



## Weekly Update: 27th November 2020

It seems incredible that it is the first Sunday of Advent on Sunday. Last Sunday it was 'Stir-up Sunday', but if you missed it, it's not too late to put on your apron and gather in your bubble to make a Christmas pudding or cake.

So Advent begins. Mrs Silver, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ainsworth and pupils (working within COVID guidance) have decorated the school with traditional Christmas trees, shiny decorations and lights. We can also appreciate a traditional Nativity scene and Advent Wreath in the School Lobby. I will also be introducing the children to a 'Jesse Tree'. Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition that first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. Curry Rivel Primary School nurtures 'caring' young people, and so we will have 'Interactive' Advent Calendars in every classroom, promoting small gifts of kindness each day.

Although the children are focussed on their academic learning right now as autumn assessments are yet to be completed, they have a lot to look forward to including:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Launch of Christmas colouring competition

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Launch of Christingles (Each child to receive items to come home to make a Christingle- suggested donation of £1 for the Children's Society)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day and Colouring Competition Winner announcement

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle Service

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Hamper Draw

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December: 'Elf and Fitness' PE inter-house competition

On-going from 7<sup>th</sup> December: Recording of the Reception/KS 1 Nativity

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner Day

From Monday, the Curry Rivel Primary Christmas postal system will be in place - please can children remember to write the name and class on each Christmas card envelope. (Deliveries on the last day of term).



## PE

Mr Bridgeman will be organising an 'Elf and Fitness' inter-house competition during the last week of term. In PE lessons, children are invited to wear an Elf hat (or Christmas hat) and take part in festive inter-house races and challenges.

## Wellington Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 6 maths team who took part in the 'Wellington Maths Challenge' today (Virtually this year). The Wellington School organises this to encourage the next generation of mathematicians. Teams of four students, aged up to 11, work together for one hour on mathematical problems. Well done to Amy P, Amy W, Sophie E and Isla. They deserve their success after giving up many lunchtimes to practise. The girls have worked so diligently to practise, deepen their problem solving skills and to develop their strategies as a team. We are all so proud of their dedication, organisation and motivation. Thank you also to Miss Kilner, Miss Tucker and Mrs Taylor. These are some examples of some of the questions from last year's challenge.

Flora turned four on 04/04/2004. Sid turned six on 06/06/2006.  
What is the difference between their ages, in days?

How many minutes are there in one year (not a leap year)?

Trudy has a broken clock. It has an hour hand but the minute hand is missing.



## Art Day

Please see photos from our amazing 'Art Day' on our Facebook page. The children enjoyed studying a range of world-renowned artists and their specific styles and approaches. The children practised a variety of painting and drawing skills and produced final piece self-portraits for their new art sketch books.



### **PTA Christmas Colouring Competition**

Children will come home today with the PTA Christmas Colouring competition information- please encourage them to enter. Of course, don't forget the Christmas raffle- if you need additional tickets, please contact the school office.

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Advert**

**We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to join our team.**

**We are a friendly, committed and supportive team and you would be warmly welcomed into our school community.**

The lunchtime supervisor role is very rewarding - supporting children at the mealtime, encouraging children with the various activities and overseeing everyone's wellbeing. You would work within a team of 5 people and be given information and training to support you in the role. The times would be from 12 to 1.15pm (term-time only) starting at SCC Grade 16 point 2 which is equivalent to £18,198 pro rata.

All positions in school would require a criminal background check via the Disclosure Procedure as we are committed to safeguarding our children.

Please contact Mrs Ali Pook or Mrs Helen Davies if you would like to visit the school or would like any further information (01458 251404 or by email [curryrivelpriamary@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:curryrivelpriamary@educ.somerset.gov.uk)). We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Accelerated Reader books at home**

If you are intending to buy books for your children this Christmas, why not order books from their 'band' on Accelerated Reader. Use: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx> to find books in your child's range. There are also some wonderful recommended Christmas books to be found at:

<http://www.renlearn.co.uk/books-and-quizzes/christmas-collections/>

Children can complete quizzes on books they have read at home to complement the books they read from our school collection.

### **Thank you to you**

We have received huge levels of support regarding our school uniform policy. Some children are disappointed that leggings aren't part of our uniform, but this is all good preparation for the transition to Huish Academy who have high expectations for uniform for all students.

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Your continued support for our COVID secure drop-off and collections is appreciated. Can I remind parents of younger children who may wait in the back car-park to keep their children close by and ask them not to play in this area- thank you.

### **Last Order for Christmas Dinners**

Please return your orders as soon as possible.

### **Message From the Immunisation Team**

We recently visited your school to immunise consented children with their flu vaccinations.

You may have some families who missed the consent deadline but still wish to have their children vaccinated. Please direct these families to our team, we are running mop up sessions across the county throughout this term.

Please note, this vaccine is not available to school aged children from their GP practice so please do not signpost them there, unless they have a medical condition that puts them in an at risk group.

Families can email us at [somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk) or call on 0300 323 0032 to make an appointment at one of our community clinics.

### **Awards**

#### **Class Cup**

Pippin: Herbie  
Marigold: Freddie  
Gala: Bethany  
Discovery: Harriet  
Camelot: Sophia C-T  
Blenheim: Noah

#### **Playtime awards**

Marigold: Seth  
Gala: Billy  
Camelot: Lexi  
Blenheim: James P





**Headteacher awards:**

Rosie (Pippin); Jacob (Gala); Maisie (Camelot)

**50 merit awards:** Stanley, Toby H, Harry D, Amy C, Sophia CT, Taylor, Teon, Akaisha, Lexi L, Kahleesi, Zach P, Ella, Akaisha.

**November House Merit Cup:** Polden

Have a restful weekend.

Ali Pook  
Head Teacher