



## Weekly Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

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**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.15am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>/Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Science Week

Year 2 Parent Information Session Key Stage 1 SATs (On-Line)

PFSA Coffee Morning led by Victoria Gould in school hall

PTA Pop up Shop - Mother's day

Assessment Week

Maigold Class Trip.

PTA Bingo Village Hall

Clive Pig Storyteller Workshops (Gifted by PTA)

National Child Measurement Programme for R & Year 6 pupils

Year 6 Parents' Evening

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Inter-House Eggstavananza Sports Competition

Easter Service at St Andrew's Church

PTA Easter Children's Raffle

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. Details to follow.

No Outsiders workshop for all classes

PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse- All welcome

Bank Holiday

Additional Bank Holiday: Coronation of King Charles III

Year 6 SATs week begins

Camelot Class Trip. Details to follow.

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

Half term

Gala Class Trip. Details to follow.

Year 6 Blenheim residential

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## World Book Day

As part of yesterday's World Book Day, we were promoting reading for pleasure - especially around bedtime. We invite children to wear pyjamas, onsies or oversized hoodies. We participated in live events by the Literacy Trust and to promote the children's awareness of a range of authors and also how to choose a book. Thank you to Miss Tucker for organising this. Here is what the children said:

*"I loved coming in pyjamas and it was relaxing. I learned that Roald Dahl used to be in the airforce and he had an air crash in Africa." Oakley, Year 4*

*"We read 'We're going on a bear hunt' and I liked the bit where they went through the mud." Sonny, Year 1*

## Science Week Update from Mrs van Cole

British Science Week will be celebrated in school during the week beginning 13th March 2023. This year the theme is 'Connections'. Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all! As well as this human connection, connections can be found across all areas of Science to link our learning and understanding. Science Week promises to bring some exciting activities, and a competition for the children to take part in so we can all become scientists in school. Look out for more information to follow next week.

## Apple Trees Wraparound Care

It's our birthday and we're ready to celebrate! Yes it's already a whole year since Apple Trees Wraparound Care became part of the school and made the school hall our permanent home! To celebrate we've bought ourselves some birthday presents: lots of new toys, resources and experiences for the children to enjoy. That's not all either! We'd like all the children to be able to experience what we have to offer, so for the last two weeks of March we're offering taster sessions for FREE!!\* If your child would like to attend a session with their friends, either before or after school during the last two weeks of term, please book at least a week in advance by emailing Jane at [appletrees@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:appletrees@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk) A registration form will need to be filled out to ensure we know about food allergies, medical conditions and what your child really likes to do!

Perhaps one of your children is at a club and your others would also like to be doing something? Book them in for the same time and free yourself up some "me" time.

Apple Trees is always available at short notice too, if you find yourself delayed and unable to collect your child at 3.15. So it's well worth being registered just in case you need us. We offer a breakfast club and after-school club daily from £5 per session (£14 when attending all 3 sessions on the same day). You can pay by School Money or we accept Childcare Vouchers and the HMRC tax free scheme, so you can reduce that by 20% too!

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We spend lots of time outside every day, enjoy healthy breakfasts and snacks and play board games, Lego, small world adventures, den building, arts and crafts and soooo much more!

\*One free session per child.

Places are limited due to staff ratios so book nice and early to avoid disappointment!"

### PTA Sponsored Reading Bingo

Linking in with World Book Day this week we are launching the PTA Sponsored Reading Bingo keep an eye out for bingo sheets in book bags. There are 9 age related challenges which we hope the kids enjoy doing. We have suggested 50p sponsorship per square but any amount would be gratefully received. Every returned form will receive a bookmark and those who complete all 9 squares will be entered into the prize draw for book tokens from our local Usbourne rep or The Snug Bookshop. The money raised will help towards funding for Clive Pig to come back to the school at the end of March. We ask that the forms and sponsorship money is returned to school by 27th March so we can award prizes before the Easter holidays.

### PTA Family Bingo

This will be a fun evening for all the family in the village hall on Saturday 25th March. We have had many prizes donated (big thanks to you!) and we will be out and about sourcing more to make it a really fun evening. There will be a quiz and raffle on top of 8 games of bingo. We will be hosting a licensed bar with snacks and it wouldn't be a PTA event without some lemon drizzle for those with a sweet tooth. Tickets, bingo books and dabbers are now available to preorder on our website <http://curryrivelppta.co.uk/product/bingo-ticket/>

We will be promoting this to the wider community so don't delay in securing your place!



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## The Somerset Inclusion Tool - Valuing SEND

'Valuing SEND' was developed by three local authorities with schools, parent carers and IMPOWER. It is designed to help schools to better understand and meet the needs of their children with SEND, and to help them improve their whole-school SEND readiness. It will be used across Somerset schools moving forward and could make a real difference to children and young people in Somerset. Involvement of parent carers in using 'Valuing SEND' is absolutely key. There are two sessions for parent/carers which will take place next week with the Parent Carer Forum. If you have interested parent/carers, please register here - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/5d24e330-0e3e-463f-b2b0-c322f5165fb2@a44cf386-52d7-497f-85c3-687c8a966409>

## SEND News

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

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

## Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late. No change this week, but there is general improvement over time!

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	1	2
Maigold	2	1
Gala	0	1
Discovery	2	1
Camelot	3	4
Blenheim	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

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Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

## Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Arthur  
 Maigold: Luca  
 Gala: Arya  
 Discovery: Freddie  
 Camelot: Ella  
 Blenheim: Harry

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Jake  
 Maigold: Luca  
 Gala: Lilly-May  
 Discovery: Olivia  
 Camelot: William  
 Blenheim: Sophia

## 50 Merits

Pippin: Millie, Jake  
 Gala: Lilly-May  
 Camelot: Scott

## 100 merits

Camelot: Clemmie

## Achievements outside of school

**Swimming stage 4:** Arthur (Camelot)

**Overall attendance this week:** Gala 92.4% (Target 96%)

## Cost of Living

Talking about your money is a very private matter. If you find yourself in a difficult situation financially, or are struggling to make ends meet, then you're not alone, money worries are more common than you think. Citizens Advice Somerset's Money Advice Team may be able to help. Find out

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more here: <https://citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk/how-can-we-help/welcome-to-our-somerset-money-advice-team/>

### **Well-being tip for the week**

This week take time to notice the changes as we head towards spring. The snowdrops, the crocuses and even daffodils, the increasing birdsong and for us here near the Somerset levels and moors the starlings and their murmurations. For a few minutes stop your normal routine to actively listen to the birds, to look at the flowers, to be reassured by nature's consistent pattern.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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