



Weekly Diary

Monday 13th January

Forest School for Maigold Class
Swimming: Discovery class
Archery for Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 14th January

Netball club for Years 4 to 6
Gymnastics for Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 15th January

Forest School for Pippin Class
Dodgeball for Years 3 and 4

Thursday 16th January

Art club (full)

Friday 17th January

Recorder club at lunchtime
Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm
Multisports for Years 3 to 6

Dates for your Diary!

30 January	Jimjam Jamboree – storytelling event in school
31 January	Donate a bottle day (for PTA fundraising)
7 February	Maigold sharing in Celebration Assembly
10 February	Messy Church
11 February	Parents' meetings 3.30 to 6pm
13 February	School to Church for assembly
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14 February	Inset day
17 February – 21 February	Half term
24 February	Gala Class swimming starts
	Book Fair week starts
26 February	Reception and Year 6 children health measurements
28 February	Camelot sharing in Celebration Assembly
2 March	Class photos
5 March	World Book Day: dress up as a character
6 March	Discovery sharing in Celebration Assembly
	PTA Bingo evening 6pm doors open
13 March	Blenheim sharing in Celebration Assembly
16 March	Dance Show for KS1
20 March	Gala sharing in Celebration Assembly
25 March	CLP meeting for parents on Growth Mindset
27 March	Sponsored walk for 'School in a bag' charity
	Pippin sharing in Celebration Assembly
30 March	Poetry and art focus week
2 April	Easter Service



3 April	Easter bonnet parade & final celebration assembly
6 April – 17 April	Easter holidays
20 April	Term starts; Maigold swimming
25 May – 29 May	Half term
17 July	Break up for summer holidays

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

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a couple of really hard working and focussed weeks and the children have already shown great enthusiasm for this term's themes. The two 'wow' days organised by the teachers certainly started the learning off with real zing and we look forward to sharing their learning over the term. On the calendar, you will see the dates for the celebration assemblies when the children will be presenting some of their work and we hope that you will be able to join us.

This term, we are hoping to improve our attendance! There are many reasons why our overall attendance figures are lower than the national average but, as you know, we are very aware of how this disrupts individuals' learning. If you keep your child at home because you think they are too poorly and then they buck up and seem fine, do please bring them in for the rest of the day. Sometimes a child has had a bad night's sleep or is feeling down but after a snooze or breakfast, everything is fine again. In this situation, we don't mind if they come in at 10am or 12 noon – it's better that they are in and not missing out on the learning sequence.

It's been great to see how many parents are reading with their children every evening including those in Y5 and Y6. Reading diaries are checked regularly and the 'raffle' prizes are hopefully motivating the older children. It really does make a difference to fluency and understanding but most importantly, all the research shows the greatest impact is on a child's attitude to learning and feeling supported.

Over this term, I will be meeting with Mrs A Pook to ensure that there is a really smooth transition for her into the summer term as headteacher. We will be gathering your ideas and thoughts about the school with a questionnaire in due course. It will be useful to know what you think is key to the school's successes and what areas you think we could improve.

Mrs Frances Burns
Acting Head teacher



Would you like a flexible part-time job?

Do you have admin skills

and an interest in the running of the school?

Our clerk to the governors role might be the job for you?!



We are looking for a Clerk to the Board of Governors to work for approximately 2 hours a week during term-time. Apart from the fixed evening meetings (4 a term), you would be able to complete the duties as is convenient for you. The role is paid at £10.14 an hour. Please read the full details below and if you have any questions, do feel free to have a chat with Frances Burns to find out more about the role.

Details:

The board, through its appointed and elected governors, plays a distinctive and essential role in the continuing success and development of the school.

The clerk's job is to work with the chair, other governors and headteacher, in dealing with administrative matters for the board and advising on procedural issues of governance and the board's statutory duties. Central to the role is preparing for, taking notes at and producing minutes for meetings. The post involves some evening work and the successful candidate should be available at times during the day. Good keyboard skills and the ability to write agendas and produce accurate concise minutes are essential. Integrity and the ability to maintain confidentiality are essential.

New clerks receive advice, support and training from the SSE-Somerset Governance Services Team and all clerks are encouraged to attend termly briefings in their locality to update themselves on the latest developments in governance.

The post will initially involve setting and sending the agenda (1 hour); the meeting (about 3 hours with preparation for photocopying, setting up the room, clearing afterwards); typing up the minutes and getting them agreed by HT and chair (2 hours). Typically, there will be 4 meetings each term. The clerk will be asked to take on additional work according to need (eg preparation and monitoring School policies schedule). This is advertised at 2 hours per week term time only with the possibility of overtime.

The post of Clerk to the Governing Body has been evaluated using Somerset's Job Evaluation Scheme at Grade 13: £10.14 per hour (£19,554 full time equivalent salary). Curry Rivel C of E Primary School is fully committed to rigorous safeguarding procedures as well as equal opportunities

Further information and an application form can be obtained by contacting Mrs Frances Burns, Acting Headteacher at FBurns@educ.somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01458 251404.

Weekly Award winners

Week ending 17th January

Pippin Daisy G for fantastic learning in all areas

Maigold Ross M for being a super verb hunter, identifying past, present, future tense verbs

Gala Jamie H-M for maths learning which has been amazing this week

Discovery Lottie B for always being a star; working diligently, taking pride in her work and being calm and patient and a good friend

Camelot Miley S for working really hard in class, particularly in English

Blenheim Summer M for being a mature supportive and ambitious example in our class

Forest School Miley Rycroft for being super-organised for Forest School

Lunchtime Star Oliver H for excellent behaviour at lunchtime

Out of school awards Sophie H for achieving star of the week at Somerton Rugby Club



Bronze awards: Darcy J, Sophie P, Alexis C, Noah B, Harriet S, Toby H, Jessica G, Maisie S, Oscar R, Cayden R, Sophia C-T, Aminda B, McKenzie S, Taylor S, Stanley M, Mia-Rose T, Billy C, Jack C, Esther C, Luke H, Freddie H, Hollie A, Isabelle M.

Swimming dates for February 2020 - July 2020



13 January – 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

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