Tuesday 27 June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It’s been a busy half term so far with more to come…

**Curbar Primary and 623 Community Muck In**

A huge thank you to the army of volunteers who gave up all or part their Saturday 10 June to help provide some late spring cleaning to our school grounds. If it was dirty it was cleaned. If it was rubbish it was put in the skip. If it was long and overgrown it was strimmed. If it was bushy it was pruned. If it was blocked it was cleared. If it was damaged it was repaired. If it was untidy it was tidied. If it was cake it was eaten. If it was tea it was drunk. This was a huge community effort typical of Curbar Primary School to make the environment better for our pupils. Thank you does not quite seem enough. But thank you anyway. We plan to hold another day in the autumn term to prepare our lovely grounds for winter! We will keep you informed.

**Uniform**

We feel that our school uniform makes the children look very smart and enables them to feel part of the team. We ask that *if* children wear leggings or tights, they are a grey or navy so that they match the rest of the uniform. Please also note that if you are ordering uniform that hoodies are for PE only. We would like the children to wear the school jumpers or cardigans in school.

**Attendance**

Attendance for the school so far this year stands at 97.20%. This is just above our target of 97%

**Porridge – ‘Once Upon a Crime’**

There were ‘dad’ jokes a plenty; toe tapping tunes and many, many more memorable moments to savour during this year’s performances. We are so proud of the children for their performances of 'Porridge' last week. We have a lot of talented children at Curbar. Well done for all your hard work. Thanks also to the staff for their commitment, patience and endeavour to the cause too. And of course, thank you to the parents and families for helping with line learning, songs and costumes and for coming to watch! Congratulations to one and all!

**Computers**

Part of our school improvement plan this year is to improve the infrastructure and resources for the teaching of computing. Part one is now complete – we have fibre optic broadband, new access points and fifteen new laptops. These were ‘tested’ by a very excited class 3 last week! Part two involves professional development of staff and more exciting resources over the course of next year!

**Whitehall Meeting for Parents in class 3**

The Whitehall residential meeting for parents of children in class 3 is set to take place on Tuesday 27 June at 4pm. Miss Gregory will also use the opportunity to briefly explain the school's drug awareness learning to be taught to class 3 this half term. Please join us.

**Reminder**

Please note there is no staff supervision on the yard school yard until doors open at 8.50am each morning. If your child arrives at school before this, please ensure that they are appropriately supervised.

**Healthy Snacks**

We want our children to live active and healthy lifestyles whenever we can. Children in class 1 will all receive a healthy snack in the morning and don’t need to bring one from home. However, for all those other children who would like a snack from home, we ask that it is a healthy option. We also encourage children to bring water (not juice) to school to remain hydrated throughout the day.

**Enquiries@**

Please ensure all general email communications to school go to the [enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk) address rather than a specific member of staff. This means the school office will have an overview of all messages sent to school and can direct them to the appropriate person including teaching staff.

**Medication**

We are sometimes asked to administer medication to children during the school day. If this is necessary, we ask that you come to the school office to complete an ‘Administration of medicine’ form giving us permission to do this. We ask that the medication remains in the original packaging with the dosage information attached.

**Class 2 Drum performance at Curbar gap**

Parents of children in class 2 should have received a letter detailing arrangements for the drum performance at Curbar Gap at 2.30pm on Friday 30th June. We ask that you make arrangements to transport your child from school at 2.15pm. Please try to arrange a lift for your child with other parents if you are unable to do this yourself. Please contact school as soon as possible if you are still having difficulty arranging transport. Children can go straight home after the performance. If the weather is unkind to us the performance will take place in school and you will receive a text message to let you know.

**Term Dates**

Please find below the term dates and training day information for the year 2017/18.

Kind regards

Simon Beahan, Headteacher

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| **Curbar Primary School Terms and Holidays 2017/18** | |
| Half Term 1 (35 days) | |
| Monday 4 September 2017 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 5 September 2017 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 6 September 2017 | Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Thursday 19 October 2017 | End of half term |
| Friday 20 October 2017 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Half Term Holiday – Friday 20 October 2017 – Friday 27 October 2017 | |
| Half Term 2 (37 days) | |
| Monday 30 October 2017 | Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Tuesday 19 December 2017 | End of term |
| Christmas Holiday – Wednesday 20 December 2017 – Tuesday 2 January 2018 | |
| Half Term 3 (34 days) | |
| Tuesday 2 January 2018 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 3 January 2018 | Start of Spring Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 16 February 2018 | End of half term |
| Half Term Holiday – Monday 19 February 2017 – Friday 23 February 2018 | |
| Half Term 4 (20 days) | |
| Monday 26 February 2018 | Start of Spring Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 23 March 2018 | End of term |
| Easter Holiday – Monday 26 March 2018 - Friday 6 April 2018 | |
| Half Term 5 (34 days) | |
| Monday 9 April 2018 | Start of Summer Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Monday 7 May 2018 | School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Friday 25 May 2018 | End of half term |
| Half Term Holiday – Monday 28 May – Monday 4 June 2017 | |
| Half Term 6 (35 days) | |
| Monday 4 June 2018 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 5 June 2018 | Start of Summer Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 20 July 2017 | End of term |