



## Weekly Update: 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	PTA Easter Bingo in the village hall
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Solutions Somerset. 6pm, Huish Episcopi Academy. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/9wJpahjvNjvuC3fJ6">https://forms.gle/9wJpahjvNjvuC3fJ6</a>
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Clive Pig Storyteller
<b>26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pippin and Year 6 Parents' Evenings
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Easter Treat Sale & PTA Easter raffle; Easter Service 9.15am
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Saturday Volunteer Day working on school grounds- for tea and cake!
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Maigold, Gala, Discovery and Camelot Parents' Evenings
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception Vision Screening
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline. 6pm, Huish Episcopi Academy. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/YVj1EpbvRqJKQzoF8">https://forms.gle/YVj1EpbvRqJKQzoF8</a>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Road Safety Morning with Road Safety Officer Somerset Council; PTA Festival Disco
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTA Father's Day Pop Up
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Digital Mobile Planetarium visiting school- gifted by PTA
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Escapeline workshops - Years 5 and 6
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
<b>Summer term</b>	15 April- 24 July 2024
<b>Summer INSET Day</b>	15 April 2024

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Tuesday 3rd September (Same as Huish Academy)
- Monday 4th November
- Monday 6th January (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April (Same as Huish Academy)

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### **Clive Pig Storyteller**

'Clive PiG' – aka 'Mister Storyfella' will be visiting on 26/27 March to lead shows and workshops with all classes. He is a globetrotting storyteller, poet and potato juggler. His dynamic delivery of traditional and original tales appeals to young and old, making him a popular performer in the UK and beyond. This travelling talesman has sung songs on TV in New York City, shared stories in Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, and spouted poetry at Number 10 Downing Street. Thanks to continued support of the PTA, who aim to enrich all the pupils' school lives. The PTA has a vision to fund enrichment activities across the Arts and this programme includes storytelling and drama which supports our curriculum.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Pippin and Blenheim parents/carers will be welcomed next week- our new booking system seems to have worked well. Please enter the school via the FRONT GATES. You will be greeted by House Captains who will show you where you can look at books, and will take you to your appointments. In addition, the PTA will be available with refreshments and their pre-loved uniform stall. Other class parents' evenings are after Easter- a link to the booking system will be sent next Friday.

### **Parent Governors**

Two parents have been successful in their applications to be parent governors on the School Board of Governors- there has been no need for an election as they were unopposed. Congratulations to Sarah Pead and Ellie Cain.

### **Memory Café**

On Tuesday afternoon, the choir visited the Memory Cafe in the village hall. They performed some Easter songs and pieces with enthusiasm, energy and smiles! Their singing is very much appreciated by the members of the Cafe and their carers, who wrote us a card with grateful thanks when they performed at Christmas. The choir look forward to sharing them with our school community in the Easter Service in Church. Thank you to Miss Tucker for leading our wonderful choir.

### **No Outsider Parent Information Session**

As you know, we are improving our teaching and learning around issues of diversity and discrimination with the use of 'No Outsiders's' resources. What is No Outsiders? The vision is inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people and adults for life as global citizens. Last year, Andrew Moffatt, an experienced educator, and creator of the 'No Outsiders' resources, led workshops with pupils and staff. It is paramount that future generations are able to accept differences, accept the views of others and treat each other with respect, even if they disagree. We expect the children to express their views with kindness and consideration for the feelings of others. Our key message is that we are all equal and we all belong, we are all insiders, there are no outsiders in our school. There was an open opportunity to all families this week to look at the resources at a low-key information session on Wednesday- this gave parents the chance to listen to a short presentation by the Leadership Team, and to ask questions. Feedback included:

*"Thank you for the information morning. I came thinking it was going to be very woke and pushing agendas on our children. After the workshop and seeing how No Outsiders works, this is not the case. They do not push agendas. They present children with age appropriate books/work that encourages them to take a step back and think. 'How would I feel in that situation?' Or 'finally a book that has a family like mine in it'. I'm very glad I attended as it has put my mind at ease knowing my children are being taught about multi-cultural backgrounds, disabilities, different family dynamics etc in this way."*

### **Wear Sky Blue Day**

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day 'wear sky blue' day in aid of Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK. We wish Mr Bridgeman all the best for the London Marathon, where he runs for the charity. All classes had a 'Daily Mile' experience today and challenged themselves to see how close they could collectively get to a marathon (262 laps) Adult laps counted too!

