



Weekly Update: 17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been sharing the school's vision and values with the children this week, by looking at the school's symbol, the apple tree:

Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School and Little Pips Nursery

'Caring, Curious and Confident'

'Healthy trees bearing good fruit' - Matthew 7 v 17

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we nurture our children to become 'Caring, Curious and Confident' young people. We have chosen a tree with its leaves and fruit to symbolise our vision and values. The tree represents the school, rooted to the village community and local area. The leaves, our 'Caring, Curious and Confident' children, and the fruit, our school's core Christian values.

Building on these core Christian values of **hope, thankfulness, forgiveness, courage and love** we care for each other and our world. We develop resilience, confidence, creativity and independence through our innovative and diverse curriculum, inspiring and motivating everyone to thrive. Our core Christian values underpin our school, providing the best possible environment for these fruit to grow and ripen within our children and whole community.

Focussing on the value of **'thankfulness'**, the children have been 'counting our blessings' in collective worship this week and thinking about all the things in our lives we are thankful for. So far we have collected the following blessings in our 'blessings jar': our family, friends, our homes, our school, food, water...and our pets!

Clubs

I am delighted that we are able to offer after-school clubs once again. We are offering a range of sports clubs this autumn term:

Years 1 and 2: Multi-skills

Years 3 and 4: Tag-rugby

Years 5 and 6: Netball and football

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Letters and emails have been sent out- please contact the school office if you have any questions or queries.

Sports

As you know, we love sports and activity at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, and we are led in this by our enthusiastic PE lead, Mr Bridgeman. He has launched the 'Sports for Schools' event which takes place on Monday 27th September; gymnast Isabel Haigh will be meeting all the children and leading sessions to motivate and inspire. Isabel is an Acrobatic Gymnast who was born in Cornwall. Her most memorable sporting achievement is being selected to represent Great Britain. She has competed at the 2017 World Games where she was part of the GB team that won a bronze medal. Mr Bridgeman sent parents/carers a letter to outline how sponsorship through this event can support purchasing further equipment for our pupils to enjoy in school.

Mrs Ward

Mrs Ward, our school SENDCo, is currently unwell- I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. In her absence, high quality SEND provision continues as we ensure in-class provision is in place where needed. In addition, our trained teaching assistants are co-ordinating important interventions. Class teachers will be in contact with parents/carers regarding APDR (Assess, Plan, Do Review) meetings for this term. All class teachers are teachers of all pupils including those pupils with special needs- if you have any concerns, questions or queries, please contact your class teacher via the school office and they will be able to help you.

Harvest Festival

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for all schools and nurseries to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. Our harvest festival service will take place on Tuesday 5th October at St Andrew's Church, at 9.15am. Currently, I am risk assessing the event in line with COVID guidance to enable a decision around parents/carers attending this event- I will inform you as soon as I am able. We will be demonstrating 'courageous advocacy' by supporting the important work of the Curry Rivel Foodbank, and ask that children bring dried foodstuffs (tins or packets) to the Harvest service. We would like to make a special harvest display both in school and at church- we would welcome donations of a few ears of corn, wheat or barley.

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Village clean up

A village clean up is planned for the weekend of 16/17 October and we particularly would like to invite families to take part. This is the link to the article on the Curry Rivel website:

<https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/p/latest-news/litter-clean-up-save-date-1617-oct-21.html>

Pupil Poet

Congratulations to Rylee, in Year 6, who has been selected as a shortlisted poet in 'The LoveReading4Kids' 2021 Poetry Prize for her entry: The Magic Box. The panel of judges received hundreds of entries and managed to pin the shortlist down to a final 12! We invite you to take a look at the shortlist and share far and wide as the People's Choice Award is also up for grabs!

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/poetry-prize>

There isn't long to vote as the voting closes on 30th September. Well done on this achievement. We wish you good luck for the next phase of the competition, Rylee!

Mobile Phones

Some of the older children bring mobile phones to school. All pupil mobile phones are stored in the school office during the school day; please can parents/carers complete a 'mobile phone' form (available from the school office) if they would like their child to bring a phone to school- thank you.

Awards

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

Year 6 Sports' Captains:

Blackdown

Harry Davies
Emily Chetnik

Polden

Oscar Rycroft
Chloe Davis

Mendip

George Pead
Rylee McDougall



Quantock

Alfie Jones

Lexi Limm

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Frazer

Maigold: Millie C

Gala: Ashton

Discovery: Harry J

Camelot: Xander

Blenheim: Tash G

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Isabelle Faith

Maigold: Seth

Gala: Ross

Discovery: Jack C

Camelot: Blake

Blenheim: Tash G

Other achievements:

100 merits (From last term): Ashleigh-Marie (Blenheim)

Summer reading challenge Arya

Gymnastics award level 7: Bella

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th September: Visit from gymnast, Isabel Haigh

Tuesday 5th October: Harvest Festival

Friday 8th October: Open morning for prospective parents

19th/21st October: Parents' evenings

Friday 22nd October: INSET Day

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25th- 29th October: Half term

Planning Ahead: INSET Days

The followed INSET dates have been agreed with the Governing board:

Monday 6 September 2021

Friday 22 October 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Monday 25 July 2022

Tuesday 26 July 2022

Well-being tip of the week

Remember your good points We all have them, and none of us is perfect either. It can be easy to think that others are more talented, more successful, have more opportunity than us, when you are feeling low in mood. But it is impossible to know how someone else is feeling inside, whatever they seem like on the surface. Remind yourself about the things you do well, and looking for evidence of this can help to balance out critical thoughts about yourself, which tend to increase when we are stressed

Have a restful weekend.

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