



Weekly Update: 11th December 2020

It has been a very busy week at school; the Reception and Key Stage One children have been working hard for their moment in front of the camera- we are all looking forward to seeing the edited Curry Rivel Nativity to be shared with parents. Assessments have been completed across the school and it has been good to observe the children's concentration and focus, and they have enjoyed seeing the improvements that have made (We will be sharing information about these outcomes in the new year). Rev Scott shared a wonderful Christingle launch service with us yesterday, and the children were thrilled with their Christingle kits. Thank you to Tina Geary, Rev Scott and Shirley Larkcombe who were the forces behind this project, raising money for the Children's Society. You have all been so generous; supporting the work of 'Save the Children' with our Christmas Jumper Day today- it's been great to see so much colour and brightness at this difficult time.

COVID UPDATE

Covid out of hours - If you or your child have a COVID positive result, contact the headteacher immediately on alpook@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Leave a contact number in your message and I will respond as quickly as I can. Thank you.

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends (from the 19th December to 24th December), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please email the Head Teacher. Emails will be checked once a day (in the morning). In the event of a positive case, we will identify close contacts and we will inform the relevant people, via email, regarding self-isolation. All families will be informed regarding any positive cases in school.

Christmas holidays: Schools have been advised that they will not need to have a point of contact for contact tracing purposes from Christmas Day until the end of the holiday period.



Support this Christmas



The Coronavirus Helpline

Call **0300 790 6275** for help with food, prescriptions, housing, financial support, employment, emotional support, transport, waste and more.

Village Agents

CCS Village Agents can provide confidential, practical, community-based solutions for food and other support. Visit somersetagents.org

Carers

If you are a carer of any age in need of support you can phone CCS on **0800 3168 600**

Mindline

Anyone with concerns around mental health issues and emotional wellbeing can be supported by calling Mindline on **01823 276 892**

Support for Families

Schools and Colleges will receive £30 funding for every child who qualifies for free school meals, which will provide £15 per week of support over the Christmas holidays.

Schools will also be allocated a fund to support other families in need of help.

Early years

Visit healthystart.nhs.uk for help for under 4s

Over 16s

Families with children over 16 not in Education, Employment or Training can access food support by emailing somersetworke@somerset.gov.uk



Somerset's Local Authorities

Coronavirus support helpline Available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week
0300 790 6275

A single number is now available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus related support from Somerset's Local Authorities. Anyone who can't find help within their community can use the helpline to get help and advice

Dates

Monday 14th December: Last date for posting cards & Christmas Hamper Draw

Week beginning 14th December: 'Elf and Fitness' PE inter-house competition

Thursday 17th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December: Last day of term (Dress-down day)

Monday 4th January: INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January First day of Spring Term

School Meals

The office need your orders for next term by **Monday 14th December** please.

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PTA Colouring competition

It was a privilege to have been asked to judge the colouring competition. There were an amazing 78 entries, which is fantastic. I judged each class's entries, with names hidden and Miss Yarde adjudicating. The winners have received a selection pack and all entrants have received chocolates for taking part. The winners are:

Pippin: Rosie and Oliver

Maigold: Evie G and Henry

Gala: Sienna and Leo

Discovery: Jasper and Mia

Camelot: Emily and Alfie

Blenheim: Ryley and Chelsy

Message from the PTA

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, our fundraising has been on hold and continues to take a hit.

During this time, we would have held multiple PTA hosted events. In previous years we have had school discos, quizzes, bingo, shopping malls and other seasonal events. We have missed out on nearly a year's worth of fundraising, which provides vital funds for Curry Rivel Primary School, and bridges the financial gap most primary schools face.

Every year the PTA supports the school, paying for essential items that the children would otherwise miss out on. In the last year the PTA have funded: books, benches, Christmas lunches, book bags, leavers year books and the accelerated reading scheme. In previous years the PTA have funded specific projects including: new iPads, interactive screens and classroom chairs.

Understandably we are concerned about how the lack of fundraising will affect our ability to support the school in full, in the future. At this stage, we are also unsure of when we will be able to safely hold our fundraising events in person again.

So, please can we appeal to you for your help and continued support?

A great place to start would be to kindly donate what you or your children would have spent at one or

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more of these events, any amount would be greatly appreciated and go towards making a difference. We know these are difficult times for a lot of people, even the smallest amount would help. See link below.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/curry-rivel-primary-school-pta>

On behalf of the PTA committee and the school, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to when we can welcome you all back to our events. Curry Rivel School PTA.

Awards

Sports Captains

Polden- Sienna and Ryley; Blackdown: Esther and James M; Mendip; Ivy and George P; Quantock; Amy P and George L

Class Cup

Pippin: Elliot
Maigold: David
Gala: Toby H
Discovery: Poppy
Camelot: Oliver
Blenheim: Billy

Playtime awards

Pippin: Izabelle
Maigold: Lily-May
Gala: Toby H
Discovery: Teon
Camelot: Maisie
Blenheim: Sam

Headteacher awards:

Seb (Gala)

50 merit awards:

Izabelle, Daisy, Emily R, Tyler, Jessica, Jack M & Poppy

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Well-being tip

Make time to 'be still', to reflect on an image, a memory, some music, anything that brings you peace. Give yourself permission to simply be still, to focus on whatever 'peace' means for you at this time. Use the beautiful sound of the Cape Town Youth Choir singing 'Ukuthula' (peace), in Zulu, The song is linked below if you'd like help to get you started.

<https://youtu.be/yNqmpQPp-ns>

Have a restful weekend.

Ali Pook
Head Teacher