



Weekly Diary



Sunday 16 December

10am All Age Family Service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

6pm Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel



Monday 17 December

During school: Swimming lessons for Blenheim Class (last one)

Tuesday 18 December

After School: Netball Club

Wednesday 19 December

During School: Phase 2 Parents Open afternoon 2 -3pm and 3.30 – 4pm

Thursday 20 December

During school: 2pm Christmas Church Service at St Andrew's Curry Rivel

Friday 21 December

Last day of term: Children can wear own/party clothes – Christmas party and treats day

During school: 2.45 pm Celebration Assembly



Phase 1 parents - Please note our group Nativity photo will be in today's edition of the Somerset County Gazette



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

John 10:10

Dear Parents,

This end of term has coming flying in and there have been so many well supported events. A huge thank you to the PTA team who have provided so much for the school from the decorating, raffle of wonderful prizes, colouring competition, Christmas lunch and so on. Parents and families have been very generous in their responses to these as well as the donations following the nativity play. All the proceeds will go towards resources for the children's wellbeing and activities.

A big thank you must go to the producers, stage managers, scenery creators of the great Phase One play, 'Prickly Hay'. The teachers, Miss Kilner, Mrs Conway, Mrs Batchelor and Ms Campbell, along with the class assistants, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Sleightholme, Miss Murray, managed to organise and enthuse all the children to present such super performances. Ms Wilde again provided a lovely backdrop scene and Mrs Slade managed all the technical side with such efficiency. The children should feel very proud of their great singing, clear articulated words and lively dancing – it was a joy to watch.

Many of you will have children who have been taught by Ms Campbell. She has decided to take a break from teaching so that she can fully enjoy the precious moments with her child in these early years. Ms Campbell has done so much for the school and her expertise and enthusiasm will be much missed. I know that the present Maigold class will be very sad to see her go. If you would like to send in a donation towards a leaving present, that would be very welcome.

From January, Mrs Batchelor will teach Maigold from Tuesday to Friday. On Mondays, we are very lucky to have Ms Saunter coming in. Ms Saunter has already taught the class on a couple of days and her lively kind approach was one of the reasons that we have asked her to be in class regularly. She will be teaching 'discrete' subjects such as RE, IT and aspects of the topic so that there is continuity for the children. We look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Next week, Camelot and Blenheim classes will be trialling wearing slippers in class. The aim is to keep the dirt out of the classroom so we will see how it goes!

If you happen to be having a clear out of toys or role play items that your child has grown out of – do think about donating them to the school. The children would really enjoy any things such as Connect 4, toy cars or tractors, lego or similar. It would be great if we could have a school collection of items that can be shared. We strongly discourage children from bringing in their own toys. The difficulties start when the toy gets lost, broken or dirty so please keep them safe at home!

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Service next Thursday and at the final Celebration Assembly on Friday. Children from Camelot and Blenheim will be leading the service and the singing should be great so do come and join in!

Mrs Frances Burns, Acting Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary!

14 January – 4 March	Camelot Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **
17 January	Cross Country 3 at Huish
8 February	PTA Disco
25 February	PTA Book Fair all week
28 February	Maigold Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **
12 March	Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC
14 March	Cross Country 5 at Curry Mallet
19 March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC
3 June to 15 July	Pippin Class swimming **each class has 7 lessons **

Class Cup winners

In **Pippin**: Noah Baber for great enthusiasm in maths and for being a brilliant cow in the Nativity.

In **Maigold**: Joseph Cox for his thoughtful and imaginative writing.

In **Gala**: Harry Jackson for a fantastic performance as 'The Shrew' in the Nativity.

In **Camelot**: Lilia Patten for brilliant work on her spellings in class and at home!

In **Blenheim**: Georgia Elwin for such an exemplary attitude in all ways (especially towards dividing by 2 digit numbers in maths!)

Lunchtime Award: Amy Cante for being extra helpful at lunchtime.

Little Pips Star of the week: Teagan-Jean Arscott for her beautiful table manners at the Christmas Lunch this week.

Champion Music Group are thrilled to introduce their new music tutor Christopher Hutchings, a talented musician and composer with 12 years' experience who will be offering private instrumental tuition in the following instruments from January 2019:-

Violin, Viola, Piano, Cello, Oboe, Saxophone, Trumpet and Cornet.

If you would like your child to have lessons in any of these instruments then please collect a registration form from the office and send back to Champion Music Group or alternatively you can apply online at www.championmusicgroup.co.uk. If you have any questions please feel free to call 01458 762182 or email championmusicgroup@hotmail.com Thank you!



Keeping children safe online

Over the Christmas holidays, some children may spend a lot of time using the internet to play various games. Some children in school appear to be playing 'Fortnite' and it may be that parents and carers aren't familiar with possible risks from this and similar type games. In school, we talk about internet safety and we will be promoting this very strongly next term too. The following advice is available from 'webwise', a very useful website with lots of information about current trends, pressures on children, etc.

Do have a look as things change so rapidly and children may naively not know the risks they are taking - <https://www.webwise.ie/parents>

Risks related to Fortnite:

1. **The biggest concern for parents of children accessing this game is screen time.** Due to the immersive nature of the game, some children will find it difficult to stop playing. Games can be over in seconds or, if the user is achieving a high level then it can seem imperative to continue playing.
2. The **PGEI rating is 12+** but age is not requested when creating an account.
3. The platform is integrated with Facebook and Google, the concern is that users may add other gamers to these platforms. **Talk to your child about making friends with people they do not know online.**
4. The default setting enables other online users to add you as a 'Friend'. Should you add them as a friend you are able to private chat with them.
5. **Gamers playing this online game connect from all across the world may be any age or gender and can remain totally anonymous.**
6. Users may be exposed to **offensive language by other players on text chat or live chat.**

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

Sunday	23rd	10.00	United Benefice Communion Service St. Catherine's Swell (CW)
Monday Christmas Eve	24th	4.00 pm 4.00 pm 11.15pm	Fivehead, Crib Service Curry Rivel, Crib Service Curry Rivel, 'Midnight' Communion
Tuesday Christmas Day	25th	8.30 am 10.30am	Swell, Christmas Communion BCP Fivehead, All Age Christmas Communion
Sunday	30th	10.00	United Benefice Communion Service St. Martin's, Fivehead (CW)

Thank you to everyone who donated to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day today – we raised £76.70.