



Weekly Update: 19th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

'One kind word' has been the theme of our Anti-Bullying week. We value the importance of kindness, whether that's us being kind to people ourselves or receiving kindness from others. A national survey carried out by the charity Kidscape revealed three-quarters of children (74%) say pupils in school are kind to them and over 94% say they're kind to others. In Collective Worship, all the children have reflected on kind words and deeds they can say and do- even a smile or a please or thankyou can make someone's day. All pupils received a 'Keeping Safe' booklet, which reminds children of how school keeps them safe and how the adults support this. In a recent pupil voice governor monitoring visit, pupils across all classes were very clear that the staff are their trusted adults and they share worries and concerns with them. I am proud that the staff of Curry Rivel respond to concerns raised by the children in a timely way, often 'in the moment'. Sometimes 'issues' can be resolved quickly, and at other times, it takes a bit more time to resolve problems and fall-outs. When staff are dealing with more complex problems between friends and peers, we always work with you to keep you informed; I know as a parent myself, it is vital that we work together to support our children in being safe, happy and confident.

Of course, a big thank you for supporting Children in Need today- we are currently counting the monies raised!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd December: Year 6 SATS information evening for parents

w/b 6th December: Assessment week

Thursday 9th December: Christingle Service (Virtual)

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children/ PTA 'Mall' shopping day

Monday 13th December: Closing date for Christmas colouring competition

Tuesday 14th December: Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity (Filmed)

Thursday 16th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December: Christmas Carol Service (Virtual). Last day of term.

Tuesday 4th January: INSET Day

Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee

Monday 25 July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26 July: INSET Day

COVID Update

Covid cases are unfortunately on the rise again across the county. It is likely the 'amber' level will be in place until the New Year. We are unable to gather in large groups, so our Christmas Christingle and Carol Services will be 'virtual', and like many schools our Nativity will be filmed and shared with

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parents- this will be disappointing to you but I know you will understand the situation schools find themselves in.

Inter-House Competition: Message from Mr Bridgeman

Next Thursday, 25th November, will be our latest 'Inter-House' competition! The children will be running the Daily Mile as usual, but each lap will count towards their house's overall score! All of the laps will be counted up at the end of the day, and the house with the highest total number of laps will be the winners! To create a feeling of togetherness, we would like the children to come in on this day in their house's team colours (if possible). A reminder of the colours for each house is below:

Polden - Blue

Blackdown - Red

Mendip - Green

Quantock - White

PTA

It was great to see new parents/carers at the Curry Rivel PTA meeting last night- they are working within the current COVID restrictions to ensure there are fun Christmas activities planned for the festive season.

When you start your Christmas shopping don't forget the School PTA have registered with Easy Fundraising! Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk or download the App. It's really easy; just click on 'Support a Cause' to search for Curry Rivel Primary School PTA. Each time you shop online with any of the registered retailers, they make a small donation to the PTA.

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas cards using the following codes:



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Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much for your support for the Christmas Boxes which will be collected together with the donations from St Andrew's Church- they will then be delivered to children in need in Eastern Europe.

Change of Numbers and email addresses

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

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: Elly

Maigold: Lexi

Gala: Finley

Discovery: Molly

Camelot: Zach

Blenheim: Tyler

Running Rockstars (Daily Mile)

Camelot: Cayden

Blenheim: Natasza

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Mason

Maigold: George

Camelot: Xander

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50 merits: Arya (Gala); Oliver (Pippin)

Well being tip for the week

Notice more about you and be honest with yourself. Notice when you are feeling good and able to support others, what factors have helped you. Notice when you are struggling and give yourself permission to share that, to seek support even if you aren't sure what that might look or feel like. Build in some times each day, amidst the busy-ness, to notice yourself and respond when you can - take a tea break, drink water, breathe outside...

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