



## Weekly Update: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed 'democracy day' today, with all classes visiting the hall, where Mr Silver had set up voting booths. Each child has the chance to cast their vote on their ballot paper, in secret. They were voting for their favourite candidate for the school council- candidates had produced posters for the campaign, persuading voters with their ideas and promises! A special assembly and democracy lesson has added to some important learning about this important British value and adds to our rich PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) curriculum.

### Dates for your diary

W/B 15<sup>th</sup> November: Anti Bullying Week (Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- 'Odd Socks Day')  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Non-Uniform (MUFTI) Day  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Year 6 SATS information evening for parents  
 w/b 6<sup>th</sup> December: Assessment week  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle Service  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children/ PTA 'Mall' shopping day  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Closing date for Christmas colouring competition  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (2pm start TBC): Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (6pm start TBC): Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity and PTA Raffle Draw  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carol Service. Last day of term.  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January: INSET Day  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee  
 Monday 25 July: INSET Day  
 Tuesday 26 July: INSET Day

### Staff Update

We continue to wish Mrs Ward well in her recovery. In Mrs Ward's absence, I am pleased we have been able to employ two SENDCos:

- Mrs Nic van Cole who also works as SENDCo in two other local primary schools. She will be working with our team, one day a week.
- Mrs Lisa Waller who works as SENDCo in another school Somerset primary will also work one day a week.

For those children on the SEND register, parents/carers who have any queries should contact our SENDCos via the school email. If a pupil is not on the SEND register, it is important that any queries go to the class teacher as all teachers are teachers of pupils with SEND.



## On-Line Safety: Parent guide to Snap Chat

Curry Rivel School have a responsibility to ensure children are safe 'on-line'- please find out more about 'Snapchat' on our school website:

[http://www.curryrivelpriamary.co.uk/website/online\\_safety/92237](http://www.curryrivelpriamary.co.uk/website/online_safety/92237)

## Football shin pads

Many children enjoy lunchtime football in Gala, Discovery, Camelot and Blenheim classes- please can the children who play football keep some shin pads in their school bags so they can be worn for protection. (Simple slip-in shin pads can be purchased for few pounds from Amazon).

## Shoe Box Appeal

We are joining forces with St Andrew's Church in their Christmas charitable work with the 'Shoebox Appeal'. Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe. If you are interested in filling a Christmas Shoebox with gifts, please would you download the leaflet with list of items etc. from the Blythswood Care website at: [blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal](http://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal). We have to use the flat packed shoeboxes provided by the charity- **these can be collected from the school office.**

## Curry Rivel Cycle/Footpath: Initial Findings Drop-in Event

On Tuesday 9th November, between 3.30 pm and 6.30 p.m. in Curry Rivel Village Hall, Curry Rivel Parish Council will unveil the initial findings from a project to establish a family friendly, traffic safe cycle footpath to link Curry Rivel to Langport and Huish Episcopi.

## Awards

Although we were unable to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today, we are all so proud of the following pupils:

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Sonny

Maigold: George A

Gala: Paige

Discovery: Mia

Camelot: William

Headteacher:  
Mrs Ali Pook

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Blenheim: Harry D

**Running Rockstars (Daily Mile)**

Pippin: Sienna

Camelot: Logan

**Lunchtime stars**

Pippin: Millie

Maigold: Luca

Gala: Jacob

**Accelerated Reader Reading Stars: Jaylon**

Enjoy Bonfire Night!

Ali Pook

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