

Weekly Diary

Monday 10 February

During school: Swimming Discovery class
 After school: Archery club Years 1 to 4
 After school: Messy Church in the school hall

Tuesday 11 February

After school: Parents evening
 During school: Recorder club Years 3 to 6
 *** No Netball club *** Years 4 to 6
 After school: Gymnastics Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 12 February

After school: Dodgeball club Years 3 and 4

Thursday 13 February

After school: Parents evening

Friday 14 February

Inset day

Date; for your Diary!

17 February – 21 February	Half term
24 February	Gala Class swimming starts
	Book Fair week starts
26 February	Reception and Year 6 children health measurements
28 February	Camelot sharing in Celebration Assembly
2 March	Class photos
5 March	World Book Day: dress up as a character
6 March	Discovery sharing in Celebration Assembly
	PTA Bingo evening 6pm doors open
13 March	Blenheim sharing in Celebration Assembly
16 March	Dance Show for KS1
20 March	Gala sharing in Celebration Assembly
25 March	CLP meeting for parents on Growth Mindset
27 March	Sponsored walk for 'School in a bag' charity
	Pippin sharing in Celebration Assembly
30 March	Poetry and art focus week
2 April	Easter Service

Curry Woods Conservation Trust

Drop in any time between 2 and 9pm for tea, cake and chat about the Trust.
 Presentations at 3 and 6pm.

Saturday 15 February at The Old Schoolroom



He came so that we may have life and have it to the full

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

THANK YOU!

This week, I would like to express our grateful thanks to a number of people who have served the school with real dedication in a variety of ways and whose contributions will be truly missed.

Mrs Lynne Benton, our chair of governors up until September, has decided to resign after 5 years of incredibly dedicated effort to improve and consolidate progress in the school. In her words, *'The school is most definitely a happier place and the children are far better supported to achieve their potential than previously was the case. Changes to the pastoral and safeguarding processes mean that our more vulnerable learners are more likely to receive the support they require and the school is a safer place for everybody. All the progress and achievement made has gone a long way to building a solid foundation for the school to continue to thrive and be an asset to the village for many years to come.'* Much of this progress is due to Lynne Benton's unflagging energy in the background for the benefit of the children and the staff. I am very grateful for her support whilst I've been at the school and personally thank her for the huge input she gave to the work of the governors. We have been very fortunate to have her knowledge and expertise to guide us.

Mrs Debs Powell is also stepping down as a parent governor having served for many years. Her focus area was Early Years and I know that Hollie Westlake really appreciated her interest and support, and on-going efforts as part of the governing body. Fortunately for us, Debs Powell will continue to work very closely with the school as the manager of Apple Trees and so I know that we will continue to have her ideas and feedback as a parent and colleague.

Mrs Patterson has been providing music lessons for many years. It has been inspiring for the children to have a real expert providing such knowledge and enthusiasm and I know that the teachers will miss her input. The music making will continue in a different format and I hope that we will still be able to call on Mrs Patterson for special occasions.

To all three, the school has been a much richer and confident community due to your input and I personally want to show my appreciation for everything that you have done.

PARENT MEETINGS:

Next week, we have the parent meetings in the hall. If you possibly can, do arrive a little early for your appointment so that you can have a look at your child's work before you meet with the teacher. Also, you will have a chance to look at the secondhand uniform being sold by the PTA. Pick up a bargain and donate to benefit the children's facilities in the school – a win/win!!

ART CLUB:

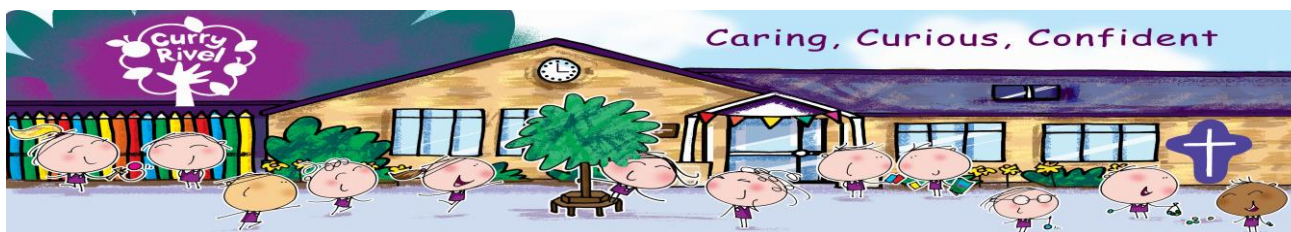
It will be the final art club session this coming Thursday. We are very grateful to Mrs Turner for running the club this term – I know that the children have really enjoyed taking part.

