



Weekly Diary

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November – half term holiday

Monday 4 November

During school: Camelot Class swimming

After school: Fun football club Years 1 -3

Tuesday 5 November

After school: Netball club Years 4 - 6

After school: Gymnastics club Years 1 – 6

Wednesday 6 November

After school: Dodgeball club Years 1- 6

Thursday 7 November

After school: Art club

Friday 8 November

After school: Football club Years 4-6

Evening: PTA disco in the school hall KS1 and Little Pips 6.30 - 7.30pm and KS2 7.45 – 9pm

Dates for your Diary!

11 November

19 November

11 December

12 December

19 December

23 December – 6 January

7 January

14 February

17 February – 21 February

6 April – 17 April

25 May – 29 May

17 July

Messy Church

Open morning for parents and carers

Nativity (afternoon)

Nativity (evening)

Christmas service at St Andrew's

School Holidays

Return to school

Inset day

Half term

Easter holidays

Half term

Break up for summer holidays



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term of the year and what a busy time it has been. We've had the two exciting residential to Kilve and Bristol; WOW days; amazing sporting results with so much participation; the Macmillan Coffee Morning; a teddy bears' picnic; alongside some great progress in learning already. One example is the learning in Pippen. The children came in with no prior knowledge of phonics and are now able to write some words with cursive handwriting – amazing!

The staff team is now settled with Mr Bridgeman and Ms Yarde now feeling at home with us all. Ms Steer, Mrs Myhill and Mrs Patten have been with the Teaching Assistant team for a short time but have already made such an impact. We are so lucky with our skilful and dedicated assistants who work with groups of children and give them that little extra help that makes such a difference.

A huge congratulations to all those who have been awarded Reading Challenge certificates and medals. We are really proud of the effort they put in and were part of the largest number of achievers that we've known.

WELL DONE to Paige, Harrison, Bethany, Belle, Toby W, Sienna, Jack C, Freddie H, James, Alfie D, Harry H, Mia-Rose, Taylor, Casper, Bea, Holly, Alex C, Harriet, Zach, Katie, Sophia C-T, Lottie, Oliver T, Harry D, Ashleigh-Marie, Chloe D, Lily S-L, Ivy, Tom D, Amy P, Mylie P, Milo S-L, George P, Esther, James M, May, Sophie, Lilia, Georgia Epps.



A small plea to parents and carers: please do not use 'bad' language in the earshot of any of the school or nursery children, either in the building or in the playground. It is unpleasant for the children and upsets others. Another request is that, if you are a smoker, you move away from the gate as a few people have mentioned that they don't like walking past. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

If you ever need any uniform, we have a lot of 'good as new' secondhand uniform available. We're very grateful to the PTA for washing and sorting any donated items. When we have unsuccessfully tried rehoming un-named cardigans and sweatshirts for a couple of weeks, the PTA then take them home to be washed to be resold. Please do name things so that we can return them back to the right child.

Finally, if your child hasn't tried the school dinners yet, I can thoroughly recommend them! I particularly enjoy the roast with the much appreciated Yorkshire pudding! The new menu will be put onto the website and you can pick up a copy from the foyer. Do give them a go – not only are they very nutritious and delicious, they may save you money. They are free for all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in on Monday 4th November ready for another exciting half term! Have a great holiday!

Mrs Frances Burns

Acting Head teacher



PLAY EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISING

THE FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEW PLAY AREA IS STARTING TO MOVE UP A GEAR AND WE COULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

WE KNOW THAT HAVING NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT ON THE BACK PLAYGROUND WILL BENEFIT THE CHILDREN IN SO MANY WAYS AND, ABOVE ALL, PROVIDE HOURS OF FUN FOR DECADES TO COME. YOU MAY KNOW OF A COMPANY OR BUSINESS THAT GIVES GRANTS OR DONATIONS TO LOCAL PROJECTS OR POSSIBLY DO MATCHED FUNDRAISING. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFO OR CONTACTS, DO PLEASE LET US KNOW. OUR PRESENT FOCUS IS APPLYING FOR GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERY FUND BUT I'M NOT THAT OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS. THE PTA ARE DOING A GRAND JOB OF ORGANISING EVENTS THAT WILL 'GROW THE POT' AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THEIR ACTIVITIES AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.



Weekly Award winners

Pippin class: Darcey Stevens for always trying her best and doing fantastic home learning.

Maigold class: Olivia Hunt for fantastic set of instructions and always willing to learn.

Gala class: Clemmie Pember for being always eager to get work completed and to a great standard.

Discovery class: Zach Puser for a hardworking attitude in maths and a determination to solve mathematical problems.

Camelot class: Jacob Peters for working hard all week and showing great behaviour in the classroom.

Blenheim class: Amy Patterson for such an exemplary attitude towards everything.

Merit chart: Bronze award to Alex Campo.

Lunchtime award: Andreea Marinovici for being kind to the younger children.

Notices from our PTA

Firework Disco

Friday 8 November 2019

School Hall

Little Pips and KS1 6.30 - 7.30pm

KS2 7.45- 9pm





Little Pips parents, you are warmly invited to Curry Rivel C of E Primary School's

Open Morning on Tuesday 19th November from 9.15am to 10.30am



You will have the opportunity to see the children in class, see photos of our recent events, meet the leadership team and have tours led by the Year 6 children. Please let the school office or Little Pips know if you are hoping to attend.

Swimming dates for September 2019 - July 2020



21 October – 2 December	Camelot class	Huish pool
9 December – 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