



Weekly Update: 8th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

EASTER HOLIDAY (11th-22nd April)

Monday 25th April: First day of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday

w/b 9th May: Year 6 SATS tests

Friday 13th May: PTA disco & Pjamarama

HALF TERM (30th May-3rd June)

Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee (School Closed)

Thursday 9th June: Class photos

w/b 27th June: Assessment week

28th June- 1st July: Year 6 Residential to Huish Woods

Thursday 7th July: Year 7 Transition Day & New classes morning

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day

Friday 15th July: Reserve Sports Day

w/b 18th July: Reports out to parents

Wednesday 20th July: Leavers' service (TBC)

Friday 22nd July: End of year assembly

Friday 22nd July: Last day of term

Monday 25th July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26th July: INSET Day

INSET Dates for Academic Year 2022/23:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

It has been wonderful to see so many of you attending parents' evenings this week- it felt like a real treat to be able to welcome you again back into the school. Many of you commented on how welcoming it was to have tea/coffee and doughnuts (Thank you to the PTA). Also, you mentioned that it was really positive to be able to have the chance to look at your child's books at leisure without feeling rushed. If you have been unable to attend, do contact the class teacher and they will be happy to help.

Parent/Carer Survey

As Head Teacher, I am always striving for the school to be as good as it be. As I work with Board of Governors to create the School Development Plan, it is vital that we hear the voice of all stakeholders- therefore I ask that you spend a few moments completing this on-line survey- it will only take a few minutes:

<https://forms.gle/5HxUazDzoFmgeN6H8>

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Thank you volunteers

Thank you to the team of staff and parents who gave up their time on Saturday to come and help with jobs at school- a true 'act of kindness'. We had 19 people in all, contributing over 57 hours of their time- this is amazing, and many jobs were completed which otherwise would not have been done.

Staffing Update

As you know Mrs Jo Ward (SENDCO and Senior teacher) has been absent since September. We have been fortunate to have had two experienced SENDCOs to cover this important aspect of her work. However, we have not had a senior teacher to support the leadership of the school. This week, the Board of Governors have appointed Mrs Hannah van Cole as a senior teacher for the summer term. Mrs van Cole will add great strength to the on-going developments and improvements the school is making, but this will mean that she will be out of class one day a week. From the 4th May, Mrs Theresa Avery (Currently Discovery class) will be teach Gala on Wednesdays until the end of term.

Mrs Sarah Samuel will be returning from maternity leave on the 3rd May- we look forward to welcoming her back as Discovery class teacher (3 days a week).

Summer Clubs

We are delighted to be offering a range of clubs during the summer term. Details will follow after the break as we need to set these clubs up on 'SchoolMoney'. These are the clubs on offer:

Day	Club	Year Groups
Monday	Funky Feet	R/1
Monday	Rounders	5/6
Tuesday	Spanish	3/4/5/6
Wednesday	Country Dancing	2/3
Wednesday	Fizz Pop Science	3/4/5/6
Thursday	Mindfulness in the Orchard	1/2
Thursday	Athletics	3/4/5/6

On-line safety: Huggy Wuggy

A horror game character from 'Poppy Playtime' named Huggy Wuggy has been raising concerns amongst parents, police and safeguarding professionals.

There are multiple risks that can arise from children and young people being exposed to frightening content before they are prepared.

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- Added anxiety and stress - Children and young people are still growing and learning. They may not be at a level of emotional maturity that would be able to process frightening content, even if it is intentional. Horror games could hamper that growth by creating unnecessary anxiety and stress.
- Intrusive thoughts - Everyone has the 'thing that goes bump in the night.' If children play this game or watch it, the Boogeyman could easily be replaced with characters like Huggy Wuggy. This could cause children to lose focus or sleep and could interrupt family rest cycles.
- New fears - The manipulation of child-friendly items into threatening characters exploits the sense of security a child would feel around these things. They may suddenly be terrified of something that had never been a worry before.

Find out more here- <https://ineqe.com/2022/04/04/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review>

Poster Competition

Curry Rivel School and the Parish Council are joining forces to get children involved in our '**Clean up your litter**' poster competition! All pupils are invited to design a new anti-litter poster.

We're looking for colourful, unique, and inspiring poster designs that will reduce the litter problem in the village. We are hoping successful entries will be used in local notice boards and website, and will also be sent onto SSDC. Posters must be A4 size. Posters should include an anti-litter slogan. E.g. 'Take your litter home' or 'Stop the drop'. Parish Councillors will be judging the entries and prizes will be awarded. Deadline is **Friday 29th April**.

PTA

The PTA have given all pupils an Easter egg today- thank you so much. The PTA been able to extend the Jubilee artwork deadline until after the Easter holidays. They would need to be back on Monday 26th April.

Pre-loved Books

We always welcome donations of good quality second hand books for our library and book collection- thank you.

Summer Trips

We have planned some exciting class trips for the summer term (June):

Pippin: Noah's Ark: Cost Approx: £18

Maigold: Glastonbury Rural Life Museum: Cost Approx: £18

Gala: Huish Woods: Cost Approx: £15

Discovery: Huish Woods: Cost Approx: £15.50

Camelot: Huish Woods: Cost Approx: £15.50

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We are still firming up some aspects of the bookings, but thought you would appreciate knowing the costs ahead of time. You will be receiving information in the near future about our new on-line payment system (SchoolMoney). After Easter you will receive details about your child's trip and how to pay using this new on-line facility. Many of you have shared concerns around home finances, and it is a challenging time as we all incur increasing costs. We hope that by keeping trip costs down, this helps everyone.

Drayton Woods

- **Wilderwoods Easter Holiday Activities** supported by SCC Community Inclusion Team
- **Graceful Badger Forest School** offering new exciting activities
- **Woods For Well being for Adults** starting up again
- **Forest Friday Club** starting up again
- **Wilderplay** continuing

Email Hannah@wilderwoods.org for bookings Text 07970 883 264

Please note different email address for Graceful Badger Bookings

STOKE ST GREGORY TENNIS CLUB

In addition to Junior Tennis Coaching on Sunday mornings during term time, Dan our tennis coach, is running a holiday camp for juniors during the Easter break:

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP - Wednesday April 20th from 9.00am - 3.00pm. Cost will be £25 for a full day & £14 for half day (5% sibling discount).

If interested please book via Luke Andrews: Latennis@hotmail.com 07437 404242

Any other tennis enquiries to: ssgtennis@gmail.com 07956 981679 or check out our Facebook page.

Messy Church

Sunday 10th April, 3.30-5.30pm at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

Informal, includes activities, a Christian message, and food!

Please let us know if you intend to come so we can resource activities and cater accordingly.

Call/text email Helen on 07880706517/ helen@saich.co.uk with numbers or for more information.

Everyone is welcome, children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Mason

Maigold: Oscar

Gala: Riley

Discovery: Ethan

Camelot: Jack

Blenheim: Maisie

Running Rockstars: Josphe (Camelot); Toby (Discovery); Ashleigh Marie (Blenheim)

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Ethan

Maigold: Rebecca

Camelot: Joseph

Blenheim: Kyron

100 Merits

Pippin: Jason, Noah, Elliot

Maigold: Emily, Darcy J

Discovery: Arthur, Jamie Harry

Camelot: Kate, Josphe, Kahleesi

Blenheim: Chloe, Tyler, Jess, Luke, Ashleigh Marie, Alfie

Well-being tip of the week

Chill! Be intentional about making real, quality, time to switch off from work for an extended period to enable your mind and body to relax, refresh and renew (possibly with chocolate!)

Have a restful weekend.

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