



Weekly Diary

Sunday 1 September

10.30am service at United Reformed church

Monday 2 September

Inset day

starting **next** Monday 9 September ** After school: Fun football club Years 1 -3

Tuesday 3 September

Return to school!

After school: Gymnastics club Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 4 September

After school: Tag Rugby club Years 3- 6

Thursday 5 September

No club

Friday 6 September

2.45pm Celebration Assembly

After school: Football club Years 4 - 6

Sunday 8 September

10.00 Holy Communion and Sunday club at St Andrew's Church

Date; for your Diary!

22 & 23 July

Inset days

2 September

Inset day

3 September

Return to school

25 October

Inset day

28 October - 1 November

Half term

23 December – 3 January

School Holidays

6 January

Inset day

7 January

Return to school

14 February

Inset day

17 February – 21 February

Half term

6 April – 17 April

Easter holidays

8 May

Bank holiday

25 May – 29 May

Half term

17 July

Break up for summer holidays

20 July

Inset day



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

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is one of celebration for the end of term but also one of sadness as we are losing two of our highly valued staff team. Mrs Hayley Conway and Mrs Veronica Sleightholme will both be leaving the school after many years of dedication and expertise. Mrs Conway started as a teaching assistant when her children were young and subsequently, became a class teacher. She has taught so many children in different age groups and her enthusiastic and kind approach has been a real bonus for many. Mrs Sleightholme has cared for and supported so many children in her quiet nurturing kind manner. We have been very fortunate to have her medical expertise and also her thorough organisational skills too. They will both be a huge loss to the school team and we all wish them happy holidays and a chance to relax!

We look forward welcoming our new teacher, Mrs Tanya Robinson in Discovery class on Thursdays and Fridays working alongside Mrs Samuel. Also joining us in September are Mrs Serena Patten in Maigold class and Miss Emily Steer in Blenheim class as teaching assistants.

At this time of the year, I look back over what has happened since last September and there is so much to celebrate! So here are some of the highlights....

Bristol:

Our first residential to Bristol for the Year 6s was much enjoyed with the visits to SS Great Britain, 'We, the curious' and the M-Shed. Part of the experience was also staying in a city and seeing the very different environment and culture.

Kilve:

We were so fortunate to have glorious weather to explore the Quantocks and Kilve Beach. The children really gelled as a team and it was great to see the camaraderie between them.

Museum workshops and Wow days:

The teachers planning of these catalysts to learning have really given a buzz and the enthusiasm of the children has gone up a notch as a consequence.

Special events:

NSPCC fundraising; Macmillan tea party; performing to the Memory Café; visit to Lyme Regis; nativity performance; Curry Rivel Primary Live.

Sports achievements:

Our school teams have taken part in many competitions and have always shown great sportsmanship and behaviour. We are particularly proud of our netball, football, cross country, swimming and athletics teams for the excellent skills used in the area events.

School reviews:

The advisors that have been visited over the last year have all commented on the positive caring ethos and the children's evident 'love of learning'. I often have children telling about something



that they have learnt and it is special to hear children excited by their day's new ideas or skills – a real credit to their teachers.

Test results:

This summer, the hard work of the children and the class teams has shown in the test results undertaken by Year 2s and Year 6s. The progress that has been made is a consequence of the last couple of year of determined focus on raising expectations.

KS1: this year 83% of the 24 children reached the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. This is way above the national standard of 65% (from 2018 as 2019 not out yet.)

KS2: in all subjects, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG), and maths, we are now above the national average.

In maths, the test result was 89.9% reaching the expected level and 33% reached greater depth. This compares with national average of 79% expected and 24% greater depth.

In writing, 83% were at the expected level compared to 78% national results.

Our reading results were as expected; 77.8% at expected compared to 73% national results. We know that our reading attainment isn't as strong as other areas and it is our longterm goal to get the reading really strong as being a confident, fluent reader is such an important skill.

These headline numbers reveal the superb focus and determination shown by the children over the last couple of years to really aim high. Congratulations to every Year 6 child and their teacher, Miss Fay Tucker!

So overall, a happy and successful year! We are aware that we have lots more that we can do to improve further but will continue to treasure the excitement of learning and the ethos of caring for each other.



And finally, we send the Year 6 children on with our very best wishes. We are sure that we will hear about their future successes and look forward to them achieving their dreams for their futures!

Have a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Mrs Frances Burns

Acting Head teacher



Annual award winners

Pippin class: Toby Waller

Maigold class: Grace Gambrill

Gala class: Isabelle Macey

Camelot class: Lilia Patten

Blenheim class: Rowan Clinch.

Football: Jake Taylor

Netball: Georgia Elwin

Cricket: George Powell

Athletics: Poppy Silver

Swimming achievement: Truly Heseltine

Swimming effort: Karl Ives

Modern foreign languages: Andreea Marincovici

Alan Norton Merit: Chloe Cantle

Music: Zac Powell

Charlotte Hamlett drama: Toby Cooper

Leonard Willey outdoor pursuits: Patrick Bastable-Barnard

Ginny Smith award: Rosie Callaghan

URC Friendship: Zofia Stepień

Rotary shield: Hollie Ainsworth

LADT Highest Achievement in sport: Beau-Paul Butera



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Swimming dates for September 2019 - July 2020

9 September – 14 October	Blenheim class	Huish pool
21 October – 2 December	Camelot class	Huish pool
9 December – 10 February	Discovery class	Huish pool
24 February – 30 March	Gala class	Huish pool
20 April – 1 June	Maigold class	Strode pool
8 June – 13 July	Pippin class	Strode pool

All class have 6 weeks swimming.

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