Tuesday 10 January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

**Happy New Year**

A Happy New Year to you all from everyone at Curbar Primary School! We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2017.

**Class 1 PE**

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

**Choir**

Choir, led by Mrs Hartley, will resume on Thursday 19 January from 3.30 – 4.15pm.

**Key Stage 2 swimming**

Swimming resumes for the girls in KS2 on Tuesday 10 January 2017. The boys’ swimming sessions will begin after the February half term holiday.

**Early Bird Winner**

Well done to Chloe in class 1 who won our recent ‘Early Bird’. Remember – the early bird catches the worm!

**Let it snow!**

There may come a point when we get a dollop of snow (this week according to the long range forecast!). We will always endeavour to open school. However, when there is particularly severe snow or ice, the school has to consider the safety of the children, parents and staff in getting to and from school. We also have to ensure that there are enough adults in school to supervise and teach the children. Sometimes, due to travelling distances, it is difficult for staff to get to school or arrive on time. If there are adverse weather conditions, the school will text parents as soon as we have made a decision about whether school is open. We will also put a message on the school website and inform Peak FM. Please ensure your up to date contact details are with the school office.

**Start of the day…**

It is great to see so many children getting to school punctually so that the children are in the classrooms ready to learn at 9am. We open the school gates at about 8.40am but please be advised there is no staff supervision on the playground until 8.50am. Please be advised that the classroom doors are open for you at 8:50am unless an arrangement has been made with school staff to go into a classroom earlier.

**After School Clubs**

After School Boosters will be taking place for our current Y6s from Wednesday 18th January 3.30 – 4.15pm.

**Dinner Money**

If your child has school dinners (£2 per day for KS2 children), can you please ensure that meals are paid for in advance and promptly. Please refer to the school’s ‘Dinner Money’ policy for further information.

**Term dates attached**

Please find the term dates up until the Easter break. Please note these dates and events are subject to change.

**Applying for your child’s primary school place 2017 – 2018**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a school place for them. The closing date for applications is midnight on Sunday 15 January 2017. Please note that all applications made on time receive equal consideration. Applying after the deadline may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school - particularly if it is popular.

Full information is available in ‘How to apply for a place at primary school – a guide for parents 2017/18’. You can find this guide for parents at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) If you want your own copy email [admissions.transport@derbyhsire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.transport@derbyhsire.gov.uk) or ring 01629537499. If your child has a statement of educational needs or an Educational Health Care Plan contact the county special needs section on 01629536539.

Please share this information with other prospective parents who might not have children at the school and feel free to tell them that we are a great school!

**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!

**Enquiries@**

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

Kind regards

Simon Beahan, Headteacher