



Weekly Update: 6th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We (Head Teacher, Nursery Manager and Governors) have scrutinised the new DFE guidance for schools and Early Years Provision in light of the New National Restrictions from 5 November 2020. At the beginning and end of the school day, we are not able to retain 2 metre distancing at all times (particularly on pavements and on handover). Therefore, we have taken the decision that **from Monday 9th November, face coverings should be worn by adults at drop off and collection times**. This includes parents/carers and staff. Please can I remind everyone to keep the flow going and to avoid loitering. As always, we appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school, nursery and wider community safe.

Remembrance

Although the Remembrance Service will not be happening in the usual way this Sunday, the school will be represented on Sunday on the Village Green- I will be joining Rev Scott (at a distance) with a few other representatives from other organisations to mark this important event. Please see our displays on the gates to the school- we are remembering the men who are named on the Curry Rivel War Memorial, and who would have been pupils at our school. On Armistice Day (11th November), Rev Scott will be leading a virtual Remembrance service with all the children. Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal- we have early run out of stock!

Christmas Boxes

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our charitable work- we are sending over 40 boxes to children to Eastern Europe.

Children In Need: Friday 13th November

We will be marking this event with a non-uniform day (A suggested voluntary donation of £1). No face paints please.

Maths Week England Rock Out 2020

Does your child access Times Tables Rockstars? With Amazon gift cards, certificates and glory to be won, this free online competition - exclusive to schools in England - will support our pupils in learning the times tables while having fun!

Times Tables Rockstars are on a mission to find which school/class/pupil can answer the most times tables questions correctly in England! During the competition, which runs from 07:30 GMT to 19:30 GMT each day from Monday 9th November to Saturday 14th November, every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, will contribute to their class' and their school's score.

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Events to look forward to

It is vital that we have things to look forward to at this time. I wanted to give you the heads up that there will many 'normal' Christmas events happening (just in a different way). These events include: Reception/KS1 'Nativity' to be recorded and posted for parents to view; Christmas lunch; PTA Christmas colouring competition; PTA Christmas hamper raffle; Christmas jumper day (11th December) and a Virtual Christmas service. The PTA have been working hard to arrange a surprise for all the children during the last week, but my lips are sealed...

Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

Pupils at Curry Rivel Primary School will be participating in activities 16-20 November. 'Odd socks day' will be on Monday 16th November to start this important week.

Books

Thanks to Mrs Taylor, who sold some of our old reading books, we have had extra funds to buy additional books for our Accelerated Reader system. Children have helped Mrs Samuel select the books they would like to read and these are on order.

Food Hygiene

Good news: Environmental Health completed an unannounced food hygiene assessment today- and we have been awarded five stars- a big thank you to Kiersty Andrews who manages the kitchen.

Bikes

The Village agents have a stock of donated bikes they are looking to give to people in the community across Somerset.

To get a bike individuals should call the Village Agent helpline and speak to their local village agent team on 01823 331222.

It costs £65 to have the bike reconditioned to acquire it, however, there is funding to cover this fee so the bike is **FREE** if an individual is from a low income area, lacks transport, is affected by mental health problems or has been negatively impacted by the pandemic (there is no specific cut off criteria here and it is not limited to these areas, it is just a case of them discussing their circumstances with their local Village Agent to assess their eligibility).

This project is led by Izzy Silvester, West Somerset Village Agent and Travel Lead

- <https://somersetagents.org/somerset-village-agents/>



Polite Request

I am a dog owner and I love dogs. However, please can I ask that dogs are kept off the school site including the back car-park- thank you for your co-operation.

Fortnite

Often parents ask me about the appropriateness of on-line games for certain age groups. Lots of our children play Fortnite, and it is worth noting that the official age rating is 12 years. You can find out more here:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/fortnite-battle-royale/>

SEND weekly newsletter

This week's SEND weekly newsletter, which shares some information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0-25, is available by clicking here.

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

Award winners for this week

Class cup:

Pippin: Ailsa
Maigold: Emily
Gala: Miila
Discovery: Dulcie
Camelot: Ashleigh-Marie
Blenheim: Karl

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Maisy
Maigold: Lilly Ann
Gala: James
Discovery: Blake
Camelot: Jaylon
Blenheim: Miley

50 Merit Certificates: Joseph (Discovery) & George P (Blenheim).

Headteacher award: Evie Geary

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