Monday 6 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is but a hazy, distant memory and we have managed to make it through a wet, cold and particularly foggy January to February half term. We close for the week on Friday 10 February. We wish you all a great break with some decent weather! School reopens to pupils on Monday 20 February at 8:50am. We look forward to seeing you all then.

**Safer Internet Day**

Children at Curbar are celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7 February. You should have received a letter with further details. We are asking parents and carers to complete an online safety audit to be returned to school by Friday 10October. We will use this information to inform the way we teach online safety in the future. The voice of the school community is also important to help shape the school’s soon to be updated Online Safety policy. Please see [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) for further information. We have also updated the school’s Safer Internet page at [www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk)

**After School Clubs**

Miss Goodwin and Miss Michaelis, our Sheffield Hallam trainees, will be running a craft and KS2 drama club respectively after half term. A letter will be sent home with further details after the half term break. Year 6 will continue with their booster sessions each Wednesday after school.

**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 will be made available outside each classroom in the week before the meetings. Please sign up for a 10-minute appointment time. There will also be the opportunity to look at your child’s learning.

**Curbar World Book Day**

We are going to be celebrating Curbar World Book Day on Friday 3 March 2017 (a day after the official World Book day due to class 2 attending a dance festival on Thursday 2 March!) We are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in book themed attire!

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

Please collect and donate your 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.

**Finer Diners**

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 and receive a small treat. Lunchtime supervisors will nominate a ‘Finer Diner’ for each year group and they will be announced at Friday’s Shine Award assembly. We will begin ‘Finer Diners’ after half term.

**5-star award at Curbar**

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Thompson who recently received a 5-star rating for kitchen hygiene from Derbyshire.

**World Autism Awareness Week**

We will be getting involved in raising the awareness of autism during World Autism Awareness Week (27 March). For further information head to <http://www.autism.org.uk/waaw>

**Red Nose Day – Friday 24 March 2017**

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 24 March 2017. The Pupil Parliament will get together to decide what exciting fund raising events will be happening in school! We will keep you posted…

**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 training day on Friday 7 April and school is closed to children.

**Head lice**

Head lice remain an issue in school. With a half term holiday on the horizon it will be worth checking your child’s hair so pupils can return to school free of head lice. It is a common problem wherever there are lots of children in one place and Curbar Primary School is no exception. There is a lot of advice regarding head lice and it is important that you follow the instructions of any products that you may use or from the pharmacist. However, I reiterate the advice given by the school nurse in December:

* If you find head lice or ‘nits’ it needs to be treated quickly and effectively. Contact your pharmacy if you want further advice to this letter or for recommended products.
* Treat the WHOLE family even if there is only one person with a case of head lice.
* Treat the WHOLE family again a week later.
* You don’t need to keep your child off school.
* Check TWICE WEEKLY even if clear of head lice (the sooner they are found the better!)
* It is recommended and easier to check with wet hair, using conditioner and a ‘nit’ comb.
* Tie up and plait long hair whilst at school.
* Please let us know if your child has head lice so we can inform other parents that there are head lice in school.

The following link on the NHS website provides further information:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

**Coats**

We try to get the children outside and active even during the winter months when it is a bit cold and wet. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing so they are comfortable and warm when they are on the playground.

**Bowls**

By the time you are reading this, all classes will have attended a bowls session at the Village Hall led by Vic Poke, a local resident. The children (and staff!) have thoroughly enjoyed trying their hands at indoor bowling – but it is harder than it looks!

**Class 1 PE**

Class 1 will continue to have their PE session at the Village Hall after half term. Please ensure children are collected from the Village Hall at the end of the day (3.10pm) unless otherwise informed.

**Class 3 Hockey**

Well done to all of Class 3 who braved arctic temperatures at Bishop Pursglove to enjoy the LMS Hockey Festival. The children were a credit to the school in terms of their performances and behaviour and attitude.

**Key Stage 2 swimming**

Swimming begins for the boys in KS2 on Tuesday 21 February 2017. Boys will need their swimming kit in school each Tuesday and girls will require their PE kit.

**School Data – Compare School and College Data**

The end of 2016 data for Curbar (and any other school!) is available at <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/find-a-school-in-england> You can explore our school’s data and information in more detail and compare any school and college – just follow the simple instructions. We are always looking at ways to improve provision at Curbar but we are very proud of last year’s end of key stage data when there was a lot of uncertainty around what the tests would be like and assessment across primary education in general.

Kind regards

Simon Beahan, Headteacher