

Curry Mallet Church of England VC Primary School

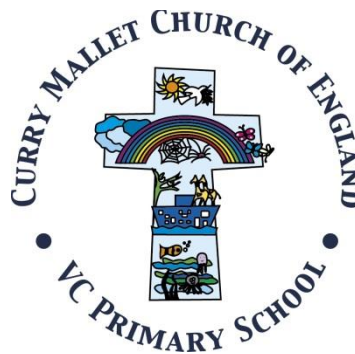
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Dear Parents,

Well the end of term is finally here and I am sure you are all looking forward to the holidays. It has been a very busy term but the last few weeks have been exceptional.



Well done to all the children for a magnificent performance of Mystery at Magpie Manor. All the children did very well especially considering the time constraints we were under to put the performance together. We have many budding actors, actresses and singers amongst the pupils - I'm sure there is a famous one just waiting to be discovered.



Some of you may be aware of the safeguarding issues around the new Pokémon Go on-line game which was launched at the end of last week. Much has been in the media over the weekend and we received this statement today. Although it is aimed at older children a warning has been issued to Primary schools in the area.

'The Probation Service has just issued a National warning about this game. This is a new recently launched on-line game that gets people to visit real places to collect tokens. There is a national concern that a Probation Office has been identified for people to go to and Sex Offenders have to report to these offices. Please can you ensure that your children are not put at risk through visiting real life locations through this game.'



Reports will be with you as soon as possible but because of all the work the children have put into the play they have not quite completed their section of them. Due to the staffing difficulties in Class 3 since February the reports of children in years 4/5/6 are understandably not as detailed as they would normally be. It was very good to see many parents take the opportunity of visiting class 1 and 3 on July 8th to see what the children had been doing and to look at their work. If you wish to see a member of staff regarding the content of your child's report and it can't wait until September please email the school office and it will be passed on.



At the request of some parents we have been reviewing the wrap around care we provide and have decided that in September the Willows will start at 7.30 am for those parents who require it. Obviously the charge will change to reflect the extra half an hour and so the cost will be £3.75 for a morning session which includes breakfast. If after half a term there is little need for the club to start at this time then we will re-review it. Please book through Lara as normal: Tel 01823 48003 or 07533 339549.



Thank You!

A big thank you to the PTFA for the leavers BBQ which was held on Friday –I believe a good time was had by all! Also a huge thank you for their hard work throughout the year- there are only a few of them and they have worked tirelessly to raise money for the school and to provide a range of social experiences for both children and parents.

Goodbye

Leaver’s service will be on Wednesday at 2.30 in the school hall followed by cake and tea under the trees. May I take this opportunity to say a good bye to all the year 6 children who have been a fantastic bunch –we will miss each and every one of them. We also say goodbye to the Eavis family who have been a fantastic support to the school and to the school grounds, to the Leightons who have also helped out in so many ways over the years (don’t worry Mrs Leighton will be back in September!) and to Angie and Yasmin Edwards who have been very supportive, especially with their cakes! We also say goodbye to Lily Lucas, to Amelie and Etienne Richardson and to Cedric and Danny Prerost as they move onto pastures green. We wish you the very best for the future.

The year 6 children have done exceptionally well this year with the new style SATs and we are very proud of them. Each child’s raw score is converted to a scaled score. The scaled scores are added together and divided by the number in the cohort to give the average.

Subject	Curry Mallet School Average Scaled Score	National Average Scaled Score.
Maths	111.3	103
English Reading	112.5	103
Grammar, punctuation and spelling.	109	104

I would like to say a huge thank you to the children, to Mrs Simpson who worked hard with them in school to make sure they were ready for the tests and to parents for the help they gave them at home.



After talking to some parents we have had a hoodie printed for the children to wear for PE and for when they represent the school in a sports team. I am in the process of getting a price from Lizzie Ginbey at Teapot and will be taking orders as soon as we are able however realistically this may not be until September. Please see Lorraine in the office if you would like to see the hoodie and /or place an order.

In September clubs will start the second full week of the term, week commencing 12th September. If you wish your child to continue with Judo on Wednesday mornings please see Lorraine in the office. We are hoping that it will take place in the village hall from 8am until 8.45am. The change of venue means that the children will do more activities and so it will be better value for money. There will be a small extra cost to cover the village hall. It also means that more children can attend and it will be open to children from Year1. If you wish to book a place for September please visit Mac’s website. If anyone can help with transporting from the hall to school please see Lorraine.



In September we are changing from class topics to doing whole school topics. Our topic for the first half of term will be Roald Dahl. All children will have a creative homework to complete in readiness for the new term-please see separate letter or website.

I would like to end by saying a big thank you to all the staff and parents who have so generously given of their time to support or run after school clubs or have helped in any other way during the year. I hope you all, have an enjoyable holiday and come back refreshed to face the challenges of the next academic year.

Finally I would like to say farewell to Mrs Haddon who retires at the end of August to become a lady of leisure! It is lovely to see her looking so well after being so poorly back in February and can fully understand her decision to retire. We will miss her around the school but she is always welcome to pay us a visit.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 1st September 2016

Regards

Wendy