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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.

Opening arrangements

You should have received a letter explaining our 'Covid' arrangements in school at the end of the summer holiday. It is no surprise that the children (and parents!) have been wonderful in adapting to any new routines we have in school. We are aiming to ensure everyone is as safe as possible while trying to crack on with school life and learning – quite a tricky balance. 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'.

Staffing Update

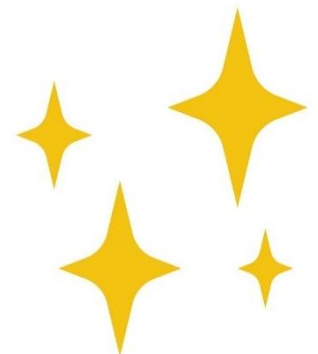
Miss Jessica Bingley is leaving us next week to pursue new and exciting adventures. Miss Bingley has worked at the school for almost two years and will be missed by us all. We wish her lots of luck and send her onwards with our best wishes for the future. We will be reviewing our staffing structure in light of this but in the meantime the role is being covered by Mrs Julie Cain. We will keep you updated.

Shine Assembly

Shine Assembly was always a favourite part of the week and we are pleased to announce its proper return on **Friday 17th September at 9:10am**. In more good news, we will be inviting **one adult** of each winner to attend the Shine Assembly in person. **We are still mindful of Covid in school and we kindly ask that you choose to wear a mask whilst in the school building and sanitise on arrival.** We ask that you wait on the playground until you are invited into school. This will allow us to get the children into the room first. If your child is in receipt of either of these awards, we will notify you by text the Friday before the assembly (a week's notice).

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 based on the school citizenship theme that week. The teachers will not tell the class who has won each week so it is a surprise during assembly. You may choose to do the same when you receive that text.

We have splashed out on some new trophies this year for our Shine and Citizenship winners – the children are very excited! These trophies are for our winners to **take home for the week** – sorry, you can't keep them! We ask that they are returned the Thursday of the following week ready to give to new winners at the next Shine Assembly.



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.

Attendance

Our attendance for last year was an incredible 98.52%. This was 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. Thank you for also ensuring that the children are on time so that they can begin their learning promptly. To remind you, children can come into school from 8.50am to be ready for learning in the classroom by 9am.



School Swimming

Swimming is set to start for all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) on Tuesday 21 September. Further details will be provided soon. A letter with more details will follow shortly.

Reading



Research shows that learning to read is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. It also shows that those who read regularly and for longer dramatically increase the number of words they are introduced to. This in turn impacts on their success across the whole curriculum. We are a 'reading' school who is always keen to share our love of books and reading. But we don't want to rest on our laurels and we have decided that reading is going to be a school priority this year. We will send a letter with further information shortly. In the meantime, please look at our English pages on the curriculum tab on the website. <http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk/curbar-curriculum/>

The school library

The PTFA generously funded the creation of our amazing library and some of the wonderful books in it. We have added to the great range of books on offer - both fiction and non-fiction.

One of the reasons for a library is to engender a love of reading and for the children to pick a book that is exciting and wondrous. It might not be a book they can read but they chose it because they love the cover or the pictures or the title. They have chosen it because it is magical.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 circumstances have meant that the children have not been able to use the library as we originally intended. However, we now want the children to be able to continue their love of reading and take home some of our library books. These will be in addition to their normal home reading books.



We plan that they will be doing this over the coming week or so.

Each class will be allocated a library day when they can choose a book to take home. We ask that the children return the library book on the class library day the following week. Once returned, they can choose a new book. We will not be able to provide your child with a new book until they have returned their used library book. Please ensure the books are looked after and returned so other children can enjoy them. We hope that your child and family enjoy the amazing experiences that books and reading can bring.



Website Update

We have updated some key pages on our school website. Please have a look at your child's class pages and the curriculum section of the website which have a wealth of useful information about what we teach the children and much more.

Catch up

We will notify parents if we choose your child for small group tutoring with Mrs Pont. We are aiming to start the week beginning the 20th September and working with our provider Connex who are waiting on final instruction from Randsatd, the new government provider of the National Tutoring Programme.

