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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year at Curbar Primary School. Although it now seems an age ago, we hope you had a fantastic summer break and we all look forward to sharing in an exciting new term, and school year, with you all. I know you will all join me in an extending an especially warm welcome to our new children and new families who are joining the Curbar Community. A child starting at school is an exciting time and I know they have had a wonderful first few days. As a parent of three young children myself, I realise the rewards and stresses that parenting can bring. It is my hope that through a collaborative school and home partnership, we can continue to ensure the success of your child's learning journey at Curbar Primary School.

Full opening arrangements

Thanks to all who have supported our new arrangements – we think it has gone quite smoothly and the children have been wonderful in adapting to the changes we've put in place to ensure everyone is as safe as possible. Of course, we are always reviewing our practise and procedures based on our own observations and updated guidance from DCC and the government. We will update you of anything significant in our separate 'Covid updates'. However, please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Shine Assembly

Shine Assembly was always a favourite part of the week and hopefully it will remain so although we are having them in our bubbles and without our weekly adult guests. A quick reminder of how our Friday 'Shine Assembly' works - one child from each year group will receive a 'Shine Award' from their teacher for demonstrating spectacular learning throughout the week. Secondly, nominated children from each class will receive a 'Citizenship Award' for being a wonderful member of the school community. The teachers will not tell the class who has won each week so it is a surprise during assembly. Apart from the children bringing home their certificates, you will know of their success as Mrs Cass will send you a special Shine Assembly text for you to treasure!

School Dinners

Our wonderful school dinners cost £2:20 for this year. School dinners are free to those children who are in KS1 and those in receipt of Free School meals. Please note that these can be paid for on Parent Pay. Please pay in advance either on a weekly or half termly basis.

Income Based Free School Meals

For every child who qualifies for free meals due to family income or benefit levels, our school receives the maximum funding (£1320) to support your child through something called the Pupil Premium. It is only available to schools **if you apply and are eligible** for income based free school meals. With Pupil Premium funding, schools can organise extra help and support for children.

Applying for free meals is very quick and easy so if you think you may qualify for free school meals, please still take the time to apply. Even though your child might be able to have a free meal anyway, **our school needs the funding that comes from Income Based Free School Meals**. To find out if you are eligible, please go to the Council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk and search for 'free school meals'. You are also welcome to contact the school office on 01433 630266.

Healthy Snacks

Have a break... have a piece of fruit! We want our children to live active and healthy lifestyles whenever we can. Children in Reception and key stage 1 will all receive fruit each day 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.

Contact Details

Please contact the office if any of your personal details or arrangements have changed and we can update our records.

623 Breakfast After School Club

We sent an email last week asking parents to complete an online questionnaire if you anticipated using 623 Breakfast or After School Club this term. This information would allow us to plan how we might restart this school service. Please ensure that you complete the questionnaire by Monday 21 September and we will keep you informed of further developments as soon as we can.

Class newsletters

You should have received your first class newsletter that indicates what is being learnt in class over the course of this half term. It will also indicate key days for when your child should be receiving and returning homework.

Collection from school...

We will need to know if another adult (apart from those known to us) is collecting your child at the end of the day. Please contact the office to keep us informed as we cannot let a child leave school if we are unsure of the identity of an adult or if an arrangement has been made.

The British weather...

Please ensure children have coats in school each day. Even if it is a bit wet and wild(ish), we like to get our children outside (we're a hardy bunch) and it is much more comfortable if they have a coat! We also ask that the Reception and KS1 children have wellies in school each day so that we can use the whole of the school grounds even when the weather is a bit mucky!

Y6 Transfer to Secondary School

A reminder that the closing date for applications is midnight on **31st October 2020**. Please find further information at Derbyshire Admissions <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Lady Manners School, Virtual Open Evening

Lady Manners are holding a virtual open evening on Thursday 24 September. Please contact Lady Manners for further information about how to access the event.

Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 22 October from 4 – 6pm. This drop-in event – no booking required – is for the parents of children due to start Reception in September 2021. It is an opportunity to meet with staff and see what the school has to offer! Please share with anyone who might be interested.

PTFA

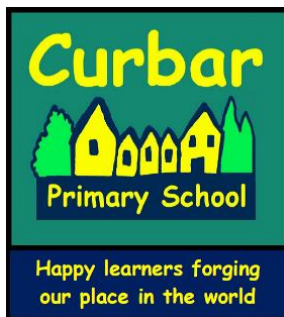
The PTFA do an amazing job in raising money and volunteering time and effort to help the school. As you will know, the PTFA have been unable to run key events this year and this looks set to continue. To help fund raise, a Go Fund Me page has been set up. Please find the link here and feel free to share with anyone who might be happy to help!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/ptfa-for-curbar-primary-school?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

However, in true Curbar spirit, they have set a calendar for the year including meetings on: October 5th, January 11th, March 8th, May 3rd and June 14th. It is likely that these meetings may have to take place remotely. Please contact Mrs Jen Callard (Chair) if you would like to attend at jcallard@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk

Gardening

Green fingered or not, we are always looking for volunteers to help keep on top of the school grounds so we have a lovely environment for our children. We had several volunteers who, over the school holiday, have worked extremely hard to tidy and smarten our grounds giving up considerable time. Thank you so much. Whether it be cutting the grass, pruning bushes or sweeping the yard, we are always looking for extra bodies!



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PE kit

We are asking that children come into school wearing their PE kit on their allocated days. Key stage 2 PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Reception/KS1 PE will take place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school for their lessons wherever possible. PE kit is not to be brought into school separately.

Rec to Y6 - Flu Immunisations

The School Health Team are due to visit us on Tuesday 3 November to vaccinate children from Reception – Year 6. Only children whose parents have given consent will receive the nasal flu vaccine. You should have received an email with further details and how to give consent online. Please contact the office if you require further information.

Assembly themes

To support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness of children, we follow assembly themes. 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 this half term are: caring, helpfulness and courage.

Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding and well-being of our children very seriously at Curbar. In line with statutory obligations we have updated our Child Protection policy. This, and other safeguarding policies, can be found on the school website <http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/>.

A message from Baslow Edge Nursery...

'It has come to our attention that some families are allowing their children to play at the forest school site outside of forest school sessions. We strongly ask that you do not allow your children to access the site outside of nursery sessions. This is the private property of Cliff College and we ourselves are not allowed to use it outside of our allocated times. The site is also being left in a mess and is then no longer ready for our next session. Property is going missing and given the current situation with COVID 19 this is now a health hazard for all involved. If this continues to happen it may well be that we will be unable to use the site which will be a very sad situation for all of our children.'

Lost Property

Please ensure all clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid them getting lost. Thanks.

Getting in touch...

Please note that there isn't always anyone in the office. If you need to get in touch then please ring the school, leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, email the school at enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk This means the school office will have an overview of all messages sent to school.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan, Headteacher