

Weekly Update: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Dates for your diary

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 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7pm: Year 6 Showcase Wednesday 20th July 9.15am: Leavers' service Friday 22nd July: End of year assembly Friday 22nd July: Last day of term Monday 25th July: INSET Day Tuesday 26th July: INSET Day Monday 5th September: Start of Autumn Term

#### INSET Dates for Academic Year 2022/23:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Year 6 Residential

We are delighted to hear that Year 6 pupils had a successful residential at Huish Woods, enjoying adventurous outdoor activities, from rifle shooting to frisbee golf! Residential is so important for developing skills around independence, teamwork and problem solving- skills for life I think you will agree. A huge thank you to Miss Tucker, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Langford and Miss Godfrey for leading the residential with such commitment and energy. Soon, Year 5 parents will be receiving a letter regarding plans for the 2023 residential.

#### Year 7 Transition Day & New classes morning

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, all pupils will have a chance to spend the morning with their new class/teacher, possibly in a new room. Transition morning is one part of ensuring that your child's transition to the next class is smooth- we have internal handover meetings between teachers and TAs, but also SEND meetings and enhanced transition arrangements for some of our pupils. On Thursday, children need to go to their normal classrooms at the beginning of the school day.

## Curry Rivel Active Travel Project: Message for the School Community

The existing busy stretch of the A378 between Curry Rivel and Langport is unsuitable for cyclists and pedestrians due to being very narrow in places and the volume and speed of traffic. Residents of Curry Rivel and surrounding villages rely on amenities in Langport and Huish Episcopi such as local shops and businesses, doctors, the library, the secondary school and Huish Leisure Centre, but the vast majority use their cars to travel there and back.



The need for an improved transport link is clear and the proposed project would bring a wide range of benefits to cyclists, pedestrians and the wider community, for example:

- an accessible, safe and traffic free path for cyclists and pedestrians
- Increased opportunities for exercise, contributing to a healthy lifestyle
- reduction in volume of traffic and dangerous emissions on this stretch of the A378
- Increased trade for local shops and businesses
- a link to a possible future rail station at Langport
- a solution to the need for a safe route for students to get to the school, academy and leisure centre

The existing network of paths and lanes within the village are not that safe and not always accessible for walking and cycling. Add to that the volume of traffic using the main road through the village and it's no surprise that most travel within the village and between Curry Rivel and Langport/Huish Episcopi is by car.

Now with the increase in fuel and other costs, there is an even greater case for improving facilities for walking and cycling and to ensure these are safe and accessible all year round.

The Active Travel project started early in 2021 and has identified much needed improvements to road and pedestrian safety which are now being investigated by Somerset County Transport. The school is also keen to develop a travel plan that will dovetail with the wider Curry Rivel to Langport plans outlined above.

The children are currently being canvassed on their thoughts and ideas through the school council and in the Autumn term parents will be surveyed to harness their views on walking and cycling to school in and around Curry Rivel.

In the meantime, the Curry Rivel Active Travel group would welcome any feedback and support for the project through the Facebook page:

# https://www.facebook.com/groups/curryrivelactivetravel/?ref=share

We want to hear your views - parents, children and staff at the school about the challenges you have regarding walking and cycling as well as your suggestions for improving access.

## Books from Parish Council

Many of you were delighted with the Jubilee books given to each child- these books were kindly donated by the Parish Council.

## Summer Holiday Tennis Activities at Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club 🎾

There will be 4 Summer Holiday Tennis camps at Stoke St Gregory on consecutive Tuesdays in August. Full details below.

August 2, 9, 16, 23

Suitable for ages 5 - 16. All abilities welcome Headteacher:



FULL DAY 9am - 3pm £25 per day

HALF DAY (recommended for U7's) 9am - 12noon £14 per day

5% sibling discount available

HOW TO BOOK Luke Andrews on: Latennis@hotmail.com Call Luke on: 07437 404242

Please share and tell your friends and families! https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LATennisCoaching/Coaching/CampsTerm Dates for Next Year The calendar for next year is attached to the weekly update email, but can also be found on our website.

## Summer Fair: Message from the PTA

At Curry Rivel Primary School, Saturday 2nd July 11am to 4pm. Entry via the Water Street gate. You don't want to miss out on the biggest family fun event in the village this year! We have 17 local businesses selling amazing products from chocolate makers to children's clothing as well as local crafts people and many more.

There will be lots of activities to keep the young and young at heart entertained including a massive bouncy slide, face painting, netball matches, nerf target, hook a duck, tombola and an hourly free raffle for all who attend! We will be running food and drink stalls selling yummy local produce, BBQ, cakes, sweets and most important of all a Pimms and local cider stall.

All the proceeds from this event go back into Curry Rivel Primary School to arrange events and items which will enrich our children's education and also provide fun.

As the fair is on the school playing fields, unfortunately we cannot have dogs attending.

Bring a picnic blanket, meet up with friends and have a fabulous day! Hope to see you all there!

## Celebration

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

#### **Class Cup Awards**

Pippin: Archie



Maigold: Darcey S

Discovery: Barney

Camelot: Rupert

Blenheim: Oliver

Running Rockstars: Sonny (Pippin) & Alex (Camelot)

Lunchtime stars

Maigold: Millie

Discovery: Rupert

Camelot: Harry

Blenheim:

100 Merits: Riley D, Poppy, Alex S, Finley, Rebecca, Lexi-Mae, David, Luca, Evie-Jane

150 merits: Dulcie

Ballet: Primary in Dance Certificate: Daisy; Grade 1: Mia

Tae kwon do: Yellow belt: Xander

Have a restful weekend.

Ali Pook

Head Teacher