

Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

8 September 2023

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.



### **Staffing Update**

As we informed you last term, we have appointed Mrs Chantelle Stirling and Mrs Rachel Taylor to teach class 3 (Elder – Y5/6). Mrs Stirling will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Taylor will be teaching the remainder of the week. We know Mrs Stirling has been at Curbar for some time but we are delighted that we have made the position more long term! I also know Mrs Taylor is very excited to be joining the Curbar team and we know she will be a great addition and provide our children with more high-quality learning experiences. Mrs Reeves will continue to teach her amazing PE lessons to the children each Monday and Friday (see below).

### **The School Office**

As you will be aware from the newsletter sent home last term, Mrs Wakerley has left her role as the school business officer for a position in another school. We do not currently have anyone working in the office for a substantial amount of time. We have been very fortunate that Mrs Maria MacDonald is helping out on a relief basis when she can. We will do our very best to return calls and emails ([enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk)) as soon as we can but please bear with us! I recommend, if you can, speaking to a member of staff directly at the beginning and end of a day with any messages. There will be some days when I am in the office too. If you need to get in touch school as a matter of urgency and there isn't anyone in the office, I would recommend that you visit school and buzz the 'classroom' button on the key pad. Miss Pattison will be alerted to somebody at the door. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Extension to the collaboration with Longstone**

The school is set to continue its collaboration with Longstone until August 2025. I am delighted how the schools have been able to work together for the benefit of our pupils and staff. We look forward to further collaborative work over the next year.

### **PE timetable**

Monday - Miss Pattison's class (Birch – years 3 and 4)  
Monday - Mrs Sterling's/Mrs Taylor's class (\*Elder – years 5 and 6)  
Friday - Mrs Callard's class (Bumble Bees – Reception)  
Friday - Mrs Berry's class (Busy Bees – years 1 and 2)  
\*swimming to begin Tuesday 19 September  
The children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.



### Shine Assembly

Our weekly Shine celebration assembly will resume on Friday 15 September at 8:55am. If your child is in receipt of an award, we will notify you by text the Friday before the assembly (a week's notice) and you are invited to join us to share in the celebration!

A quick reminder of how our Friday 'Shine Assembly' works – children from each class will receive a 'Shine Award' and a certificate from their teacher for demonstrating spectacular learning and effort throughout the week. Secondly, nominated children from each class will receive a 'Citizenship Award' and a certificate 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 message. We will also be awarding SMILER award, sharing weekly house points and presenting our famous 'Glitter Brush' award! The trophies will once again remain in school this year and the children can put them in prime position on their desk to be celebrated amongst their classmates.



### Curbar Citizenship and 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.

### Diversity Theme

We celebrate difference at Curbar. This is embedded into our curriculum but we have a specific half termly focus too. The focus this half term is: **People of Cultures**. Classes have a weekly diversity assembly and use some of our amazing library books as a stimulus for discussion. We will be celebrating Black History month in October as part of our diversity learning.



### Attendance and Punctuality



To remind you, children can come into school from **8.40am to be ready for learning in the classroom by 8.45am**. Children who are in school are able to learn and achieve more both academically and socially. We understand that children become unwell and cannot always attend school. However, if your child is well enough, they should be at school. The school will send out termly attendance letters to inform you of your child's attendance. If we have concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality we will contact you to see if we can offer any support.

### Requests for leave of absences during term time



Headteachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence to pupils in exceptional circumstances. Department for Education guidelines are clear that taking term-time holidays or extended leave will not be considered as an exceptional circumstance. If leave of absence is declined by the school, yet parents or carers still remove their child, then this would be classed as unauthorised absence for which a fixed penalty notice and/or prosecution could be pursued.

Requests for exceptional term time leave must be made in advance of any arrangement being made. This will allow sufficient time for the request to be considered by the school. The request must be made in writing (letter or email) by the parent/carer using the 'Leave of absence request form' that can be collected from the school office. One form per child per request should be completed. Please note that both parents (if applicable) are required to sign this form. You will be notified in writing about the school's decision as soon as possible.

A copy of the school's 'Attendance and Punctuality' policy is available on the school's website for further information.

