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Newsletter – April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy and exciting term at Curbar and, like always, it has flown by. In school, our children have been as hard working and enthusiastic as always. It's also been lovely to emerge from the darkness of winter and see the signs of spring appearing around school and the village. School will **close for the Easter break on Friday 8 April** and reopen to all children at 8:50am on **Monday 25 April 2022**. We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the summer term.



COVID-19

The government set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Most of the COVID-19 specific guidance for education and childcare settings has now been withdrawn. New and updated UKHSA guidance for the general population, which is also relevant to education settings, includes:

- [guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [ventilation of indoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk](#)

Please also follow the link to new NHS guidance on updated [Covid symptoms](#) in children. We will send a letter after the Easter break detailing what this means if your child has symptoms of Covid or tests positive for Covid.

PTFA

I would like to thank the PTFA for their ongoing support and determination to look at new ways of fundraising and engaging with the wider school community. Most recently, donations of funds allowed for a heavily subsidised Panto visit for all of our children (oh, yes it did!), small world resources for reception and weekly and monthly magazine subscriptions for KS2 classes (First News, the Beano and Kids National Geographic). The PTFA have also organised chocolate Easter bunnies for our children following our Easter Egg hunt.



PTFA - Non-uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day for all of our children on **Friday 29 April** and asking them to bring in a minimum £1 donation. Contributions will be used to fund a prize for the PTFA's involvement in this year's Calver Gala Day in the summer for which we are looking to raise £75 for a prize. The PTFA is arranging raffle tickets for the gala day and the proceeds will go to the school. First prize is a weekend for four in Robin Hoods Bay and second prize is a food and drink hamper worth £150!!

Comic Relief

The school celebrated Red Nose Day in March and raised a whopping **£103.70** for Comic Relief. The money raised will go towards helping important issues including homelessness, child poverty, domestic abuse and mental health stigma, all of which have been impacted by Covid-19.



Ukraine Collection

Thanks to all those who were able to donate items for our Ukraine collection coordinated by a parent/governor at Longstone. It was amazing to witness how both the Longstone and Curbar communities worked together to donate so many important items. Thank you.



Childrens' Mental Health Week



We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in February with a range of exciting events to raise awareness of mental health and to promote health and well-being for our children and families. Amongst other things, our children dressed to express, took part in local walks, joined us for daily wake up and shake up sessions and participated in daily yoga/mindfulness sessions.

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



Diary dates attached

Diary dates for the summer term will be sent out after the Easter Break.

Sport at Curbar

Since the last newsletter, many of our children have taken part in some successful cluster sporting events including High Five netball and Quad Kids and Hockey.



After School Clubs

We will be in touch after Easter to confirm some after school clubs. Look out for Forest School, archery, STEM and rounders amongst other things. Details to follow...

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will be taking their end of key stage SATs the week beginning **Monday 9 May 2022**. Please ensure your child attends school and arrives punctually as the tests will take place in the mornings. We will share a timetable with you after the holiday. If your child is going to be late or cannot attend, please notify the school as soon as possible.

SATS

Year 2 SATs

We are currently in the process of finalising timetable plans and will confirm when they are set to take them. We try to make Y2 SATs a very 'low profile' experience and we have the month of May as a window in which to take them and will keep parents of pupils in Y2 informed.

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

The Y4s will be taking the statutory Multiplication Table Check the week beginning 20 June. Parents should have received further information about this check. Children should be bringing home some exciting work packs to help them maintain their tables knowledge over the Easter break!

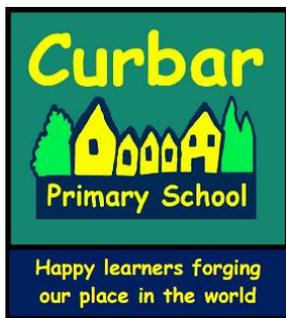
May Day Holiday

Please note that school is closed on Monday 2 May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

World Book Day

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Book Day on **Thursday 3 March** with a range of exciting activities including a book themed cake sale at the end of the day. Money raised will be used to buy some great new books for our library. Thank to everyone for their support and efforts.





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Swimming

After the Easter break, swimming will resume for children in KS2 on Tuesday 26 April 2022. The children leave school at 2pm to return to school by the end of the day for pick up at 3:30pm. Please ensure their swimming kit is in school each Tuesday.



Citizen of the Term

Well done to children who received our Citizen of the Term awards at this week's Celebration Assembly. This highly prestigious and termly award is voted for by the children – a very powerful endorsement for children who have demonstrated how to be wonderful Curbar citizens.

Trophies

Our weekly Shine celebration assembly is a highlight of the week where we share our Shine and Citizenship Awards. Please ensure that trophies are returned by the following Thursday so that they can be given to new winners at the next Friday morning assembly. Unfortunately, we have had several occasions when trophies have not been returned and we have been unable to present a child with one.



Uniform

We love our school uniform at Curbar but please make sure all uniform is named in the event of it being mislaid! It makes it much easier to find its owner!



Young Voices

'Young Voices' is set to take place on Wednesday 27 April. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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 the next half term are: courtesy, forgiveness and determination.

Getting in touch



There isn't always anyone in the school office – particularly in the afternoons. If you phone, please leave a message and we will get back in touch as soon as we can. Please also 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 feel free to send an email.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan
Acting Executive Headteacher



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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Come and join us at Curbar Scout Hut 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 12th-Thursday 14th,
& Tuesday 19th-Thursday 21st 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