



**Weekly Update: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Pupil short reports out to parents/carers  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7pm: PTA meeting at the Firehouse- All welcome  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet day  
**21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February: Half term**  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Ash Wednesday Service  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Red Card to Racism Day (Wear Red Day)  
 W/B 28<sup>th</sup> March: Assessment Week  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Service  
 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April: Parents' Evenings  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring Term  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July: INSET Day  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: INSET Day

We are committed to preparing the children for their futures, so 'Primary Futures' is a vital part of our curriculum, where children meet people from different professions and learn about their career choices, what their jobs involve and the struggles they may have encountered on the way- we hope over the course of their time at Curry Rivel School children are inspired by one of the varied jobs and careers they learn about. Dr Simon Gittins and Dr Chris Hoare met the children (Via 'Teams') and talked about their respective jobs in the Hydrographic office and medicine. Next weeks, classes will be meeting a female mechanical engineer. Pupils' feedback:

*"When you become a doctor, you still need to learn."  
 "You have to do a lot of learning to become a doctor."  
 "Not everyone in hospitals are doctors and nurses."  
 "I learned that the hydrographic office help the Royal Navy"  
 "I learned why maps are so important."*

### **Homework**

We are currently updating our homework policy. It is important that our homework policy is evidence based. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) is a well-respected research organisation. In the EEF research paper, 'Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning' it says:

'Children who regularly complete homework have better school outcomes than children who do not. This association is stronger at secondary school than primary school, where the evidence base is also

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more secure. Homework has a number of potential benefits including consolidation of what has been learned in lessons, preparation for subsequent lessons and tests, and the development of independent learning skills. At primary level, the evidence is strongest for short and focused homework projects'. Please see below for a reminder of the homework which is set for your child's class.

#### Overview:

<b>Pippin Class (Reception/Year 1)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Occasional asks set by the teacher on 'Tapestry' linked to the EYFS curriculum.</li> <li>• Phonics on Spelling Shed</li> </ul>
<b>Maigold Class (Year 1/2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Phonics on Spelling Shed. Spellings on Spelling Shed (Year 2)</li> <li>• Times Table Rockstars (Year 2 From Summer Term)</li> </ul>
<b>Gala Class (Year 2/3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings on Spelling Shed</li> <li>• Times Table Rockstars</li> </ul>
<b>Discovery Class (Year 3/4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings on Spelling Shed</li> <li>• Times Table Rockstars</li> </ul>
<b>Camelot Class (Year 4/5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings on Spelling Shed</li> <li>• Times Table Rockstars</li> </ul>
<b>Blenheim Class (Year 6)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular reading (Minimum 4 times a week)</li> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings on Spelling Shed</li> <li>• Times Table Rockstars</li> <li>• Revision for SATs (From January)</li> </ul>

#### Tennis News from Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

Good news! We have finally been able to arrange for Dan, an LTA accredited coach to carry out weekly junior coaching sessions with us here at SSG Tennis Club. On Sunday 23rd January at 10am there will be an introductory meet & greet coaching session for 1 hour. This will be completely free & rackets, balls & other equipment will be provided. Please come & bring your children along & see what we have to offer.

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Then starting on Sunday 30th & subsequent Sundays Dan will run sessions from 9am to 11am, subject to sufficient interest. Possibly splitting into two 1 hour sessions catering for different age groups. In partnership with Somerset Community Foundation we shall be able to offer a significant reduction in the normal cost of the courses to children residing in the local area.

The more people who are interested, the better offer we can make. So please either let Luke &/or myself know & attend the introductory session! For further enquiries please contact:

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### Looking After Mental Health in School

Mrs Emma Myhill is our school's Mental Health Lead, and she is working to develop our 'Well-being and Mental Health' culture for both children and adults. She has recently been putting up posters around the school to remind the children of an important message:



In collective worship, we have discussed worries and what we can do if worries make us sad. One of those strategies is to 'tell a trusted adult' and we always encourage the children to share their concerns with adults at home or at school so that we can support them through any difficulties.

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## Clubs

School staff will be running 'class clubs' from the end of this month. Letters have been sent home, but do contact the office if you need more information.

### Sessions for Parents (Held at Huish Acedemy)

#### Behaviour Management Techniques

#### With Family Solutions Somerset

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/9jR8M5hDZNnQnvTm8>

### Growth Mindset

#### SCC Educational Psychologist

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/9cvon4GwrC3ChTaaA>

## Safeguarding Reminder

- It is vital that any concern you have for a child's welfare, however small is recorded and passed to our Safeguarding Lead. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the Headteacher Mrs Ali Pook, the Deputy DSL is Miss Hollie Westlake.
  - All staff members at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School have an important role to play in helping to identify welfare concerns and possible indicators of abuse or neglect at an early stage.
  - If the Designated Leads above are not available or if it is out of school hours you should ring: Children's Services on 0300 123 2224
  - Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website.
- The following websites provided useful information relating to safeguarding children:

- <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>
- <http://www.stop-cse.org/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- <https://kidscape.org.uk>
- <http://educateagainsthate.com/>

## Celebration

Although we were unable to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today, we are all so proud of the following pupils:

## Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Jake

Maigold: Luca

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Gala: Anna

Discovery: Tommy

Camelot: Lottie

Blenheim: Natasza

### **Lunchtime stars**

Maigold: Darcey

Discovery: Harriet

### **50 Merit Awards**

Pippin: Liam, Isabelle-Faith, Jake, Mason, Sonny, Evie-Jane, Ethan, Molly

Maigold: George, Izabelle, Thomas, Elly-May

Gala: Ashton, Billy, Oscar, Finley, Barney

Discovery:

Camelot: Cayden, Logan, Harry H, Harry J, Sophia

Blenheim: Taliyah, Jacob

### **100 Merits**

Gala: Arya

### **School Football Team**

Congratulations to our school football team who reached the South Somerset schools' finals. They were great ambassadors and have come 5th out of 45 schools overall- a great achievement. Well done to Jacob P, Oscar R, Alfie D, Noah B, Sam, Harry D, Luke, Cayden and Logan.

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