



Weekly Diary

Sunday 10 February

11am Holy Communion and Sunday Club at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

Monday 11 February

During school: Camelot Class swimming

After School Club: Creative and Street Dance – all year groups

After School: Messy Church in the School Hall

Tuesday 12 February

After School Club: Netball Club Yrs 4-6

Parents evening meetings in the School Hall

Wednesday 13 February

After School Club: Fun Ball Skills Yrs 1 - 3

Thursday 14 February

**** No After School Club: Tag Rugby Yrs 3 – 6 due to Parents Evening ****

Parents evening meetings in the School Hall

Friday 15 February

Inset Day

Sunday 17 February

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

Dates for your Diary!

28 February

28 February

19 March

19 March

21 March

26 March

2 April

3 June to 15 July

Maigold Class swimming ****each class has 7 lessons ****

Cross Country 4 at Somerton Recreation Ground

CLP Football and Netball Tournaments at Huish (morning)

SAS Netball finals at Westfield Academy, Yeovil (afternoon)

Cross Country 5 at Curry Mallet

Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC

Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby at Somerton RFC

Pippin Class swimming ****each class has 7 lessons ****



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

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the 'snow' closure. We hope that our methods of telling everyone through the website, Facebook and the phone worked smoothly. This week has been full of fun activities related to Chinese New Year. The children are also excited to see the development of the new library area (more of which later.)

Next week, the whole school will be having a big focus on keeping safe including a visit from our local PCSO, learning about online safety, thinking about what to do if you are feeling worried. We also look forward to seeing you all at the Parents' Meetings. If possible, do come a little early so that you can see your child's books and also have a chance to look at the information on expectations for each year group in English and maths which we will be giving out.

You will find a questionnaire in your child's book bag this afternoon. It would be really helpful to us to find out your thoughts about the school and also your suggestions for what we can do to improve things.

On that note, we've had some useful comments put into our Comments Box. For example, the after school clubs finishing times do vary and this can be a bit muddling. We will try and make sure that the finishing times are clear and if possible, standardised after this term. Someone else mentioned about having all the dates for after school activities on the school newsletter. We will try and do this but occasionally sports fixtures, etc are rearranged or added in but hopefully the advantages of attending these outweigh the nuisance behind the changes. I apologise for the couple of occasions that the children have been late out after a Celebration Assembly. I will try harder to get through the certificates and news more quickly so that the classes are out on time.

Another area that we have been trialling is to do with outdoor shoes during the school day. The problem is that, when the weather is poor, many children arrive at school with wet shoes at the start of the day and also get wet again at breaktimes. Therefore sometimes the children need to change out of the shoes. You may know that Blenheim and Camelot tried out having slippers which was popular with the majority. A parent has suggested every child having daps/plimsolls in school for class time which strikes me as a good idea. If you have any thoughts on this, do please let us know before we make a decision.

Kind regards

Mr & Frances Burns
Acting Head Teacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Governing Body, we are always looking to ensure that we understand and take the views of our parents and carers into consideration when making decisions for the school. Having the support of parents and carers is key to ensuring your children have the best opportunities to learn and benefit from what the school has to offer. In order to do this, we need to hear your views and comments about what we are doing well and where things can be improved. Therefore we are inviting you all to contribute by completing the attached parent survey. The Governors will use the results of the survey to see what we are doing well and what we can do to improve things further.

From previous surveys we have worked to improve the lines of communication across the school, worked with the children to develop a school-wide traffic light behaviour policy and to improve the variety of activities available at play times.

Last year we were very pleased to receive 60 responses to the survey and have held a number of parent forum meetings to discuss your suggestions further and implement changes. Without your valued opinion, it is always difficult to know whether we are moving the school in the right direction. We hope that you are able to find time to complete this survey and return it to school by 26th February. You are always welcome to contact the Governors via the Clerk, Mrs Helen Davies, if you wish to raise any specific concern directly for discussion at the Governor meetings.

Mrs Lynne Benton
Chair of Governors

Class Cup winners

In **Pippin**: Holly Trott for the amazing progress made across all areas of her learning.

In **Maigold**: Harry Hamar for excellent progress in all areas of his learning.

In **Gala**: Isabelle Macey for having a fantastic attitude towards all of her learning.

In **Camelot**: Billy Tucker for having a positive attitude towards all of his learning.

In **Blenheim**: Oliver Thorne for such an excellent non-chronological report.

Lunchtime Award: Seb Smith for trying different foods at lunchtimes.

Merit Chart winners: Miley Simpson, Ava Hope, Riley Baber, Toby Cooper, McKenzie Simpson, Lily Stewart-Lake, Thomas Cox and Ivy Routledge.

Forest School Award: Poppy Silver for her fantastic acting skills.

Little Pips Star of the week: Darcy Jones for donating her lovely long locks to the Princess Trust.



Safeguarding

The safety and the happiness of each child are our school's highest priorities. We take our safeguarding duty of the children very seriously. This duty covers many aspects from neglect or physical harm to e-safety and the Prevent Duty.



If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or queries about what to do, please talk to:

Mrs Jo Ward, our designated safeguarding lead or Miss Hollie Westlake, our deputy safeguarding lead or phone for advice or to report a concern to Somerset Direct on 0300 1232224

This year, Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 5 February, and the theme is
"Together for a better internet"

Be Internet Sharp and Think Before You Share - *Know what's OK to share on the internet and what's not*

Be Internet Alert and Check it's For Real - *Spot the signs that something online might be fake or a scam*

Be Internet Secure and Protect Your Stuff - *Learn how to keep info secure/create strong passwords*

Be Internet Kind and Respect Each Other - *Understand it means to be kind/respect other people's privacy*

Please could we politely remind parents that the car park at the back of the school grounds is for staff and professional visitors.



Parents and family members should not park in the car park or block access to the area in order to drop off or collect their child or leave their vehicle on site overnight. This area is not only a fire route but the school buses collect children from there every morning and afternoon. Many thanks for your cooperation.