



## Weekly Update: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### End of Term Events

Earlier in the term, I gave you an outline of the end of term events and informed you that they might not be happening in the 'normal' way. Now we have had the recent COVID Roadmap update from the Government, there is adjusted guidance for schools. I have also met with other Somerset Headteachers to share our plans so that we can support one another in the way we continue to manage our schools in the ever-changing COVID climate. The number of rising infections in Somerset reminds us all that this pandemic is not over.

Our priority, as ever, is the safety and well-being of all, and the reduction of risk of infections spreading. Bearing all of these factors in mind, I outline below how 'events' will be organised:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** New Reception parents' evening: Virtual via 'Teams'

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** New classes morning: Teachers will meet their new classes for an hour, with current bubbles separated within classes, and (weather permitting) outside.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Road safety day: Children will be doing workshops in class bubbles

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports day: Pupils only. Reception and Key Stage One in the morning and Key Stage Two in the afternoon. Pupils will watch from defined bubble areas and will compete with pupils from within their bubble (rather than Year group).

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 'production': This will be recorded and shared with parents

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Village fete: Cancelled (So please hold on to second hand uniform)

**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 activities week: All activities to take place as planned.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Leavers' service: Pupils only

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** End of year assembly: Pupils only

We would like to have been able to invite parents/carers to these key events and we recognise how important it is especially for those that are leaving. We do however have to follow the guidance and in light of increasing cases in Somerset, we have a responsibility to put safety first. Although disappointing for all of us, I really appreciate your support and understanding. For our amazing and ever-adaptable children, these events will be their 'normal'.



## RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) Parent Consultation

As a part of your child's educational experience at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. As you may already be aware, the Department for Education announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements by September 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-andsex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Consequently, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age, physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus.

We are currently in unprecedented times however as a school community, which makes it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have attached our draft policy and ask that, once read, you click on this link to answer the following questions by Monday 21st June: <https://forms.gle/7FU+DC3tWh7zx9pR8>

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1. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSHE Policy?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSHE Curriculum Outline?
3. Are there any additional comments you would like to make?

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback, the updated Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website.

### Daily Mile

The children are really enjoying their daily run. During this hot weather we have been restricting the duration of their runs. Some feedback from the pupils:

*"I like to do the daily mile because you get fresh air and I like running." Harriet, Year 4*

*"I like it because I like being outdoors." Arthur, Year 3*

*"I like it because it isn't competitive." Harry, Year 4*

*"It makes me tired and I can go to sleep earlier." Teon, Year 4*

*"It helps me focus on my learning afterwards." Cayden, Year 4*

*"It is fun and we can walk or run." Bobbie, Year 1.*

At the beginning of the year, parents/carers were asked to ensure school footwear would be comfortable for running. At playtimes, children often run for longer than the Daily Mile in their school shoes, so it is important that their shoes are appropriate for this! As the Daily Mile is meant to be a quick activity lasting 5-10 minutes, it isn't realistic or manageable to 'change' into alternative footwear. I know some girls are wearing ballet style pumps- please may I advise that they wear shoes with a strap or bar, or are otherwise comfortable for running.

### Tempest Photography

The recent Group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at <http://htmp.st/CurryRivelCEPrim>

There will be a "deliver to school" option open for approx. 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

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### **Parking**

Thank you to those of you who are parking safely and responsibly. There have been reports of cars being parked dangerously on corners which is causing concern and creating unnecessary risk to others.

### **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**

w/b 28<sup>th</sup> June: Assessment week

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Children meeting new teacher

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Road safety day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Sports day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 'production'

w/b 5<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 activities week

w/b 19<sup>th</sup> June: Reports out to parents

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Sports day reserve

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Leaver's service

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: End of year assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Last day of term

### **Award winners for this week**

#### **Class cup:**

Pippin: Archie P

Maigold: Seth

Gala: Billy

Discovery: Teon

Camelot: George P

Blenheim: Sam

#### **Lunchtime awards:**

Gala: Darcy J

Discovery: Clemmie

Camelot: Lottie

Blenheim: Miley



**100 Merit Certificates:**

Pippin: Elliot, Azalea

Maigold: Darcy J, Anna, Ruth

Gala: Noah

**150 Merit Certificates**

Gala: James

Black Ninja handwriting (Pen licence): Oscar R (Camelot)

**Well-being tip for the week:**

Listen to 'Just one thing with Michael Mosely': Surprisingly simple ways to boost your health and wellbeing - in one easy step. This podcast is about 'Counting our blessings':

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000wshm>

Have a restful weekend.

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