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Monday 29 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Amazing

It has been incredible to have all the children back in school during the last few weeks. To see the learning in the classroom and to witness the fun and laughter around school has been a pleasure to behold. It's also amazing to consider that we have passed the first anniversary of the first national lockdown and the accompanying school closure. It is still difficult to grasp the enormity of what has gone on since then and I am sure we are all looking forward to the coming of spring and Easter and some light at the end of the tunnel.



Easter break

School will **close at the end of the day on Wednesday 31 March to children**. We are closed for a staff INSET day on Thursday 1 April 2021. We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break. We reopen to all children on **Monday 19 April 2021**.

Staffing Update

As you know, Mrs Cass is retiring and will be leaving Curbar at the end of this term. I would like to thank Mrs Cass for her hard work, dedication and commitment to the Curbar family. I know that she has been much appreciated by our children and families – always going above and beyond. Thanks to those who were able to donate towards her leaving gift. She has also been a fantastic colleague – always full of humour, good cheer and an amazing work ethic! Although she will be missed, we send her off with our love and best wishes for the future.

Mrs Nell Wakerley will be our new School Business Officer from Monday 19 April. We were really pleased to secure Nell to the role after running our recruitment process a few weeks ago. Nell is currently the School Business Assistant at Edale Primary School. I know she is very excited to be joining Curbar and to meet with everyone.



COVID-19 Contact tracing during the Easter holiday

Schools have been asked to remain contactable for a six-day window after the end of term so that we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced.

Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where your child developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school** as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting. As there will not be any staff in school, please notify us by sending an email to enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk. School will check the email account at least once a day.

If notified of a positive case, we would then send a notification letter via email to the family of any children who had been in close contact. The letter would contain guidance about what you and your household should do in these circumstances.

If your child develops symptoms **more than 48 hours since** being in school, you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.



Attendance

Despite a global pandemic, our attendance for the year so far has been great and currently stands at 98.52%. This is above our whole school target of 97% which is amazing. Even with the challenges, thanks to everyone who has ensured that their children are in school as often as possible. Thanks also for supporting us with the slightly staggered start and end times to the day. It allows us to ensure the children can arrive and leave in smaller numbers.

Red Nose Day

Thanks to all who took part, contributed jokes and donated money for our recent Red Nose day celebrations. We raised an amazing £133.50. Well done!



623 Breakfast and After School Club

The 623 breakfast and after school club is back up and running again. Please get in touch if your child requires a place after the Easter break. They are also running an Easter holiday club at Calver Village Hall. Please see the poster below for further details.

623 CLUB

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Come and join us at Calver Village Hall for Easter fun: egg hunts, treats, crafts, gardening & lots of themed activities in addition to our usual games, sports and drama - something for everyone!

Book now for Tuesday 6th-Thursdays 8th, & Monday 12th-Wednesday 14th April 8.30am-6pm
£31 1st child & £28.50 siblings

Places are limited, please enquire for full details:
sixtwothreeclub@yahoo.co.uk or call Sally on
07415933730

CLIFF COLLEGE PRESENTS

EASTER TRAIL

2-5PM

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL

STARTING AT THE DERWENTWATER ARMS CAR PARK
THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL COLLECT YOUR STORY BOOKS, MAP AND CHOCOLATE

Cliff College Easter Trail

Cliff College is organising an Easter trail around the villages of Calver and Curbar for local families on Friday 2 April from 2 – 5pm. They have teamed up with some of the village businesses for a trail that includes art displays sharing the Easter story, an Easter story book, chocolate and a hunt around the village to find answers to some of the questions in your story book. Please do register your interest via their Facebook event on the Cliff College Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CliffCollege/> if you are keen to take part. This is so they can ensure there are chocolate goodies and story books for everyone. *** Please remember to follow government guidelines throughout the event. The event will be organised to be within COVID restrictions.*



PTFA Chocolate Bunnies

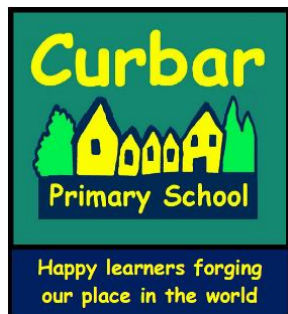
The PTFA have kindly gifted some chocolate bunnies for our children and staff. Whilst we can't hold the traditional whole school Easter Egg hunt, each bubble will be making their own egg-citing arrangements this week. Thanks to the PTFA for these egg-travagant and egg-cellent chocolate gifts.

