



Weekly Update: 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Community is so important to our school. It never ceases to amaze me how strongly we are connected in the village community, both past and present. Whilst we were unable to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service, we have felt connected to the past through listening to the names of the village 'Roll of Honour', and studying the photo of the very first Curry Rivel Remembrance Service 100 years ago. Reverend Scott led a service on Armistice day, a sombre and moving occasion to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and liberty, but also a service of hope. Thank you to Ryley, Ivy and Amy P who read poems and the roll of honour, and to Discovery class who performed a whole class poetry recital.

Thank you for supporting us in the wearing of masks- many of you have fed back that you have found this very reassuring. Please ensure that you maintain social distancing inside and outside the school gates (where possible). In order to keep classrooms well ventilated, doors and/or windows will be open. Please ensure children are wearing layers of clothes to keep them warm (a plain T-shirt/vest/thermal works well).

Children In Need

Thank you again for your support for charitable causes- this week through our non-uniform day for Children in Need. Over £150 has been raised again for this amazing cause.

Art Day

On Wednesday 25th November, all pupils will be taking part in an 'Art Day'. This has been organised by our Art Subject Leader, Miss Yarde, and will focus on Portraits. The children will be studying famous artists and different portraiture styles as well as applying a range of drawing and painting skills.

EasyFundraising

We're raising FREE donations for Curry Rivel School by using [#easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/curryrivelpriamary/) and you could too.

Over 4,300 online retailers including John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and M&S are ready to give a free donation to the school every time you shop online. As Christmas approaches and where you may choose to shop on-line, don't forget to shop through 'Easy Fundraising'

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

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School Uniform

It is my expectation that all children must be wearing the right school uniform. Thank you for your support. Trainers can only be worn on PE days, and please can school jumpers or plain black tracksuit tops be worn on PE days (No branded coloured sports tops please).

Medication in school premises

Pupils may not bring prescribed or any other medication into school themselves. Medicines must be stored safely in the school for your child and others' safety. If your child has a medical need and you have not yet told us, please contact Mrs Jo Ward, who will create a 'Health Care Plan' to support your child.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

Pupils at Curry Rivel Primary School will be participating in activities 16-20 November. 'Odd socks day' will be on Monday 16th November to start this important week.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just a quick reminder that the Nasal Flu Vaccine for all children from Reception to Year 6, will be taking place on Friday 20th November. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Supporting a child's mental health during the pandemic

You may be particularly concerned about the effect a second lockdown will have on your child's mental health - whether or not they have experienced problems before.

Here's some advice on how to support a child's emotional wellbeing at a time of uncertainty.
<https://parentinfo.org/.../where-can-your-child-get...>

Online Safety Update

'Among Us' is one of the most popular online games in the world right now. It's October 2020's most downloaded game for iPhones and iPads, according to Associated Press. In this multiplayer sci-fi challenge of teamwork and betrayal, players must complete tasks while trying to work out which of them is secretly an alien imposter. It's largely child friendly, but with increasing numbers of players using the built-in chat and making in-app purchases, this handy guide gives parents and carers the inside track on Among Us:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/among-us>



Curriculum

Please visit our school website- we are updating all aspects of the site to ensure it reflects all our new developments. You will notice our school vision 'Caring, Curious and Confident' is now in place on the home page. The class pages are all up-to-date and you can access the curriculum overviews, termly newsletters and knowledge organisers there. We will be adding to these class pages as we provide you with further information on your child's learning.

Important

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.

SEND weekly newsletter

This week's SEND weekly newsletter, which shares some information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0-25, is available by clicking here.

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>

Award winners for this week

Class cup:

Pippin: Archie
 Maigold: Darcy J
 Gala: Harrison
 Discovery: William
 Camelot: Jack M
 Blenheim: Tash

Lunchtime awards:

Pippin: Luca
 Maigold: Henry
 Gala: Ashton
 Discovery: Oliver
 Camelot: Amy C
 Blenheim: Thomas

Headteacher awards:

Freddie H (Gala); Esther & Karl (Blenheim); Harry (Camelot)

50 Merit Certificates: Oscar R, Esther, Isla, Ivey, Sophie W, Ryley, Sienna E, Bea, Casper, Mia G, Alex C, Alfie D, Tiana, Clemmie, Harry H, Summer, Grace G, Harriet, Holly T, Oliver H, William, Connie



Well-being tip of the week

As the nights draw in, and we are all trying to focus on the positive, it can be challenging as we adjust to this second lock-down. Be kind to yourself. Remember it is not possible to save time - you either use it or waste it. So, if you are having a coffee - enjoy it. If you are sitting down to watch 'Strictly' or just chilling - enjoy it. If you are going for a walk - enjoy it. You don't always have to listen to your inner voice as it wrestles with the demands of the day or your 'to do' list for the week. You can be 'in the moment' and fully enjoy that moment. Other 'stuff' will still be there, but you can help yourself to make each day beautiful, productive and enjoyable

Key Dates for Your Diary

16th-20th November: Anti-Bullying Week

16th November: Odd Socks Day

11th December: Christmas Jumper Day

W/B 14th December: Assessment week

17th December: Christmas Dinner

18th December: Last Day of term

4th January: Staff INSET Day

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