### **Curry Rivel Food Bank**

It has been reported to the school that a small number of children have been visiting the Foodbank at St Andrew's Church and taking sweets, and this week many packets of biscuits have also been taken. I have spoken with all the

classes about the importance of the Foodbank and how families can access this amazing service if needed. If you need help with food, either on a regular basis or just a 'one off' delivery the phone number to ring is: 01458 250997 or 07714 265384

## Safeguarding

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. Curry Rivel Primary Church of England School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. If you have any concerns, no matter how small they seem, about the safety or welfare of any child, please make contact with a member of our team below. All staff have regular update training and can also help.

If you are concerned that a child is in danger you should report this immediately to: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 224 or the Police on 999 or [www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens/safeguarding](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens/safeguarding)

### ▲ Important Safeguarding Contacts

ROLE	NAME	PHOTO	CONTACT DETAILS
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Other contactable Designated Safeguarding Lead	Hollie Westlake (Nursery Manager and Nursery DSL)		hwestlake@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk
Other contactable Designated Safeguarding Lead	Katie Hinton (Nursery Deputy Manager and Nursery Deputy DSL)		khinton@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	Anthony Goble AND Stacey Davis		0300 122 2224
Chair of Governors with responsibility for safeguarding	Sally Harvey		sharvey@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk

## FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: SPRING INTO LIFE AT WELLS CATHEDRAL!

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and themed craft activities.

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make a cross necklace.

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter story trail then make an Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Get growing

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Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Spring into Life

Celebrate new life with spring themed crafts. *Sessions at 10-11:15, 11:15-11:30 & 2:00-3:15*

*£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE*

*Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities*

*To book visit [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays) – or drop in on the day (subject to availability)*

### Message from the PTA

### Family BINGO - 23rd March 6pm

Prebook tickets or just turn up and buy yours on the door.



### Book Bingo and Egg decorating competition - Bring back to school by Monday 25th March

Please note the QR code on the book bingo sheet is not working for online payments

Please either use this code <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q4MG9F6E>

Or pay directly to our bank account.

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Reference: book bingo

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Cash is also welcome in a named envelope.

Please return bingo forms to the school by Monday to be in with a chance of winning a book voucher and remember the class with the most entries will win extra break-time.

Extra sheets can be found on our website <https://curryrivelppta.co.uk/downloads/>

Keep an eye out in Tesco for your child's creation!

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Don't forget to get these back to school by Monday 25th

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# BOOK BINGO!

Play & help us raise money for new books!

READ... A story that celebrates differences	VISIT... your local library & choose a book	READ... in your pyjamas 15 mins past your bedtime	READ... a BIG BOOK (eg 200 pages or more)
RESEARCH... about a true & historical event	READ... in an extreme location <small>Send us a photo <a href="mailto:curryrivel74@outlook.com">curryrivel74@outlook.com</a></small>	Activity of YOUR CHOICE	WRITE... your best blurb about the book you've just finished
READ... a book that is part of a series	READ... more than 20 pages in one go	RESEARCH... about an animal you'd like to know more about	READ... to another child
READ... more than 50 pages in one go	READ... directions or instructions & follow them	READ... while standing on one leg <small>(How long can you do it?)</small>	READ... a book by an author you haven't read before

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Decorate an Easter Egg

Decorate the egg using anything you like. Paint, felt tips, colouring pencils, wrappings, magazines, glitter, coloured paper, leaves etc. We mean anything!



20 eggs will be selected to be used in our Easter Trail around the village in the holidays. Artwork will also be displayed in Tesco Langport with Tesco staff choosing winners.