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 next half term are: courtesy, forgiveness and determination.

Forest School

Please note that Forest School will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 31 March this week.



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Parents Evening

You should have recently received a letter about parents' evening which is set to take place on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Getting in touch

Please note that there isn't always a member of staff (especially in the afternoons) in the office if you buzz the door, ring the school or send an email as Mrs Wakerley works mainly in the morning. If you phone, please leave a message and we will get back in touch as soon as we can. Likewise, ensure that you ring the class buzzer (if you have no luck with the office buzzer) and somebody will get to the door as soon as possible. Mornings are usually the best times to contact the school if it is non-urgent or for messages to be passed on.



Well-being:



The Changing Lives Service is Derby and Derbyshire's Children and Young People's Mental Health Support Team. You can refer your child for support if you have concerns about their emotional wellbeing. You can contact the service for more information and advice on: 0300 303 4663 or email dracs.adminchanginglives@nhs.net.

To find local information about support you can access yourself, this is available via the Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health & Wellbeing Website: www.derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk

Primary School Assessments

You might be aware that the following primary school assessments are not taking place this year:

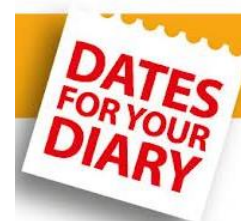
- Early Years Foundation Stage profile
- Y1 phonics screening check
- End of key stage 1 SATs and teacher assessments (Year 2)
- Year 4 multiplication tables check
- End of key stage 2 SATs and teacher assessments (Year 6)

We will continue to use assessment to inform teaching. We will also give information to parents on their child's attainment in their statutory annual report in the summer and support transition of KS2 pupils to secondary school.

Diary Dates

Please find a list below of diary dates for the start of the summer term. Sadly, we cannot currently run many of the things we would normally be doing. However, we aim to be creative and imaginative where possible! Please note that events are subject to change.

Monday 19 April:	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 April:	Extra Time Multi skills after school club KS2
Friday 23 April:	Extra Time Multi skills after school club Rec/KS1
Friday 30 April:	May bough (Class 1) TBC
Monday 3 May:	School closed for Mayday Bank Holiday
Friday 28 May:	School closes for half term
Tuesday 8 June:	Children return to school (school is closed on Monday 7 June for staff training).



Easter holidays

Schools are closed to all pupils over the Easter holidays and there are no expectations from the government for schools to provide remote learning. However, we would always encourage you to continue to enjoy reading regularly with your child. I also include a list of useful links below if you feel you want to do a bit more over the break. I also hope that we get some sunshine to enjoy the outdoors and reconnect with nature and each other (within the Covid guidelines of course!)

[Oak National Academy](#) – over 10,000 free video lessons and resources for all ages

[GoNoodle](#) – online dance

[TT Rocks Stars](#) – online maths games (your child should have log in details)

[Purple Mash](#) – online learning platform (your child should have log in details)

[BBC Bitesize](#) – a wealth of learning resources including video clips and games

[Mindfulness Map- CBeebies](#) – narrated by Stephen Fry

[Thinkuknow](#) – Online Safety information and games

[Interland](#) – Google created online safety game

[YouTube's free school](#) – videos on a range of subjects

[Top Marks maths games](#) - a range of exciting maths games

[Numberblocks](#) – Singalong and learn about numbers

[Phonicsplay](#) – free login currently available

[Phonicsbloom](#) – subscription required

[OxfordOwl](#) - resources and free eBooks to support children's learning

[Education.com](#) – free phonics games

[IXL](#) – a wealth of maths, English and other National Curriculum resources

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan, Headteacher