



Weekly Update: 24th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25th March

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th March

Monday 27th March 4.30pm

Tuesday 28th March

Tuesday 28th March

Wednesday 29th March

W/B 27th March

Friday 31st March 9.15am

3rd-14th April

Monday 17th April

Saturday 22nd April

Wednesday 19th/Monday 24th April

Wednesday 19th April

Thursday 20th April

Thursday 27th April

Monday 1st May

Friday 5th May

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th May

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday 23rd May

29th May- 2nd June

Friday 9th June

Thursday 15th June

Friday 16th June

27th-30th June

PTA Bingo Village Hall

Clive Pig Storyteller Workshops (Gifted by PTA)

Information Session - Behaviour Management Techniques

with Family Solutions Somerset at HEA starting at 4:30pm

National Child Measurement Programme for R & Year 6 pupils

Year 6 Parents' Evening

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Inter-House Eggstaviganza Sports Competition

Easter Service at St Andrew's Church 9.15 am

PTA Easter Children's Raffle/PTA Easter Treats Sale

Easter holiday. PTA Village Easter Trail

INSET training day- school closed

Volunteer day in school to tidy up the grounds

Parents' Evenings (Years R-5)

Pippin Class Trip to The Octagon Theatre

No Outsiders workshop for all classes

PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse- All welcome

Bank Holiday

Coronation at St Andrew's Church followed by cream teas at school

Additional Bank Holiday: Coronation of King Charles III

Year 6 SATs week begins

Camelot Class Trip to Magdalene Farm

Healthy eating workshop for all classes, and after school workshop for parents

Half term

PTA Disco

Gala Class Trip to Vivary Park

Discovery Class Trip to Magdalene Farm

Year 6 Blenheim residential

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Parents' Evenings

Parents/Carers of pupils in Years R-5 are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening after the Easter break. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face-to-face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 19th/Monday 24th April (3.30-6.45pm). The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with feedback on your child's progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have & you will have a chance to look at your child's work. During the parents' evenings, the school's parent-teacher association (PTA) will be providing refreshments and doughnuts in the hall where you can also view your child's books. The PTA will be hosting the book fair and selling pre-loved uniform too. House Captains will be available to take you to your child's classroom for your appointment. It is your choice whether you bring your child to the meeting- this is very much parental preference. Letters will be going out today.

Managing Infections

We have had cases of sickness and diarrhoea in the school over the past few weeks, with fewer cases this past week- the numbers are always carefully monitored and we follow DfE guidance in managing infections. Hand hygiene is encouraged and facilitated, and we put in additional cleaning measures when needed.

Easter Inter-House Exercise EGGStravaganza! Message from Mr Bridgeman

Next week, the children will be taking part in this term's inter-house sports competition! The activities will be Easter themed races and events, led by the class teacher and assisted by some Sports Captains. The points scored by houses in class will be added together, with the winning house announced in Friday's celebration assembly. On the day your child's class are taking part, they may come to school in the colours of their house. Children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms with trainers as they would for PE, with a top in their house colour. The day that each class is taking part is listed below, followed by a reminder of the house colours:

Pippin - Wednesday
 Maigold - Monday
 Gala - Thursday
 Discovery - Tuesday
 Camelot - Tuesday
 Blenheim - Thursday

Polden - Blue
 Blackdown - Red
 Mendip - Green
 Quantock - White

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Shin pads

We are now using the field for playtimes, so our lunchtime football rota is back, where each class has a turn in the week to play. Pupils in Year 3-6 will need shinpads in order to play. Our Sports Captains are supporting the children and refereeing, and lunch staff also supervise this opportunity for sporting activity on our wonderful grounds.

Parent Online Uniform Orders

Please find attached the Brigade 2023 flyer for parents detailing their summer ordering deadlines as below;

1st Deadline: 10th June for delivery by the end of summer term.