SWIMMING:

Please note that Gala class will be swimming on the first day back after half term.

Mrs Frances Burns

Acting Head teacher



Weekly Award winners

Pippin class: Owen Burt for fantastic maths choosing good learning choices.

Maigold class: Mia Rose Thompson for fantastic writing similes.

Gala class: Bea Stringer-Swadling for amazing poetry writing using adjectives and similes.

Discovery class: Jess Grandfield for working with more confidence in maths.

Camelot class: Chloe Davis for a super story all about Pompeii.

Blenheim class: Ryley Barrett for such focus in our writing about Pompeii.

Forest School: Lexi-Mae Bristow for being very independent.

Lunchtime award: Karl Ives for his fun and jolly attitude at lunchtimes.

Merit chart awards: **Bronze awards** to Lewis Deane, George Powell, Myley Pesar, Riley Stratford, Alex Smith, George Pead, Natasha Grandfield, Lexi Limm and Jacob Peters.

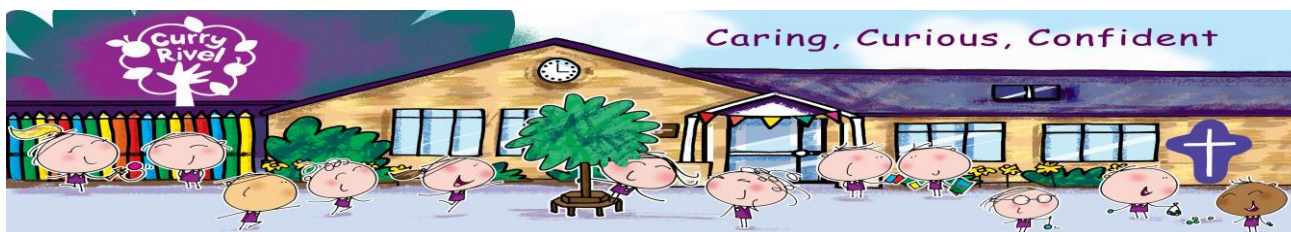
Sports awards: **Cross Country runners** were Cayden, Alfie J, Noah, George Pead, Lexi, Ivy, Sienna, Esther, George Powell, Thomas, George Limm, Tom D, Jaiden and Nyassa.

The joy of reading!



During the week after half term, the PTA have organised the annual Book Fair. This ties in well with all of our activities to promote reading as a brilliant way of extending imagination, learning about the world and enjoying a great yarn. Your child will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher which can be used on the Thursday 27th February at the book fair. We hope that you will be able to support the Book Fair and enjoy a new book with your child.

On the World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), we invite your child to dress up as a book character and if possible, to bring the book into school. We aren't asking for a donation but just want to enjoy all the different characters.



School Governor Vacancies

Curry Rivel Primary School Board of Governors
is keen to co-opt two new School Governors to join its friendly and dedicated team.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- is interested in children's education and the performance of the school;
- is community spirited and would like to represent the community;
- has spare time and the energy for the role;
- is able to work well as part of a team;
- has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school;
- can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements.

