



## Weekly Update: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always a pleasure to see the children learning new knowledge and skills in their lessons; Blenheim class have been learning about the United Kingdom, and how our islands were joined to mainland Europe during the Ice Age; Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb has been the focus of newspaper report writing in Discovery, and Gala pupils have been becoming nutritionists during food technology. A broad and balanced curriculum for sure!

During Collective Worship, our theme is 'The Family of Jesus' where we are learning about Jesus' ancestors in the Old Testament, including the story of Abraham and Sarah and how they had to trust God in an impossible situation. We reflected on how important trust is in our lives in order to overcome worries.

Finally, the sounds of Christmas Carols being rehearsed have drifted around the school corridors- a real joy and something to celebrate!

### Dates for your diary

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Colouring competition launch (PTA)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December: **CLOSING DATE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDERS**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Friday 10th December: Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity (Filmed)

Monday 13th December: Closing date for Christmas colouring competition

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

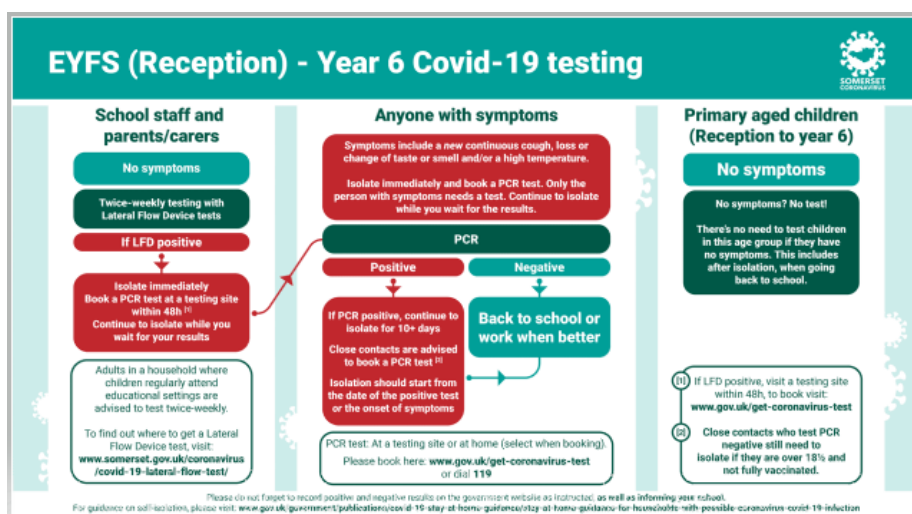
### COVID

There is much advice around what to do in various situations. The poster below is attached to this update and may help you if you are unsure of what to do- of course always phone the school if you have any queries. There has been contradictory advice around lateral flow testing for children, but Public Health encourage you to test your children at home regularly. As a parent myself, I fully



empathise with the challenges that face us all and these tests and my thanks are genuine. LFTs can be ordered via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



## Wellington School Maths Challenge

Harry J (Camelot), Noah, George P and Sam (Blenheim) have competed in this challenge today. The aim of this event is to encourage the next generation of mathematicians. Teams of four students from over 40 schools, aged up to 11, work together for one hour on very challenging mathematical problems. At the time of publication, we don't know the results, but Mr Bridgeman reports that the pupils were determined and showed great teamwork.

## Inter-house Competition

On Thursday, the children ran the Daily Mile as usual, but each lap counted towards their house's overall score. The results are being calculated by Mr Bridgeman, so watch this space.

## Merits

Receiving merits is a real incentive for our children, and is an effective way for us to reward good behaviour choices and hard work. Merits can be given by any member of staff for a range of reasons including:

- Exceptional behaviour
- For a child who helps others

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- Reading at least 4 times a week
- Learning- for extra effort or struggle
- Really good pieces of work

Children see their 'merits' on 'Class DoJo', an online tool which adds to our positive culture; for every 50 merits achieved, pupils receive a special certificate in celebration assembly.



Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm, at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

To include a Christmas message, crafts and party food!

Everyone welcome, children need to come with an adult. **Booking essential** as numbers are limited.

Call/text email Helen on 07880706517/ [helen@saich.co.uk](mailto:helen@saich.co.uk) for info and to check availability

Final numbers needed by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov end of day.

### Curry Rivel United Reformed Church

Rev Tim Richards invites you to a Carol Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm- mulled wine and mince pies included!

### PTA Message

Please promote using Smile Amazon and Easy fundraising to your friends and families. Make sure to tell them to link their account to our PTA for the donations to happen.

[https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ref=nav\\_logo](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ref=nav_logo)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

The PTA Christmas Colouring Competition is launched today- please can all entries be returned by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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: Thomas

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Maigold: Rosie

Gala: Mia-Rose

Discovery: Holly

Camelot: Logan

Blenheim: George P

### **Lunchtime stars**

Pippin: Eddie

Maigold: Izabelle

Gala: Leo

Camelot: Logan

Blenheim: Ella

**50 merits:** Ailsa and Edie (Pippin)

**Maths Transum 100 cups:** Kyron (Blenheim)

### **Merit Cup for November:**

Polden: 322

Blackdown: 358

Mendip: 386- Well done Mendip!

Quantock: 334

Have a wonderful weekend- it's 'Stir-up Sunday', so time to make some Christmas puddings!

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