



Weekly Update: 31st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and I hope that you manage to have a rest with your family and an opportunity to (safely) meet with people you have not been able to see for long while. Yesterday, we enjoyed celebrating Easter with a virtual service led by Rev Scott, where the children shared their knowledge and understanding of the various days in 'Holy Week'. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday- Would you know the answers to these?

- No. 1 - Jesus riding a donkey - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday?
- No. 2 - Jesus shares broken bread and wine - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday?
- No. 3 - The crowds shouted 'Hosanna' - which day did that happen on?
- No. 4 - The crowds shouted 'Crucify him'
- No. 5 - Jesus washes his disciples feet - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday?
- No. 6 - A crown of thorns
- No. 7 - Cloaks laid down on the road - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday?
- No. 8 - Jesus prays and Judas betrays
- No. 9 - Daytime darkness for 3 hours - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday?

Easter Eggstravaganza

The children have enjoyed Mr Bridgeman's inter-house competition this week. Congratulations to the winning house, Mendip! Thank you to Mr Hardy and Langport One Stop for donating the Easter eggs which have been given to each of the children today. Big Egg winners:

Pippin: Finley, Maisy W

Maigold: Emily, Henry

Gala: James, Sienna

Discovery: Joseph, Clemmy

Camelot: Jess, Harry J

Blenheim: Sophie E, Thomas C

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Design a New School Banner for Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School

We have a new school vision, so we need a new school banner. The banner will be displayed on our school website, in the entrance of the school and will be taken with the school to events like Remembrance Sunday, the village fete, Wells Cathedral and other places. Mrs Shirley Churchill, a retired teacher and a member of Swell Church, is a gifted embroiderer and will select design ideas to inspire the banner she will make for our school. If your child's design is selected, they will meet Mrs Churchill and discuss the making of the banner. Every pupil submitting an entry will receive 5 merits. They need to submit their design on A4 paper, with their full name on the back by Friday 23rd April. (Full details can be found on Google Classroom, on our Facebook Page and is also attached to this email)

Contact tracing during the Easter break

The government have asked schools to contact trace during the early part of the break. What this means is that schools will assist with notifying families if their child or a school colleague is determined to be a close contact of a person with a confirmed positive Covid-19 test result.

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, up to 8th April, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (by 2nd April)**, the school is asked to assist in contact tracing and passing on instructions to self-isolate, as the individual identified may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Covid out of hours: If you or your child have a COVID positive result, contact the headteacher immediately on alpook@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Leave a contact number in your message and I will respond as quickly as I can. I will check for messages each morning.
- Where a student or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being at school, (2nd April onwards)** the school does not need to be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- School staff are not required to contact trace from the 8th April onwards.

Avoiding an Easter Slump

For children across the country, the Easter holidays are a welcome opportunity to take a deep breath and relax after a challenging period. To support our children in 'keeping up' and being ready for the summer term, it is vital that you help keep your children's reading ticking over the break- this may include sharing stories, reading to your children and listening to your child read. Thank you.

Looking Forward

During the summer term, we would normally be looking forward to the usual summertime events of sports day, class trips etc. We will still be expected to work within the current restrictions, and although we have plans to adapt events it would be fair to say that such events won't be 'normal'. We will be cautious and bring things back as appropriate. I will ensure that children experience some of the fun and tradition of the summer term, but we have to be realistic about what is possible and 'safe'. Even beyond the 21st June, it is expected that we will still have to work within restrictions.

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We are interested in your views on the pros and cons of the way the school has operated during this past year. Please share your views here: <https://forms.gle/fEWrxAA6xpTScr188>
(Sorry this link did not work last week).

Award winners for this week

Class cup:

Pippin: Rosie
Maigold: Emily
Gala: Seb
Discovery: Arthur
Camelot: Isabelle
Blenheim: Cohen

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Herbie
Maigold: Lexi-Mae
Gala: Olivia
Discovery: Sophie
Camelot: Lexi
Blenheim: Karl

Headteacher awards:

50 Merit Certificates:

Finley (Pippin)

100 Merit Certificates:

Stanley (Gala), Connie (Discovery), Lottie (Camelot)

Well being tip for the week

Try not to eat all the chocolate in one go...

Have a restful weekend.

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