

**Together Everyone Achieves More**

Through.....  
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life  
itself  
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after the Summer holidays. I hope you and your families continued to stay safe, healthy and happy.

The children seemed to have returned to school full of enthusiasm and very grateful to be back at school after the very long break (for some). The staff and I are looking forward to working with you to continue to provide the highest quality of education for all the children at North Curry School.

### Staffing News

A huge congratulations to Miss Pople who managed to get married over the Summer and has now returned to school as Mrs Filmer. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her and her husband every happiness for the future. I am delighted to welcome Miss Eloise Brown to our teaching staff. She will be the Year 5 Octopus Class Teacher. I am sure you will join me in making her feel welcome. Mrs Day (our HLTA and ELSA) has also changed her name over the Summer and is now Ms Harris.

### School Office Hours

Just to remind you that the school office will be closed on a Friday afternoon (after 12.30pm) as Mrs Evans doesn't work then. Please only use the phone line for emergencies only.

### Little Herons Pre-School/Nursery

We are delighted that this is now on the school site and becoming increasingly popular. If you would like more information about the pre-school then please do phone the school and ask to speak to a member of the nursery team.



## LITTLE HERONS PRE-SCHOOL

### (NOW ON SCHOOL SITE)

GROW, EXPLORE, DISCOVER: **TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

- Early years funding available – 15/30 hours, 2 year olds: See Childcare Choices website
- Childcare vouchers/ Tax Free Childcare accepted
- Forest School
- Heron Club Wrap around care (07.30 – 08.45/15.15 – 18.00)
- Hot school lunches available (extra cost)

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS  
PLEASE CALL 01823 490423 OR VISIT [WWW.NORTHCURRYSCHOOL.CO.UK/LITTLE-HERONS-PRE-SCHOOL](http://WWW.NORTHCURRYSCHOOL.CO.UK/LITTLE-HERONS-PRE-SCHOOL)




### Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Feeling Welcome

Welcome to Planet Earth.

There is nothing you cannot be, do or have

And your work here, your lifetime career is...to seek JOY!



### Our 'Big Question' of the Week

## How do you make people feel welcome?

### Well Being: Tips

Embrace the sentiment 'if you can't do what you do or did, you do what you can.' Allow yourself to adapt to new ways without the burden of old ways being a pressure. Thoughtfully reflect what was good that you need to keep because it is helpful. What is it that needs to be left behind because it is simply a burden and no longer relevant or helpful now? Once you've thought about this discuss it with a trusted friend or colleague and share how you are going to actively make the changes so you can do what you can, and flourish.

### Emotional Literacy:

#### ELSA

The link below provides some useful information regarding Covid-19 and your child's return to school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51643556>



### ELSA Support

ELSA support is available to all pupils, parents and staff. ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) is an initiative developed and supported by educational psychologists. It recognises that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed.

**ELSA Intervention provides support for a wide range of emotional needs:**

Recognising emotions  
Self-esteem  
Social skills  
Regulation  
Friendship skills  
Management of Anger  
Loss and bereavement

If you would like to learn more about ELSA support or would like to arrange a chat please contact Victoria Harris (Day) [viharris@nc.huish.education](mailto:viharris@nc.huish.education) or telephone the school office to arrange a meeting.

### Primary and Secondary Admissions – September 2021

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2021 will soon begin and the website will be live for parent's/carers to make their on-line Secondary applications from Friday 4 September and Primary applications from Monday 14 September.

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021** and the national offer day is **16 April 2021**.

For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is **31 October 2020** and the national offer day is **1 March 2021**.

- The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2021 admissions process can be found at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) from early September. Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

In previous years the Admissions and Entitlements Team have written to every parent/carer of children due to start or transfer school explaining how to apply, key dates and where to find further information. **Due to budgetary constraints they will no longer be writing individually to parents.** Information can be found at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

Please find below the term dates for the forthcoming year as well as provisional key dates for the first half of the Autumn term.

#### **School Lunch Reminder**

For w/c **14<sup>th</sup> September** orders must be placed on ParentMail by **midnight today, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Unfortunately orders placed after this date/time will not be able to be processed and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for that week.

**If your child has any special dietary requirements you must email the school office before the order cut off.**

*If you are unable to access ParentMail to order a lunch, please email the school office asap. Otherwise please ensure you provide a packed lunch for your child.*

Kind regards,



Helen Morley.

### Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Welcome back children!</b> New term starts
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Meet the teacher virtual drop in session:</b> 3.30 and 5.00
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Virtual Shark Show and Share:</b> 1.20
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Virtual Octopus Show and Share:</b> 1.20
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Full Governors:</b> 5.00
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Virtual Harvest Service</b> 2.30
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Virtual Dolphin Show and Share:</b> 1.20
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Virtual Starfish Show and Share:</b> 1.20
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Virtual Seahorse Show and Share:</b> 1.20
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Zones of Regulation Enrichment Week</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Virtual Parents' Evenings:</b> 3.30-6.00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Half term week</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Back to School</b>

# Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2020/2021 Academic Year

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September 2020						October 2020						November 2020						
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2020						January 2021						February 2021						
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	
March 2021						April 2021						May 2021						
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31	
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
June 2021						July 2021						August 2021						
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

## Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time

## Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2020 (37 days)  
 Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2020 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2021 (30 days)  
 Term 4: 22 February – 01 April 2021 (29 days)  
 Term 5: 19 April – 28 May 2021 (29 days)  
 Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2021 (35 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

## Bank and public holidays 2020/21

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2020	Easter Monday	05 April 2021
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2020*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2021	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

\*Replacement bank holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with individual schools for their term dates