Free to enter

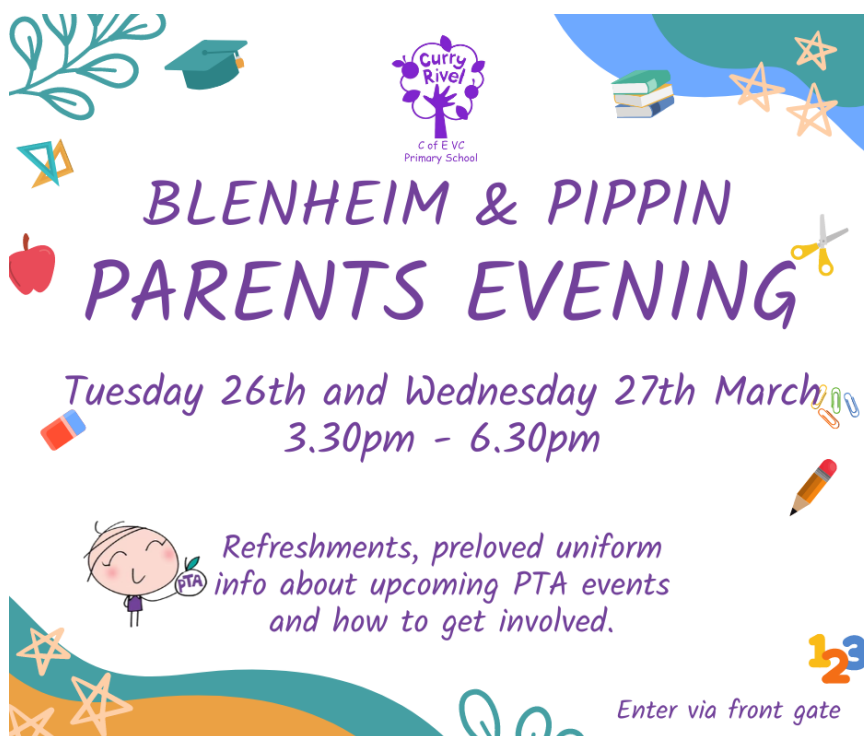
Return your entry by Monday 25th March

Extra sheets can be downloaded here



### Pippin and Blenheim Parents Evenings 26th and 27th March

The PTA team will be at both evenings with our preloved uniform stock. We are happy to take in donations too so do bring them along if you are decluttering. Come and have a chat with us about our summer term events and how you can get involved. We are always keen to hear feedback and love new ideas!



**BLENHEIM & PIPPIN PARENTS EVENING**

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March  
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Refreshments, preloved uniform info about upcoming PTA events and how to get involved.

Enter via front gate

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## Kids Easter Raffle - 28th March

With all your lovely donations from the non uniform day earlier in the term we have been able to have at least 15 prizes per class for the raffle on the last day of term. Bring cash or buy PTA box on our website <https://curryrivelppta.co.uk/shop/>



## Easter Treat Sale - 28th March 3.15pm

Please bring donations of home made or bought cakes/sweets to the front office at drop off time on Thursday. Our pop up shop will be open from 3.15pm in the front playground.



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## Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	0	1
Maigold	1	2
Gala	3	3
Discovery	2	2
Camelot	4	3
Blenheim	7	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

## Attendance

**Overall school attendance:** 94.39% (Target 96%)

**Class attendance award:** Blenheim (95.6%)

**Most improved class attendance:** Pippin

## Celebration

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

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Noah  
Maigold: Evie  
Gala: Noah  
Discovery: Bobbie  
Camelot: Mia-Rose  
Blenheim: Casper

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Rosie  
Maigold: Willow  
Gala: Edie  
Discovery: Dylan  
Camelot: Paige  
Blenheim: Tiana

### 50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Mark, Rory  
Camelot: Jacob

### 100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Maigold: Mabel, Molly, Evie-Jane, Willow, Ethan, Louis, Phoebe, Dot, Lily HB, Finlo

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Gala: Izabelle, Alec, Eli M,  
Camelot: Beth, Belle,

Have good weekend.

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