



Weekly Update: 25th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Miss Yarde and I enjoyed welcoming parents and carers of new reception children to the school this week; we held a virtual parents' evening on Wednesday and it was well attended. It does not seem long ago that we were welcoming our current Pippin families to Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School-how time flies!

September Classes

Your child will bring home a letter for you today regarding classes for September. For new Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, I have worked closely with the teachers and support staff to create the classes. The factors we try to take into account are: numbers of pupils, gender balance, attainment, SEND needs, class dynamics, peers children work well with and friendships. Meetings and discussions are held over a period of time to establish the classes. This is a complex operation and, unfortunately, it is not possible to consult with parents and children; it is difficult to please everyone, but I ask parents/carers to respect our professional judgement. Please note that it will not be possible to guarantee that friendship groups will be kept together. **Also, classes cannot be changed once parents/carers and children have been informed.**

It is really important that parents/carers and pupils don't perceive the split year groups as pupils 'moving up' and 'staying down'- children will not be held back! The ways in which learning and teaching are organised in primary schools means that teaching and work is tailored to the needs and current achievement levels of each and every individual pupil. The staff at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary school are very experienced at planning and delivering work to match the needs of mixed age learning. They provide challenge for the more able children and support for those needing more help no matter which year group or class they are currently in.

COVID Update

We cannot ignore the current escalating situation. Locally, schools have had cases of infections and indeed two Taunton primary schools have had to close. The Department of Education have just published a new 'COVID-19 Contingency Framework' for schools and we are adhering to this guidance. As part of outbreak management responsibilities, local authorities may advise individual settings or a cluster of closely linked settings to limit attendance:

- If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children in reception, year 1 and year 2 should still be allowed to attend.
- If, by exception, attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical workers should still be allowed to attend.

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I truly hope this contingency won't be needed, but I felt that you should be aware of this possibility.

Reading Books

Thank you to all of you who have donated books to the school- we still welcome donations of good quality books which are in good condition.

RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) Parent Consultation

Thank you for your response to the consultation; the outcomes are outlined below:

1. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSHE Policy?
100% 'No'
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSHE Curriculum Outline?
100% 'No'
3. Are there any additional comments you would like to make?
100% 'No'

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.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on contact us on the home page.

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 28th June: Assessment week

Wednesday 7th July: Children meeting in new classes

Friday 9th July: Road safety day

Tuesday 13th July: Sports day

Thursday 15th July: Year 6 'production'

w/b 5th July: Year 6 activities week

Friday 16th July: PTA fundraiser- Festival day (Info to follow)

w/b 19th June: Reports out to parents

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Tuesday 20th July: Sports day reserve

Wednesday 21st July: Leaver's service

Friday 23rd July: End of year assembly

Friday 23rd July: Last day of term

Award winners for this week

Class cup:

Pippin: Finley

Maigold: Anna

Gala: Finley

Discovery: Yusef

Camelot: Ella

Blenheim: Mason

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Oscar

Maigold: Henry

Gala: Brooke

Discovery: Joseph

Camelot: James M

Blenheim: May

100 Merit Certificates:

Camelot: Ella, Amy, Zac

150 Merit Certificates

Pippin: Rosie

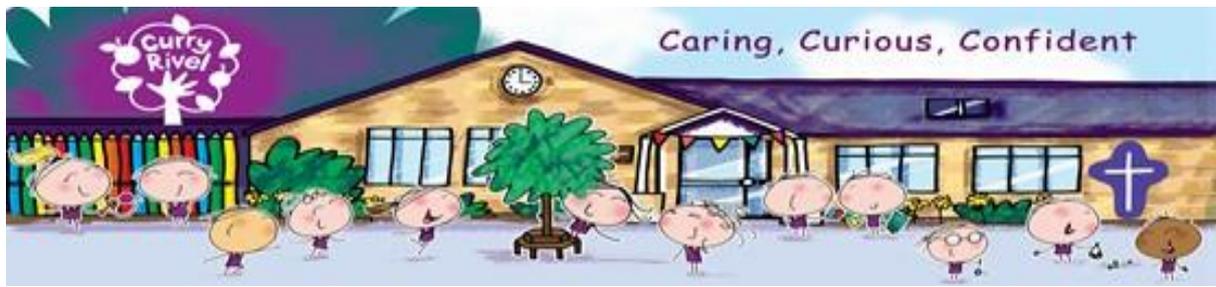
Headteacher award

Elliot (Pippin) and Alex S (Maigold)

Have a restful weekend.

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