These volunteer positions are open to parents, guardians or other people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

There are 3 key roles for the governing body:

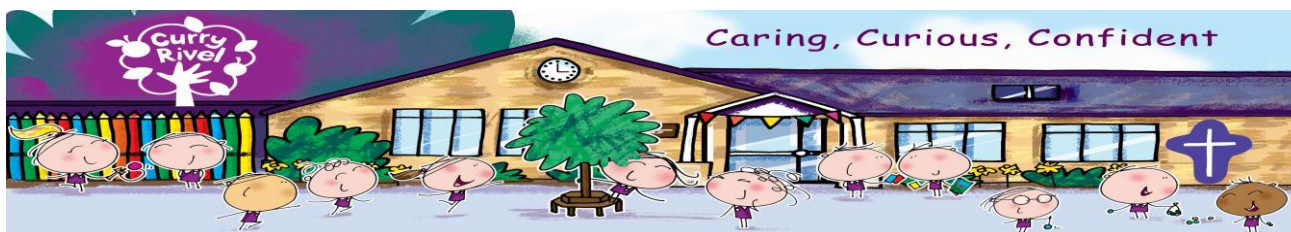
1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff;
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is spent well.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website: [DfE Governance Handbook 2019](#)

What does the role offer?

- a chance to develop your own personal skills;
- access to a programme of training in respect of education/governance matters;
- a sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential;
- the support and guidance from fellow governors.

For more information, and an informal discussion over the phone with the Chair of Governors please contact the Clerk to Governing Body – Mrs Helen Davies either in via the School Office or via email HDavies3@educ.somerset.gov.uk



Thoughts from the School Councillors:

Each month, the School Councillors from each class meet to discuss anything to do with school life with thoughts on what needs to be improved. These are the key topics from last Monday's meeting with Mrs Burns...

Swearing: The children were worried about their peers who swore and would like everyone to make sure that children know the words that are wrong to use and the gestures that are rude. They talked about the fact that some children see and hear things at home and then think that it is OK to say or do them themselves.

What makes people feel cross: They thought that children get cross and possibly hurt others by what they say or do for a number of reasons. The number one reason given by the children for a child being cross was a child not having enough sleep or food which makes them have less patience or energy.

Food waste: The councillors were upset that children were wasting their packed lunch food, and binning their snacks rather than eating them.

Chairs: The councillors thought that it was right that children were not allowed to swing on their chairs as it was dangerous because they might fall off or the feet of the chair go on another child.

Computers in the IT suite: Mrs Burns explained that the children cannot use the internet on the PCs in the IT suite at the moment due to them being Windows 7 and potentially at risk from viruses. Plans are in motion to replace them with tablets in the near future.

Possessive friends: Some children try and make their friends do what they want and don't allow their friend to make up their own mind. Everyone agreed that each child should be able to make up their own mind and not feel pushed into doing something which they don't like. It was seen to be tricky as sometimes it is right to compromise and agree things with a friend for the sake of a friendship.

Eco Champions:

We are still collecting empty crisp packets and would welcome them into school tightly packed in a bag if possible. The Eco champions will be talking to the whole school about waste later on this term.

Children's Mental Health Week 'Find your Brave'



Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. From top tips for pupils to ideas for parents, our free resources will help children and young people to explore what it means to 'Find your Brave'.

More info here: www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



Second Hand Uniform sale taking place during Parents evening meetings

on Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 February in the school hall

Parenting your anxious child workshop

An information session to understand anxiety in children and guidance on how to support your child through these feelings.

Date: Thursday, 12th March 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS

To book a place for this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/BMRxSBqT8sC4iXMWA>

Protecting your children against Child Exploitation (County Lines)

Information about Child exploitation, signs to look out for, ways to keep your children safe.

Date: Thursday, 19th March 2020

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS

To book a place for this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/62AG6bWXNrxrt8Nks9>

Swimming dates for February 2020 - July 2020



13 January – 10 February

Discovery class

Huish pool

24 February – 30 March

Gala class

Huish pool

20 April – 1 June

Maigold class

Strode pool

8 June – 13 July

Pippin class

Strode pool

Safeguarding

The safety and the happiness of each child are our school's highest priorities. We take our safeguarding duty of the children very seriously. This duty covers many aspects from neglect or physical harm to e-safety and the Prevent Duty. If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or queries about what to do, please talk to Mrs Jo Ward, our designated safeguarding lead or Miss Hollie Westlake, our deputy safeguarding lead or phone for advice or to report a concern to Somerset Direct on 0300 1232224.