Contact Details

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



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Curbar Primary School – Celebrating 150 years 1871-2021

The school is celebrating its 150th birthday this year. It hasn't been an easy year to celebrate together so please contact school if you have some great ideas as to how we can rejoice in our 150th year.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to announce our after-school club offer for this half term. You should have already been notified about the Extra Time Multisport clubs taking place each Wednesday and Friday. If you're child is in Y3- Y6, you will also receive a letter about the football club led by Bakewell Town FC (other good clubs are available!) taking place each Tuesday.

In addition, the staff will also be offering a club each Thursday from 23 September to 14 October (4 weeks). A letter for each club will go out early next week with further details. There will be a limit to numbers in each group so places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Mrs Berry – Sewing Bee (Y1-6)
Mrs Callard – Yoga (R – Y6)
Miss Pattison - Archery (Y3 – Y6)
Mr Heynes/Mr Doar (STEM ambassador) – Computing (Y5/Y6)

Calver Junior Sports Football

Please find details of the training and teams run by Calver Junior Sports. If you would like further information, please get in touch with school and we can put you in touch with the right person! Many of the teams are run by Curbar parents.

- Under 8s Training is held on Friday evenings from 17:00 to 18:00 at Polly Froggatt
- Under 10s Training is held on Friday evenings from 17:00 to 18:00 at Polly Froggatt
- Under 12s Training is held on Wednesday evenings from 18:00 to 19:00 at Polly Froggatt

PTFA

The PTFA do an amazing job in raising money and volunteering time and effort to help the school. They will shortly be issuing their newsletter including the meeting calendar for the year. Meetings will take place at 8pm at the Derwentwater Arms on: 20th September, 18 October (AGM), 10 January, 7 March, 2 May and 13 June. Anyone is welcome so come and join the fun.

Curbar Commotion – Spread the word!

After last year's absence, the Curbar Commotion is set to return on Saturday 2nd October 2021. Please visit the school website for further information at:
<http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk/the-curbar-commotion-fell-race/>



Rec to Y6 - Flu Immunisations

The School Health Team are due to visit us on Tuesday 2 November to vaccinate children from Reception – Year 6. Only children whose parents have given consent will receive the nasal flu vaccine. Please contact the office if you require further information.

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/>.

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!



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 drcs.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

623 Breakfast and After School Club

As you may know, 623 have recently moved to the Scout Hut. Please contact Sally Christian (Manager) on 07415933730 to make a booking or for further enquiries.

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Class newsletters

You will shortly be receiving 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 and other useful bit of info. A copy will also be put on your child's class page on the website.

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.

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

Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2021-2022

Please find next year's key dates including when school will be closed for staff training. It also includes closing for the Christmas break on Tuesday 21 December as above.

Diary Dates

Please find diary dates for the autumn term attached. Please note that arrangements and dates might change at short notice.



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Kind regards

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Curbar Primary School Terms and Holidays 2021/22

Half Term 1 (37 days)

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| Thursday 2 September 2021 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Friday 3 September 2021 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Monday 6 September 2021 | Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 22 October 2021 | End of half term |

Half Term Holiday – Monday 25 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021

Half Term 2 (39 days)

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| Monday 1 November 2021 | Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Tuesday 21 December 2021 | End of term |
| Wednesday 22 December 2021 | School Closed (Extra day taken for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee) |
| Thursday 23 December 2021 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |

Christmas Holiday – Wednesday 22 December 2021 – Friday 7 January 2022

Half Term 3 (30 days)

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| Monday 10 January 2022 | Start of Spring Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 18 February 2022 | End of half term |

Half Term Holiday – Monday 21 February 2022 – Monday 28 February 2022

Half Term 4 (30 days)

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| Monday 28 February 2022 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 1 March 2022 | Start of Spring Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 8 April 2022 | End of term |

Easter Holiday – Monday 11 April 2022 - Friday 22 April 2022

Half Term 5 (24 days)

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| Monday 25 April 2022 | Start of Summer Term 1 – School Open to pupils |
| Monday 2 May 2022 | School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Thursday 26 May 2022 | End of half term |
| Friday 27 May 2022 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |

Half Term Holiday – Monday 30 May 2022 – Monday 6 June 2022

Half Term 6 (35 days)

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| Monday 6 June 2022 | Start of Summer Term 2 – School Open to pupils |
| Friday 22 July 2022 | End of term |



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Curbar Primary School Diary Dates Autumn Term 2021

