



Weekly Update: 15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to 'meeting' you at next week's parents' evenings. It is never too late to book a slot, so do contact the school office if you need to. You will receive a confirmation slip of your meeting time today, and the teacher will send the TEAMS invite to you by end of day Monday. If you have older children, you will receive an envelope today containing a 'Star Reader' report which the teacher will refer to in your meeting. We hope you find the meetings a really useful update on how your child has settled in and on your child's attainment, achievements, progress and next steps.

PTA

We enjoyed a lively PTA meeting last night in the school hall- it was great to see some new members. The PTA are committed to fundraising for the school and have some great plans for the year ahead- further details to follow.

Tempest Photos

Tempest will be taking individual school photos of pupils on **Monday 18th November**. In-line with risk assessments, Tempest will not be able to take group/sibling photographs.

Sports Update

Our school football team came third in the recent Huish Tournament; they won 8 games, and only lost one. They only missed the top spot by one point and they have qualified for the South Somerset Finals to be held in November. Our netball team won a game, drew a game and lost a game. Our cross country runners completed a grueling course yesterday at Long Sutton- well done to all of you. Thank you to Mrs Davies, Mr Silver and Mrs Ainsworth who supported the children alongside parents and carers.

Isabel Haigh Fundraising

Nearly £2100 was raised through your amazing sponsorship of the Isabel Haigh visit- this means we will have over £1600 to spend on projects supporting PE and activity in school- Mr Bridgeman is making plans. Thank you to all the fundraisers- your rewards will follow.

Message from Curry Rivel Entertainers

Curry Rivel Entertainers are performing Goldilocks and the Three Bears pantomime in February half term. We are looking for children and parents to join their group. It would be meeting on Monday

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evenings to start with and will involve some chorus singing and a little bit of acting. Any interested parents should email khuntley610@outlook.com to find out more.

Opening-up post Covid/reconnecting our community: A Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council cordially invite all residents and group representatives for an informal gathering with refreshments on 20th November 2021 in the Village Hall from 3pm until 6pm. As we emerge from a difficult 20 months, there is an opportunity and a need for our community to return to a level of normality. Therefore, The Parish Council are hosting this event in the Village Hall on 20th November from 3pm, enabling the community groups in Curry Rivel to come together as a 'show and tell,' for our residents. Groups such as Curry Rivel in Bloom, Curry Woods Trust, Curry Rivel News, The Entertainers, The Allotment Association, The Footpath Team, along with a table for wellbeing, plus others will also be in attendance. We are asking each community group in the village to take part and host/share a table, enabling them to reach out and communicate with you all regarding how and when they are opening-up post Covid, and what they will be doing and planning over the coming months/year to reconnect and engage our residents. The Parish Council will provide refreshments; a glass of wine, cup of tea or coffee, and cakes for attendees. We hope that by hosting this event we can enable our residents to re-discover the very many and varied social and interest groups that exist within and around the village. The Parish Councillors will be in attendance as a meet and greet. Please come along and introduce yourself, have a one-to-one regarding what you would like to see in the future for our village and find out how your councillors can help and support you. There will be information on planned projects and an opportunity to have your say about what improvements you would like to see. Please join us, all residents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on 20th November 2021, from 3pm in the Village Hall. Please drop in at any time during the afternoon. Bring your children, have a drink, meet some old friends, and may be make new ones.

For more information contact the clerk, Lydia Mason by e mail curryrivelparish@outlook.com

On-Line Safety

Netflix's Squid Game is set to become the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created - ranging from memes to apps - that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

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Find out more at: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

Awards

It was wonderful to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. We are all so proud of the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Finlo

Maigold: Henry

Gala: Riley

Discovery: Jamie

Camelot: Cayden

Blenheim: Noah

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Thomas

Maigold: Freddie

Gala: Barney

Discovery: Ethan

Camelot: Harry H

Blenheim: Tyler

Accelerated Reader Reading Stars

First class to 1,000,000 words will receive 2 dojos for each pupil. Current word count:

Camelot: 966,000 words

Blenheim: 663,000 words

Discovery 596,000

These children have made a big difference to their class totals:

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Xander, Lottie, Chloe D, Natasha and Beth

Maths fluency on Transum: Chloe D (Blenheim) has earned 100 trophies

Noah B (Gala): 'Saint of the day' with Saints Southwest for good listening and good ball skills.

Dates for your diary

19th/21st October: Parents' evenings

Friday 22nd October: INSET Day

25th- 29th October: Half term

Tuesday 4 January: INSET Day

Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee

Monday 25 July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26 July: INSET Day

Well-being tip of the week

Take some time to reflect on a person who has inspired you, perhaps to think differently or more inclusively about something, to flourish. How did they help you and how has it made a difference? Can you reflect some of those inspirational qualities to somebody this week?

Have a restful weekend.

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