Tuesday 21 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As ever, there’s a lot happening at Curbar Primary School so dive in for a quick catch up…

**Parents Evening**

Our spring term parent meetings are set to take place on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March 2017 from 15:30 – 18:00. A sign-up sheet is available outside each classroom. If you haven’t done so already, please sign up for a 10-minute appointment time. There will also be the opportunity to look at your child’s learning.

**Finer Diners**

We have now held several ‘Finer Diner’ events on Friday lunchtime with much success. We encourage courtesy, good behaviour and good manners throughout lunch times and children who display these qualities will be chosen to be the weekly ‘Finer Diners‘ and have their lunch at the ‘top table’ on a Friday. These children will come into lunch first, have a special table, receive a small treat and get to eat their lunch with me! Lunchtime supervisors will nominate a ‘Finer Diner’ for each year group and they will be announced at each Friday’s Shine Award assembly.

**Class 3 Netball**

Well done to all of Class 3 who demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork in the recent LMS Netball festival at Longstone Primary. As ever, the children were a credit to the school in terms of their performances, behaviour and attitude. Congratulations to all!

**Red Nose Day – Friday 24 March**

The school will be celebrating Red Nose Day and raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 24 March 2017. The money raised will go towards helping people in both the UK and Africa. For more information, please go to the Comic Relief website at: <https://www.rednoseday.com/> The Pupil Parliament have decided that we would like children to come to school dressed in red or red nose day attire for a donation of £1. We will also be selling red noses for a £1 donation on the day and (if they arrive!) for a couple of days before – we will keep you informed. We have ordered 80 noses so they will be restricted to one per child to begin with. If we get enough jokes returned to school, a small Curbar joke ‘book’ will be available to buy for a donation of 50p.

**Crucial Crew**

Class 3 are attending ‘Crucial Crew’ on Friday 24 March 2017. ‘Crucial Crew’ is a fun and engaging experience for children, in a superb purpose built environment which is used to work through a series of real-life scenarios related to personal safety in an interactive and exciting way. **Children need to bring a packed lunch and be at school for 8:15am.** We should be back in school for the children to be collected as normal at 3:30pm.

**Attendance/Punctuality**

Attendance for the year so far is 96.8%. This is just below our school target of 97%. Thank you to all for your efforts in ensuring the children attend school regularly and punctually.

**Sainsbury’s Active Kids 2017 – Eat well, move well, live well**

We are still collecting Active Kids vouchers to school. A collection box is available under the PTFA notice board in school. We will be collecting until 2 May 2017.

**Autism Awareness Week – 27 March 2017**

As part of our assembly theme on ‘respect’, we will be discussing autism in the week’s assemblies and in the classroom. For further information please refer to the National Autistic Society website: <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx>

**Citizen of the Term**

We will be celebrating our pupils’ success in our ‘Citizen of the Term’ assembly on Thursday 6 April at 9:10am. You will receive a text if your child has been voted for by their classmates inviting you to attend this very special assembly.

**School Sports Organiser Crew, (SSOC) Training**

Four Y5 children and Mrs Berry headed off to Anthony Gell school last week to receive training to become our School Sports Organiser Crew (SSOC) This is an initiative designed to keep our children active at lunchtimes with the expert help of our Y5 leaders! We will keep you informed.

**Training day – April 7**

School closes for children for the Easter break at the end of the day on Thursday 6 April 2017. Staff have a Safeguarding training day on Friday 7 April and school is closed to children. School reopens on Monday 24 April 2017.at 8:50am

**PTFA Easter Egg hunt**

The PTFA have kindly arranged the annual Easter Egg hunt for the children in school on Thursday 6 April 2017. The children will be available for collection at the usual time at the end of the day. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you do not want your child to participate in this event or receive a chocolate Easter egg.

**Class 1 Visit to Chatsworth**

The visit will take place on Tuesday 4th April and children will learn about the local area and the history of the house and garden. They will also have some time in the farmyard and adventure playground. To keep the cost of this trip down, we are asking for parents to drop off their child at Chatsworth main car park at 9:15am where Mrs.Berry will meet them and for them to be collected from the same place at 3:00pm. If you are struggling to transport your child to or from Chatsworth, please in the first instance try to make an arrangement with another parent. Failing that, please speak to a member of school staff.

**Payments**

If you are sending a payment to the school office (including dinner money) can you please ensure it is in a sealed envelope with the child’s name written clearly on the front. Where possible, please ensure it is the correct money as we are not always guaranteed to have the correct change.

**Easter Assembly at All Saints**

On Tuesday 4 April, we are all heading over to All Saints, for our assembly led by the Revd. James Croft. It will begin at 1:05pm and you are more than welcome to join us.

**Year 6 SATs meeting**

We will be holding a brief meeting for the parents of children in year 6 on **Tuesday 4 April at 6pm** to inform them about SATs week (the week beginning 8 May 2017). During this meeting, we will talk through the testing process and the timetable for the week. We will also be available to answer any questions.

**Year 2 SATs meeting**

There will also be a meeting for the parents of children in year 2 on **Monday 3 April at 6pm**. As for the year 6 group, it will inform parents about what happens during the week of testing. If you are unable to attend these meetings, a leaflet will be sent home with key information.

**Porridge**

This year’s whole school summer performance of ‘Porridge’ will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 22 June at 2 and 6pm. More details to follow!

**Class Photos…**

…are set to take place in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 4 April 2017.

**Parental Questionnaire**

There will be a parental questionnaire available for you to fill out (one per family) at the Parent Evenings on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill this in as we always value your thoughts and the school is always looking at ways of improving. Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year using an online questionnaire called Parent View on which you will find the same 12 questions. You can register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to the questions about aspects such as bullying, the quality of teaching, level of homework etc. Please call into the office if you are unable to attend the parent meetings and would like a questionnaire.

**Website**

I am always trying to improve the school website and make it increasingly useful for users ([www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk)). As a result, I have added a calendar, a tickertape (for up to date news!) and the Facebook and Twitter feeds to the homepage. You will also notice a link to CEOP at the bottom of each page – this is where you can make a report if something online has made you feel worried or unsafe (<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>) For further information about online safety visit our internet safety page on the school website at <http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk/online-safety/> You will also find some new policies available for viewing over the next couple of weeks including a Complaints Policy, Dinner Money Policy and Communications Compact.

**‘Inbetweeners’**

I request that Class 1 children who are waiting for older siblings to finish school wait quietly and sensibly with parents/adults on the office side of the building. The children in the other classes are still working at this time.

Kind regards

Simon Beahan, Headteacher