Thursday 12 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term! We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned over the course of the next few months. Please find a separate calendar of key dates and be aware that they are subject to change. I will update you of any changes in future newsletters. I have also included the return to school dates for September 2018 and **some** of the whole school closure days for staff training for the academic year 2018 – 2019. We will communicate and remind through the usual channels of letter, email, text and Facebook.

**Parent Pay**

You should have received a letter before the Easter break about how to set up and access your ParentPay account – a secure online payment service for schools and families. We anticipate that all payments in future can be paid through ParentPay which will be convenient and quick. For parents who pay for school dinners, please ensure that you activate the account and pay for school meals in advance. If you have any questions about the system, please contact Mrs Rumney in the school office.

**Breakfast Club**

623 After School and Holiday Club have started breakfast club! 623 are an OFSTED registered specialist childcare service for 4 – 11 year olds based in School House. The breakfast club runs from 7:30am until 8:50am each day of the week and the cost of each session will be £7 per child and £6.50 for siblings. Children will be provided with a choice of breakfast options and will have the opportunity to enjoy a range of fun activities before school. There will be a secure handover to school at 8:50am. 623 operate on a first come, first served basis and request all bookings are made at least a week in advance. *Please contact Sally Christian (Manager) on 07342171400 or 07415933730 to make a booking or for further enquiries.*

**PTFA Easter Egg Hunt**

Thanks to the PTFA who ensured everyone had a lovely chocolate bunny to eat over the Easter break – if it lasted that long – following the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term!

**Curbar Art Show**

The next PTFA Curbar Art show is set to take place during the May Bank Holiday weekend on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May 2018 from 10:30am – 4:30pm. This is always a fabulous event of over 60 professional and amateur artists from around the region including a wide range of styles and media, including photography and sculpture, at prices to suit all budgets. Also join us to enjoy homemade cakes and light lunches at The Art Show Café. There will be a raffle, quiz, music and art activities for the children too! We can’t wait! Please sign up on the sheets in the school reception if you can volunteer some time! There is a huge amount of organisation and time devoted to this event that will hopefully raise a massive amount of money to help the school in providing a range of new and exciting resources for our children.

**Year 2 and Year 6 SATs**

Both year 2 and year 6 will be taking their SATs tests the week beginning **Monday 14 May**. Please ensure your child is in attendance at school and arrives punctually as the tests will take place in the mornings. If your child is going to be late or cannot attend, please notify the school as soon as possible.

**Year 6 SATs meeting**

We will be holding a brief meeting for the parents of children in year 6 on **Tuesday 17 April at 4pm** to inform them about SATs week (the week beginning 14 May 2018). 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 be a meeting for the parents of children in year 2 on **Tuesday 17 April at 5pm**. It will also 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 some key information and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any other questions.

**PE back at school for class 1**

As we hope for some better weather, class 1 will be having their PE lessons back at school this term. That means that the children in class 1 will need to be picked up at the end of the day from school as normal.

**PTFA meeting**

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Monday 16 April at the Derwentwater Arms. The meeting will start at 8pm. All welcome.

**Sport Relief**

We raised a magnificent £141 for Sport Relief on the last day of term. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**Citizenship of the Term Awards**

Well done to all of our Citizenship of the Term winners as voted for by their classmates! Congratulations to Ezra, Huxley, Boo, Rory, William, Ines and Evelyn.

**Assembly themes**

To support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness of children, we follow assembly themes introduced by myself every Monday assembly. Each theme lasts two weeks and is the basis of behaviour for learning across school for that time. The weekly citizenship awards are also based on the assembly themes. For your information, the themes for this half term are: courtesy, determination and forgiveness.

**‘Oink!’**

This year’s whole school summer performance of ‘Oink’ will take place at the Village Hall during the second half of this term. The date will be confirmed shortly!

**Curbar Primary and 623 Community Muck In**

Curbar School is once again teaming up with 623 After School and Holiday Club on Saturday 28 April between 10am and 4pm to give the school a tidy up. We hope to put “Ground Force” to shame with our skills in gardening, clearing, tidying and DIY - all fuelled by a steady supply of tea, coffee and cake!

We think it’s a great excuse to get together and make a difference for our local children so, if you can spare some time to pop in and help, or if you think you may be able to donate some supplies, we would be delighted to see you. Please note that any children on site are the responsibility of the parent/adult.

Further details to follow!

**Class newsletters**

Class newsletters will be issued to class 2 and 3 shortly. This details the learning to be covered this half term. It is also available for viewing on the relevant class page of the school website. Class 1’s new class newsletter will follow in a couple of weeks.

**Behaviour**

The behaviour of our children in and out of school is something to be proud of and they are regularly rewarded for exemplary behaviour. However, as in any school, there are occasions when behaviour does reach the standards which we expect. We have clear systems and procedures in place at Curbar to promote good behaviour for learning and these are followed to support and encourage all children. I can assure you that poor incidents of behaviour are dealt with in accordance with these policies but need to be dealt with in a way which may mean that other children and parents, as you would expect, are not always aware of the outcomes. The Behaviour for Learning Policy is available on the school website.

Kind regards

Simon Beahan, Headteacher