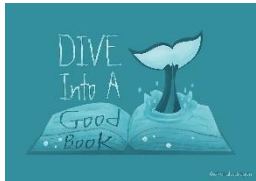
### The importance of reading

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 as they know and understand more. Curbar is a 'reading' school and we are always



Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

keen to share our love of books and reading. We will send a letter with further information shortly about what we can do all do to enable our children engage with books and become successful readers. In the meantime, please look at our English pages on the curriculum tab on the website. <http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk/reading/>



### **Read together sessions for parents**

We hold monthly read together session where parents are invited to come to their child's classroom and read with their child. That's it! Just turn up on the right day and the right class and enjoy the sharing of a good book! There's nothing better. Please see the diary dates below.

### **Phonics and reading meetings**

We adopted Little Wandle last February as our chosen programme for the teaching of phonics and early years reading at Curbar. **We are holding a meeting for parents of children in Reception and years 1 and 2** to give you further information about how we teach phonics and how you can continue to best support at home:



Monday 18 September 2023 - 'Phonics and Early reading' meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2 – 4:30pm – Mrs Berry's classroom



### **Catch up**

We will be notifying parents of children selected for small group tutoring with Mrs Pont through the NTP (National Tutoring Programme). Mrs Pont will be starting her sessions on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **After School Clubs**

The staff will be offering an after-school club each Wednesday – from 27 September to 25 October (4 sessions - there won't be a session on Wednesday 18 October due to parents evening). Staff will present their club at a whole school assembly on 18 September and children will be invited to sign up. A letter to parents will follow. There will be a limit to numbers in each group and names will go into a hat if clubs are oversubscribed. Any pupils who do not have a place for these sessions will be prioritised for the clubs after half term.

Mrs Berry – Cookery – Rec – Y6 (Max 10 pupils)  
Mrs Callard – Comic art/drawing – Rec – Y6 (Max 10 pupils)  
Miss Pattison – Archery – Y3 – 6 (Max 12 pupils)  
Mrs Stirling – British Sign Language – Y3 - Y6 (Max 10 pupils)  
Mrs Cain – Mindfulness – Rec – Y6 (8 pupils)

### **School Dinners**

Our wonderful school dinners cost £3.25 this year. School dinners are free to those children who are in Reception, Years 1 and 2 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](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) and search for 'free school meals'. You are also welcome to contact the school office on 01433 630266.

### **Curbar Garden Fairies – recent Muck In**



Some say they only work at night. Some say they only come out when the sun is shining. Some say they are fuelled by tea and biscuits or bacon sandwiches. Some say they have close affiliations with an underground group called the PTFA, school governors or the headteacher. The only certainty is that they exist and that these elusive creatures have spent some time and effort cutting, strimming, pruning and tidying in readiness for the new school year. Thank you! Please contact the office or PTFA if you think you know of any garden fairies who would like to help out in the school grounds or who are handy at small maintenance jobs. We always need them especially at this time of year.

Some say they only work at night. Some say they only come out when the sun is shining. Some say they are fuelled by tea and biscuits or bacon sandwiches. Some say they have close affiliations with an underground group called the PTFA, school governors or the headteacher. The only certainty is that they exist and that these elusive creatures have spent some time and effort cutting, strimming, pruning and tidying in readiness for the new school year. Thank you! Please contact the office or PTFA if you think you know of any garden fairies who would like to help out in the school grounds or who are handy at small maintenance jobs. We always need them especially at this time of year.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk)



### **Curbar Commotion – Spread the word!**

The Curbar Commotion is returning on Saturday 7 October 2023. This fantastic PTFA run event has become a school and community mainstay in the last few years and raises a lot of money for the school. I know the PTFA will be looking for lots of volunteers to help run and support the ongoing success of this event.

### **PTFA**

Our Curbar PTFA are a hardworking and welcoming bunch who do so much to arrange events and raise money for school – like the Curbar Commotion. However, they are always on the look out for more volunteers who can provide time, expertise and energy. Recently they have provided £5000 for the school to buy 12 new laptops and 5 iPads! Please get in touch if you think you can help – no matter how much. The first PTFA meeting is set to take place on **Monday 11 September at the Derwentwater Arms at 8pm**. The rumour is that there will be a free drink! All are welcome. There will also be an **after-school tuck shop and uniform sale on Tuesday 12 September**.

### **Smarties Tubes**



At the end of last term, children were given a Smarties Tube by the PTFA to fill with 20 pence pieces. Please return them to the PTFA (Emma, Lindsay, Jess or Rowena) or to the school office by Friday 15 September.