Half Term 1

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| Tuesday 2 September 2021 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 3 September 2021 | Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils |
| Monday 6 September 2021 | Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils at 8:50am |
| Monday 13 September 2021 | Pupil Parliament Elections to take place this week (one child per year group) Homework given out this week. Reading books given out. |
| Wednesday 15 September 2019 | Extra Time After School Club starts – Multi-sports (every Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm) |
| Friday 17 September 2021 | Weekly Shine Assembly for parent/carers (every Friday at 9.10am) – notified by text. Class newsletters to go home Extra Time After School Club starts – Multi-sports (every Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm) |
| Monday 20 September 2021 | Full Governing Body meeting – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday 21 September 2021 | Swimming Starts for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. After School Clubs begin for next 4 weeks: Letter to follow. Mrs Berry – The Sewing Bee Miss Pattison – Archery Mr Heynes/Mr Doar – Computing Club |
| Tuesday 28 September 2021 | Rev James Croft assembly in school – 1pm |
| Thursday 23 September 2021 | Cluster Mini Football Festival Years 1/2 – Tideswell – 12.30 – 3.30pm |
| Thursday 30 September 2021 | Cluster Cross Country Competition and Fun Festival Years R – 6 – Bakewell Junior School -12.30 – 3.30pm |
| Friday 1 October 2021 | Black History Month |
| Saturday 2 October 2021 | Curbar Commotion Fell Race |
| Monday 11 October 2021 | Standards and Curriculum Governor Meeting – 6:00pm |
| Tuesday 12 October 2021 | Final After School Clubs this half term |
| Thursday 14 October 2021 | Cluster Football Competition and Fun Festival for Y5/6 at Tideswell School – 12.30 – 3.30pm Curbar Open Afternoon/Evening for parents of new reception in September 2022– arrangements TBC |
| Monday 18 October 2021 | Enterprise Week Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 – 6.00pm |

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| Tuesday 19 October 2021 | Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 – 6.00pm |
| Thursday 21 October 2021 | Cluster Dodgeball Competition and Fun Festival for Y2/3/4 at Bakewell School |
| Friday 22 October 2021 | Enterprise Week Farmers Market – 2:30pm School closes for Half Term break |
| Half Term Holiday – Monday 25 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021 | |
| Half Term 2 | |
| Monday 1 November 2021 | Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils UK Parliament Week |
| Tuesday 2 November 2021 | Flu Jabs for all year groups |
| Wednesday 3 November 2021 | Extra Time After School Club – (every Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm) with Mr James |
| Friday 5 November 2021 | Shine Assembly for parents/carer (every Friday at 9:10am) Class newsletters to go home Extra Time After School Club – (every Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm) with Mr Ellison |
| Monday 8 November 2021 | Resource Management governor meeting – 6pm |
| Wednesday 10 November 2021 | Individual photographs am by ‘Tempest Photography’ |
| Thursday 11 November 2021 | Cluster Tag Rugby Years 5/6 – Longstone – 12.20 – 3.30pm |
| Monday 15 November 2021 | ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – ‘One Kind Word’ ROAD SAFETY WEEK CHILDREN IN NEED WEEK |
| Friday 19 November 2021 | Children in Need fundraising including an after-school cake sale Children to wear bright colours (Children in Need)/odd socks (Anti Bullying) |
| Tuesday 23 November 2021 | Rev James Croft assembly in school – 1pm |
| Tuesday 30 November 2021 | Last swimming session before Christmas |
| Thursday 9 December 2021 | ‘Beauty and the Beast – Whole School Pantomime Visit to Chesterfield 1:45pm – parental help required |
| Friday 10 December 2021 | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 13 December 2021 | Full Governing Body Meeting – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday 14 December 2019 | Christmas Nativity at All Saints Church – 2pm and 6pm - TBC |
| Friday 17 December 2021 | Christmas Dinner in school for children and staff |
| Friday 17 December 2021 | Citizenship of the Term Assembly – 9:10am |
| Tuesday 21 December 2021 | Party Day! End of Autumn Term – School closes for Christmas holiday |
| Christmas Holidays – Wednesday 22 December 2021 – Friday 7 January 2021 | |
| Friday 7 January 2021 | ‘Young Voices’ – Utilita Arena Sheffield |
| Monday 10 January 2022 | Start of Spring Term – School Open to pupils at 8:50am |