



Weekly Diary

Sunday 9 June

10 o'clock All Age Communion service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

Monday 10 June

During school: Pippin class swimming

After school: Creative and Street Dance club - all year groups

After school: Fun Football Yrs R – 3

After school: Messy Church in the school hall 3.30 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 11 June

During school: Weights and Measures programme for Reception and Year 6

During school: PTA Crafting for Father's Day

After school: Netball Club Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 12 June

During school: PTA Crafting for Father's Day

After School Club: Athletics Yrs 1 - 6

Thursday 13 June

During school: PTA Crafting for Father's Day

After School: Cricket club Yrs 4, 5 and 6

Friday 14 June

After School Club: Archery Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6

Sunday 16 June

10 o'clock All Age Family service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

Dates for your Diary!

3 June to 15 July

17 June

17 June

28 June

21 June

3 July

5 July

8 July

9 July

15 July & 16 July

18 July

22 & 23 July

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

Preparing for school – info evening for 2019 intake

Deadline for CR Primary Live entries

Curry Rivel Primary Live (new date)

Year 6 Pilgrim Day at Wells Cathedral

Transition day

Sports morning (provisional date)

Messy Church

School entry open evening for 2019 intake

Phase 2 performances

2pm Leavers' Service and tea party

Inset Days



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

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers

We have lots of exciting news to share re teachers and classes! We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Hardwick on the news that she and her husband are expecting their first child in November. She will be continuing to teach until near the time and has told her class today. They were very excited for her!

At the governors' meeting on Tuesday, it was agreed that we would expand to six classes from September. This is a sign of our popularity as many children have joined us and we have unfortunately had to turn some children away in the last year. It will hopefully mean that we can have smaller numbers in each class as well. We are looking to appoint a class teacher to start in September and this is currently being advertised.

On another note, Mr Peter Staddon has now resigned from the post of headteacher - his message to the children is below. He had been part of the school for a long time and we wish him well in the future. The governors and staff will now start the process for appointing a new headteacher. The values and ethos of the school will be at the core of any future decisions. Until a new head is ready to start, I expect to remain at the school and continue to work with such an inspiring and caring team.

Our sports teams have been busy over the last couple of weeks. We are very grateful to Mrs Rickards-Tilly for her coaching and leadership of our netballers, who came a very close second in the final of the Stoke St Gregory tournament and to Mr Drew Nicholson for organising and leading the football team who performed with such spirit against strong opposition. They were awarded the cup for 'Best Sportsmanship' and Beau-Paul was given an individual player award.

Sports Kits: have you got any sports kit lurking in your homes? We are missing several items including netball kits, football shorts, football socks. It would be great to have it all returned (preferably washed) so that we can ensure that the children are properly kitted up in our upcoming events.

Growing up science unit: as part of this term's curriculum, the children in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be learning about how bodies develop from childhood to adulthood, and the differences between males and females. Specifically for Year 5 and 6, they will learn more about puberty. If you would like to see the resources that will be used, do ask in the office and we will show you the worksheets and DVD clips.

Recorder club: our new recorder club for Years 3 to 6 will start next Tuesday lunchtime at 12.15. I will be giving each child who comes to the club a recorder to borrow for the half term.

The Year 5 in Camelot and Blenheim had bicycle training recently and we are really indebted to Mrs Rickards-Tilley and Mrs Myhill for giving up their time to come and support the children. We really appreciate the time and energy that they gave as this type of activity could not take place without their enthusiastic support.

Finally, our school was chosen for research by NFER on Year 6 science knowledge and the children took part in assessments in physics, chemistry and biology this week. They should feel very proud of the comments that I then received from the representative who came to oversee the assessments: *I just wanted to say how well yesterday went. Miss Tucker had prepared the classroom so well, the children's focus, courtesy and effort were outstanding.*

Mrs Frances Burns, Acting Head teacher



Message written by Mr Staddon

Dear children

You are probably surprised to hear from me, after all this time. However, reluctantly and to my great disappointment I have had to conclude that I will not be able to return to work as your head.

I have had a blast teaching and learning with you all over the last 17 years it's been a huge privilege and one I will never forget or regret. Of all the things I remember about Curry Rivel it will be about you all and the fun I had doing the best job in the world.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your school as much as I enjoyed being there. Learning is for life and although at times it is hard I can guarantee you even at my age it can be the light of your life. Enjoy!

All the best for the future.

Mr Staddon



We are running a Tombola stall on 28 June at Curry Rivel Primary Live – please give any donations for prizes to the school office. Thank you from Mrs Horsey



Co-opted School Governor Vacancies

Curry Rivel Primary School Board of Governors

is keen to co-opt two new School Governors to join its friendly but dedicated team.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

These volunteer positions are open to parents, guardians or other people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

There are 3 key roles for the governing body:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is spent well

More information can be found on the gov.uk website: [DfE Governance Handbook 2019](#)

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of training in respect of education/governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

For more information, and an informal discussion over the phone with the Chair of Governors please contact the Clerk to Governing Body – Mrs Helen Davies either in via the School Office or via email HDavies3@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Applications must be made in writing, including contact details and a short (500 word) resume detailing what you have to offer and why you should be considered for co-opting to the Board of Governors.

All appointments will be subject to a full Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) background check

Mrs Lynne Benton

Chair of Governors

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June 2019



Class Cup winners

In **Pippin**: Jamie Hancock Morris for super progress made in his phonics and reading.

In **Maigold**: William Rycroft for doing everything 100% which gives great success.

In **Gala**: James Manser for fantastic maths work with telling the time.

In **Camelot**: Ava Hope for excellent effort with all her learning.

In **Blenheim**: Rowan Clinch for being an inspirational and exemplary citizen of our school.

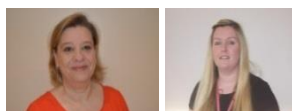
Forest School Award: Georgia Elwin for making a lovely stick mobile.

Lunchtime Award: Poppy Shotton-Brooks for excellent behaviour at lunchtimes.

Merit Chart winners: Silver awards to Esther Cooper, James Manser, Rosie Callaghan.
Bronze awards to Jamie Sands, Jacob Peters, Holly Trott and Harry Davies.

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

Cleaning post vacancy

Would you be interested in a short-term or long-term post in our school?



We need a cleaner to work for up to 3 hours a day starting from after half term. The staff team is very friendly and would welcome you warmly. This post might appeal to a student to cover the next couple of months or for someone wanting a job longer term. Please contact Mrs Burns or Mrs Davies for more details.



Absences

Some mornings, you may have concerns over whether your child is well enough to come into school or not. We would prefer that you send your child in and either tell or phone the office to explain that your child seemed under the weather. Then all of us can keep a close eye on your child and let you know if they do worsen and need to go home.

Also, if you have kept your child off school and then your child becomes perky and well enough to be in school, you can bring them in at any time. It is far better to do this so that your child doesn't miss their learning and their overall attendance isn't a matter that we have to follow up (as we are officially obliged to do).

Our school PTA will be in school next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to make surprise gifts for Father's Day on 16 June

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

Please bring in £1.50 in a named envelope marked PTA Father's Day

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Supporting Children and Young People with Dyslexia – a conference for Parents & Carers

9.30-12.30 on Saturday 29th June 2019 at Edgar Hall, Somerton. Tickets £10.

Reception and coffee from 9am.

Speakers: Sarah Melhuish and Mark Long, Lead Advisory Teachers, Somerset Learning Support Service.