternoon)
 Nativity (evening)
 Christmas service at St Andrew's
 School Holidays
 Inset day
 Return to school
 Inset day
 Half term
 Easter holidays
 Bank holiday
 Half term
 Break up for summer holidays
 Inset day



Swimming dates for September 2019 - July 2020



9 September – 14 October	Blenheim class	Huish pool
21 October – 2 December	Camelot class	Huish pool
9 December – 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

News from the School Representatives:



Last Monday, the Eco Champions, the Digital Leaders and the School Councillors met to discuss their ideas for improving the school.

The School Councillors would appreciate donations of:

- Bunting to go outside to make an area for younger children
- Puppets and possibly a puppet theatre
- Any soft or plastic balls, large or small, as the playground ones go over the fence or get punctured

The Eco Champions have requested:

- A large kitchen bin to collect crisp packets: has anyone got one that they no longer need. It doesn't need to be 'new'!
- Apples from the school will be sold for donations from parents and carers
- They will be sending home information about creating Eco Bricks to make a shelter in the school grounds. Watch this space!



The Digital Leaders created the



following advice for all our children:

Using Technology Safely

We agree to:

- **not tell anyone else our passwords and user name apart from our parents or carers**
- **only search on the internet for things we have been told to**
- **follow school rules when using technology and the internet**

To keep ourselves safe we will:

- **never give out any personal details about ourselves over the internet**
- **never use the internet to find scary things**
- **tell an adult if we see something we think we shouldn't have**
- **be careful about the information we read on the internet because it might not be true**
- **never reply to messages from strangers**
- **ask an adult if we are unsure about clicking on a link**
- **turn off the screen and tell a teacher or an adult if any pictures or words make me feel uncomfortable**
- **never meet up with someone we don't know**

Our teachers must:

- **check search keywords and use child-friendly search engines**
- **show us how to stay safe on the internet**

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