



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **Latest news from all at Curry Rivel C of E Primary!**

Thank you so much for your patience and support over the last couple of days. Everyone in the school community has done their utmost to get things into place as quickly as we can. I will give you as much information as we currently have in this mini newsletter but I hope that you appreciate that things may change depending on the government's directives. If you have any queries, do please email them to the office as it may be something that we have overlooked.

#### **Children's learning**

Your child may have brought home an exercise book with an outline of what they will be expected to do, either at home or in school if they are still attending. If your child hasn't been in school, we have the books ready for you to pick up when you are able.

Your child's class teacher will be emailing out a grid of activities which should be with you by Monday. I hope that your child can be helped to try the different tasks and time to explore some of the really useful internet links.

#### **Children of 'critical workers'**

You should have received an email explaining the criteria behind this term. We are open to support those who must work but remind everyone that the priority to curb the spread of the virus is for children to stay at home if at all possible.

For those of you that have emailed the school, I hope that you have now had confirmation from me regarding a place for your child. We are going to be using Pippin class as well as the IT suite and Bramley for the majority of the day. The children will also be enjoying the grounds and Forest School area as well. Please make sure that your child is wearing comfortable and practical clothes. They do not have to wear uniform.

#### **Lunches**

I have ordered hot dinners to be delivered from FIGS and as I hadn't found out about the 'booked' children's dietary needs, I asked for vegetarian food for Monday and Tuesday. We will then check what individuals would prefer for later in the week. If you had already ordered lunches from FIGS and your child won't be in school, we will sort out the refunds in due course.

#### **Free School Provision**

You may have heard that the government has asked schools to provide for children who qualify for Free School Meals. We have had various options given to us and I am hoping that we will have the preferred option in place for you next week. We will provide a food package with household basics



such as ham, cheese, bread, potatoes etc. The details haven't yet been finalised and hopefully will be by Monday.

#### **Who is available!**

I am liaising closely with Mrs Pook, the incoming headteacher for the summer term. I will be the key person until then, working with Hollie Westlake and the school staff to keep things on an even keel. It is easiest for us if you can email any queries or requests as we will not have anyone in the school office for the majority of the time. The emails will be checked regularly and if need be, we can phone you back.

To get into the school, please buzz the nursery on the intercom as there will always be someone there to release the gate. It will be important for us to keep the gate shut during the day to ensure those playing outside are safe.

#### **Lost property**

We have a lot of sweatshirts, coats, etc that have been left in school. If they were named, we have returned them to your child's peg. If unnamed, Mrs Horsey has very generously offered to take them home to wash them ready to be picked up at a later time.

#### **Year Six**

The Year Six children are understandably upset at the rapid way that their hopes for next term have been dashed. We all hope that the school can return to normal as soon as possible so that they can have some of the 'end of year' celebrations. Meantime, please can you return your order form for the Y6 hoodie to the school office as soon as possible so that the hoodies can be ordered.

#### **And finally...**

A big thank you to the incredibly dedicated and inspiring staff team. Everyone has been generous in working together and finding solutions to problems. This is a worrying time for us all; concern for our families' health; concern over practical and financial questions; concern over the unforeseen problems that might arise. I hope that we can give the children that come into school a great fun time and give all those in their vital roles the confidence that their child is safe and happy.

No doubt I will write another update in the near future but for the time being, thank you to everyone for their good wishes.

**Frances Burns**

Acting headteacher



### **Message from the School Nursing Team**

We are available Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Please leave us a message and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can. Please be aware that we are running a limited service at the present time.

Phone 0300 323 0114 or email [southsomersetsn@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:southsomersetsn@somerset.gov.uk)

### **Message from Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services for Somerset**

A letter from Julian Wooster was attached within this update letter. It includes details that you may find helpful.

### **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.

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