



Weekly Update: 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you all well, and I hope you and your children have enjoyed their first half-term of the year, despite the challenging circumstances. Many of you have had your parents' evenings, which have generally gone well (a few technical hitches). People have commented that they have appreciated the level of detail in the teacher feedback and enjoyed being able to have the time to chat. Using an on-line platform has increased parent participation and certainly is something we would consider in the future as an option in more normal times. We welcomed Blenheim class back today; they have been learning remotely on Google classroom over the past 10 days. A survey of its use showed that 58% of parents thought it was an excellent tool, 17% thought it was good, with 25% saying it was fair. Some of the comments included:

'All work in one place and clear to see how many tasks each day'

'It all seems very clear. We were already familiar with it as we have an older child at Huish Academy.'

'It's ease of access, and the due for submission dates/times helped my child focus.'

'That work can be submitted and feedback received. Clear to do list.'

One child commented: *'It is really effective and it's nice to get feedback from your teacher'*

This was a positive start with this new tool, but we are listening to your suggestions for improvement and will try to develop our use of the platform accordingly. The Local Authority have used our experience as an example of good practice for other schools developing remote learning- we know there is still more to do, but it is good to have had this recognition.

Inter-House Olympics

This has been a big success with all children participating in the running, throwing, jumping and fitness events, competing for their houses. This is some of the feedback from the children:

'I liked that my teammates cheered me on'

'My legs still hurt from the squats'

'Throwing the balls into the buckets was great'

'The best day ever'

Thank you to Mr Bridgeman for organising this special day.

The points for each house were as follows:

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Blackdown: 180

Mendip: 214

Polden: 179

Quantock: 263

Congratulations QUANTOCK house!

Knowledge Organisers

Today you will be receiving a maths 'knowledge organiser' for your child's learning in mathematics. These are designed to give you an insight into what your child is learning in school- the better informed you are, the more able you will feel to support and encourage your child's learning. You can use them as a discussion point; ask your child to explain aspects of the information; you can quiz them on the vocabulary; refer to them during homework tasks. Maths teaching has changed a lot in all schools, so please don't worry if the strategies and techniques seem very different to when you attended school- we hope that these will help not hinder.

Also, if you visit our website and go to the curriculum tab, you will start to see we are updating information on the Curry Rivel Curriculum, and what is taught in each subject area:

<http://www.curryrivelpprimary.co.uk/website/curriculum>

New email addresses

We welcome you contacting us; please do so through the school office or school email. Please do not use the parents' evening email addresses- thank you.

Outdoor Learning

After half term, Maigold (Tuesdays), Discovery (Mondays) and Camelot (Thursdays) classes will be doing outdoor learning. Can the children please come to school on these days in old school uniform trousers (or be prepared to wash your child's normal trousers). Also a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and wellies can be brought in, in a named carrier bag please, but we do have spares in school.

COVID SAFE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS Monday 2nd November

To ensure the safety of the pupils and staff, as well as the photographer, we have the following measures in place:

- All the equipment will be thoroughly sanitised between venues, and seating areas for students are wiped regularly between bubbles.

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- The photographer will provide their own facemask and hand gel for use as necessary on the day.
- The photographer will provide their own hand gel and has been instructed to regularly clean their hands throughout the session.
- Individual seat used for photos wiped between pupils.
- **Individual photographs only** (To reduce mixing of bubbles when we arrange siblings together)
- Cleaning of high touch surfaces on entry to hall.
- Bubbles to be kept entirely separate from each other

Flu Immunisations

These are scheduled for 20th November. You should have received an email from the NHS requesting consent.

Water Street

Wessex Water are carrying out essential work on Water Street from Wednesday 4th November to Tuesday 10th November. The road will be closed but I have been assured that there will be clear pedestrian access.

Children in Need

This event is on Friday 13th November. This will be a non-uniform day for the children, inviting a donation of £1.

Christmas Boxes

Please bring your Christmas boxes for children in Eastern Europe to school on the 2nd November- thank you.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, each class bubble will have a set of Poppy Appeal merchandise to buy. Items cost between 50p and £1.50, so children are welcome to bring in some money to purchase these items. Please do your best to support this appeal. Our Remembrance Service will be on the 11th November, with Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November.

EP help line attachment

Please see the attached information on Educational Psychology Service (EPS) Telephone Helpline for Parents and Carers.

Message from the Parent Family Support Adviser

Just a reminder that I have social media pages you can share with your parents for hints and tips...

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Thank you...

...to John Parfitt (Archie's daddy) for giving up his time to remove some very large tractor tyres from our school site. This really helps us with improving our grounds.

Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

Parents/carers should understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with [if they were to test positive for coronavirus](#) (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

For further information, please click here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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: Archie T

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Maigold: Owen
Gala: Mia-Rose
Discovery: Cayden
Camelot: Kahleesi
Blenheim: Chloe

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Edie
Maigold: George
Gala: Sienna F
Discovery: Hollie T
Camelot: Jaylon

Merits for October:

Blackdown: 473
Mendip: 466
Polden: 469
Quantock: 449

Congratulations to Blackdown house.

50 Merit Certificate (The first of the year): Katie (Discovery class).

And finally, thank you for your generosity of support to me and my staff in running the school in very challenging times. Have a wonderful half term and keep safe as the nights draw in. (The clocks go back at 2.00am on Sunday 25th October).

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