



Weekly Update: 7th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we nurture our children to become 'Caring, Curious and Confident' young people. We have chosen a tree with its leaves and fruit to symbolise our school vision and values. The tree represents the school, rooted to the village community and local area. The leaves, our 'Caring, Curious and Confident' children, and the fruit, our school's core Christian values. It is only by working together with you will our children thrive and grow, so we are very thankful to you for attending parents' evenings this week. We apologise for any technical hitches which may have occurred. Teachers will be following up with any families with whom contact was not made. Regarding the recent issues we have been having with 'the Internet', I can assure you that we are following this up with our provider- it would seem that all schools in the local area are currently having problems.

Important Letter Regarding Classes for September

Please read the attached letter regarding class structure for September 2021.

Road Safety

Thank you to all of you who take great care in travelling to school- many of you are able to walk, which is great. I appreciate others have no choice but to drive. I know that many of you share my concerns and frustration caused by inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving around the school, particularly around the village green. The safety of the children is my absolute priority and an accident is possible if this continues. In addition, I have had irate neighbours calling the school with stories of blocked drives and inaccessible roads. Please may I ask that you give yourselves more time so that you can park further from the school if necessary. Parking on the zig-zags outside school is not acceptable. The local PCSOs will visit the village if this continues. To build some capacity in the village car-park, a limited number of staff cars will be parked in the school carpark and I encourage you to contact the school if you wish for your child to cycle to school- this will help us plan safe cycle storage.

Mobile Phones

A few older children, with special permission, bring a mobile phone to school. The phones are looked after by the school office during the school day. The children have been reminded not to use their phones on the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day; in the mornings, once pupils have sent the text or made the call they need to make, phones should be popped away into pockets and should not be on show. Please support us in ensuring phones are not used to take photos, to engage with social media or play games at the beginning (or indeed end of the school day).

St Andrews Fete 17th July - help requested

Each year, members of St Andrews church run a fete on the village green. It is a lovely opportunity for the community to come together and always includes some involvement of children from the school. This year, we would like to run a couple of stalls which some Primary School parents may be ideally placed to help us with. Getting involved is a great way to meet people you may not know and to contribute to village life. Proceeds go to St Andrew's church and all stall-holders have a voucher for the tea stall. **Hair colouring or Face painting:** Do you have experience in either of these? Materials will be provided, there is a short set-up time in the morning and the stall runs 2-4.30. A team of two would be ideal. **Guess the baby weight:** Do you have a new baby or are you

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expecting one very soon? This game involves being present at the fete 2-4.30, with a flag on your pram, and allowing people to stop and coo over your baby, guess their weight and enter their guess on a form (baby needs weighing beforehand!) If you think you could help, please contact Rowan Patterson on 01458 250480 or contact the school office. Thank you!

Somerset Day

It is 'Somerset Day' on Tuesday 11th May. Children will have a session in their classes and in assembly to learn about our amazing county. The children can get ahead with some of the key facts by looking at the presentation on Google Classroom and they can sign up for a Pooky Somerset Quiz which will take place towards the end of May.

PTA Silly Spoons

Thank you for all the amazing entries, which have raised £97.50. The PTA have provided wonderful prizes for our winners and have kindly given all the children a special sweets treat for the weekend. The winning creative designers are:

Pippin: Isabelle-Faith

Maigold: Seth

Gala: Miila

Discovery: Taylor

Camelot: Rylee

Blenheim: Ivy

The PTA are also planning a 'Break the Rules' day for Friday 28th May- watch this space for more details.

PTA funds are supporting the building of our Daily Mile track, which we hope to be constructed this term- details will follow.

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Ali Pook and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mrs Jo Ward. Our safeguarding governor is Mrs Charlene Hunsperger. Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/>

<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always

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contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27

Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

On-Line Safety

Roblox is something of a conundrum. On the one hand, it teaches game design and encourages creativity; on the other, it's dogged by reports of adult content and online predators. The game's makers endeavour to preserve a family-friendly environment, but given that most Roblox players are under the age of 13, the worries of parents and carers are easily understandable. Click on the link below to access a parent's guide that will bring you some tips and advice for enabling children to enjoy Roblox more safely. The guide explains how you can set up parental controls, where you can go to block or report other players who are being offensive, and what changes Roblox is making to reduce the risks to young users. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/roblox-2021>

SEND

This week's SEND weekly newsletter is now available - please click on the link below:

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th May: Somerset Day
Friday 14th May: Pjamarama
w/b 17th May: Year 6 cycling awareness
Wednesday 26th May: Inter-house sport competition
Friday 28th May: Break the Rules day PTA fundraiser
Thursday 10th June: Class photos
31st May-4th June: Half term
w/b 28th June: Assessment week
Wednesday 7th July New classes morning
Friday 9th July: Road safety day
Tuesday 13th July: Sports day (Details to follow)
Thursday 15th July: Year 6 'production' (TBC)
Saturday 17th July: Village fete
w/b 5th July: Year 6 activities week (TBC)
w/b 19th June: Reports out to parents
Tuesday 20th July: Sports day reserve
Wednesday 21st July: Leaver's service (TBC)
Friday 23rd July: End of year assembly
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Award winners for this week

Class cup:

Pippin: Archie T
Maigold: Owen B
Gala: Billy
Discovery: Sophie
Camelot: Rylee
Blenheim: Isla

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Ailsa
Maigold: Dylan
Gala: Jack
Discovery: Taylor
Camelot: Zac
Blenheim: Cohen

50 Merit Certificates:

Jacob B, James P

100 Merit Certificates:

Mia Rose, Olivia H, Taylor, Katie, Esther, Ivy, Chloe, Sienna, Sophie H

Special mention:

Millie C: For completing the 'Junior Park Run'

Well-Being Tip of the week

Watch a film! (Or if not a film fan listen to music or lose yourself in a book for the length of time it takes a film to play out). Cinemas opening soon!

Have a restful weekend.

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