2nd Deadline: 8th July for delivery first week of September

Drop-Off

Due to concerns being raised about safety of families and children at the front of the school before drop off, we are going to try a different arrangement. The pavement is narrow outside the school, and people are having to step onto the road to get around queuing families, which we want to avoid. From Wednesday 22nd March, the gates will open at 8.35am and a staff member will stand roadside as usual. Parents/carers are asked to wait on the front playground:

Pippin: Queue along fence

Maigold: Queue along Maigold alleyway

Gala: Wait near Gala door, without blocking Maigold access

Discovery: Wait near Discovery door without blocking School Office access

We ask that children are not left on the playground as they will be the responsibility of parents/carers and that they also don't run around and play and that they stay by the side of their parents for supervision.

The bell goes at 8.40am, as usual, and the classroom doors will open (Maigold top gate will also open for the one-way system to flow).

The start of the school day is still 8.45am.

For the small number of families who also have children in Year 5/6, your Year 5/6 children can access their classrooms via the Discovery door. If you wish to walk them around as normal, that is fine. Arrangements for all other Year 5/6 pupils has not changed and they can access school via Water Street- the teachers are always at the gate and it is always a good opportunity to pass on messages if needed.

Clive Pig: Poetry Promenade Next Week!

Clive PiG is poet and storyteller who has performed in over 30 countries, and will be joining us again this year as we are fortunate to have been gifted this wonderful opportunity by the PTA.

With his pen and notebook in hand, this intrepid explorer searches for the poetry in daily life. A former Bard of Exeter, he combines rhythm and rhyme to paint lyrical short stories and poeticomedies. In his engaging, educational, and inspirational poetry presentation, he performs poems from his book *Jurassic*

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Cove ISBN 978-0-9933000-8-0, published by Caboodle Books Ltd. During the workshops, Clive explores the writing process - inspiration, first drafts, shaping, editing, and completion - through the stories of his own creations. His mission is to spark your children's imaginations by showing them that poetry is all around them, and to foster confidence to play with words to create poems from everyday experiences. If you are interested in ordering his books, the order form is attached or you can buy on the day (Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March).

Clive PiG
Author & International Storyteller

Magical Myths
 Laughable Legends
 Fabulous Fables
 Curious Customs



Traditional tales
 from around the
 world

 Original stories
 from the horse's
 mouth!

“He doesn’t just tell the story, he lives the story.”
Emma Cordy, Stage Manager, Big Top, Kidz Field, Glastonbury Festival.

CURRY RIVEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Monday 27th & 28th March



Signed
copies of
Clive's books
for sale
£5.99





www.clivepig.co.uk



Easter Service- All Welcome



Message from the PTA

Family Bingo - Saturday 25th March 6pm

We still have space if you haven't booked on our website so do come down if you can. It is going to be a fun event! We have a bar, snacks and great prizes including a family ticket to the Flashback Family Festival.



Sponsored Reading Bingo - 27th March

We've been receiving some lovely photos of the kids completing the fun reading tasks. There is still a few days to get your sheets back into school. Everyone that returns the sheets will be given a bookmark.

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Those that complete all 9 squares will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 book voucher from The Snug Bookshop and 5 runner up prizes of £5 vouchers to be spent at the book fair next term.



Easter Raffle - Friday 31st March in school

Following the success of the non uniform day we had before half term we have been able to make up 5 prizes of tasty treats for each class. Tickets can be bought in class using cash or PTA Bux <https://curryrivelppta.co.uk/shop/> Please buy Bux by the end of Thursday so we can deliver them to the children Friday morning. Unfortunately due to items being donated we have not been able to offer allergy alternatives in this raffle. We are, however, encouraging all children including those who have allergies to share they prizes with family members to show kindness to others.



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Easter Treats Pop Up - Friday 31st 3.15pm

To celebrate the end of term we will be running an Easter Treats Pop Up Shop in the playground from 3.15pm. There will be a selection of sweet treats for you to buy for the kids or yourself! Cash or card will be accepted.



Tea Towels

We now have limited stock for the Little Pips tea towel so if you do want one don't delay! They are both available in our shop on the PTA website <https://curryrivelppta.co.uk/shop/>



SEND News

Please find out the latest news in regard to children with special needs and disabilities here:

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/news/>

Celebration

Sorry, but this be added next week.

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Well-being tip for the week

Try to think about 3 things that made you smile, that you appreciate or even acts of kindness that you noticed. Research has shown that actively practicing gratitude can train the brain to pick up on positive thoughts and emotions more frequently, which helps to reduce anxiety and feelings of worry.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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