### **Forest School**

Weekly Forest School sessions will begin for children in **Reception to Year 4 from Tuesday 19 September 2023**. You will be receiving a letter with further information and will be required to give consent for your child to take part. Children will need to come to school dressed in appropriate outdoor wear. **This will include long sleeves and trousers due to the high number of ticks that are around at the moment.**

### **Swimming**



School swimming is set to start for Y5 and Y6 pupils on Tuesday 19 September. A letter with more details will follow shortly. Years 3 and 4 will swim later in the year and years 5 and 6 will have an opportunity to enjoy weekly Forest school sessions when provision is swapped over.

### **Toys**

We ask that children do not bring toys to school as they can be a distraction or get lost/broken. Younger children are welcome to bring something that they might want to keep safely in their bag or enjoy with the teacher's permission!



Curbar Primary School  
Calver Bridge  
Calver  
Hope Valley  
Derbyshire  
S32 3XA

Tel: 01433 630266  
Email: [enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

### **Safeguarding**

We take the safeguarding and well-being of our children very seriously at Curbar. In line with statutory obligations we will be updating 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.

### **Rec to Y6 - Flu Immunisations**

The School Health Team are due to visit us on Monday 2 October to vaccinate children from Reception – Year 6. Only children whose parents have given consent will receive the flu vaccine. You will receive an email with further details and how to give consent online.

### **Class Information Evenings**

We will be holding class information evenings (please see diary dates below) where your child's class teacher will spend some time-sharing key information about the year ahead and will be able to answer any of your questions. You are welcome to join the meeting in your child's classroom. We will send the presentations to those parents unable to attend.

### **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.

### **Nut and shell fish free School**

We ask that children only bring food items that are 'nut and shell fish free' into school. We have a child with an allergy to both.

### **School Uniform**

School uniforms should be affordable to all pupils and families. Whilst we have our own uniform provider (<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>), you are not obliged to make all of your purchases from here. Please also feel free to donate good quality, preloved uniform to school and we aim to hold 'Preloved Uniform Sales' at some points throughout the year.

### **Parent Pay and Parent Hub**

For new parents to the school, we shall shortly be sending you details on how to access Parent Pay (online payment system) and Parent Hub (app messaging service). Please bear with us as we get things sorted!



### **Diary Dates**

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

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan, Headteacher

# Curbar Primary School Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

## Half Term 1

### Diversity Theme – People of Cultures

#### 4.9.23 Citizenship Theme for next two weeks: Caring

Monday 4 September 2023	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 September 2023	Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils at <b>8:40am</b> Reception part time for the week Reading books given out this week
Monday 11 September 2023	Pupil Parliament Elections to take place this week Homework given out this week PTFA Meeting – Derwentwater Arms – 7.30pm – All Welcome
Tuesday 12 September 2023	PTFA After school Tuck Shop and second-hand uniform sale
Friday 15 September 2023	Weekly Shine Assembly begins for parent/carers (every Friday at 8.55am) – notified by text by the week before Last Day to return Smartie Tubes to school (PTFA)

#### 18.9.23 Citizenship Theme for next week: Caring/Harvest

Monday 18 September 2023	'Phonics and Early reading' meeting for parents in Reception – 4:30pm
Tuesday 19 September 2023	Read Together Session for parents – 8.45 - 9.05am Forest School begins weekly for Rec – Y4 – details TBC Swimming Starts– every Tuesday Y5/6 – 2.00 – 3.30pm. Further details to follow.
Thursday 21 September 2023	Cluster Football Event for Y 5/6 at Tideswell School – 12.30 – 3.30pm

#### 25.9.23 Citizenship Theme for next two weeks: Helpfulness

Wednesday 27 September 2023	After School Clubs begin (4 sessions): Letter to follow. Mrs Berry – Cookery – Rec – Y6 (Max 10 pupils) Mrs Callard – Comic art/drawing – Rec – Y6 (Max 10 pupils) Miss Pattison – Archery – Y3 – 6 (Max 12 pupils) Mrs Stirling – British Sign Language – Y3 - Y6 (Max 10 pupils) Mrs Cain – Mindfulness – Rec – Y6 (8 pupils)
Thursday 28 September 2023	Cluster Cross Country Event and Fun Festival Years R – 6 – Bakewell Junior School -12.30 – 3.30pm
Monday 2 October 2023	Class Information evenings: Reception – 3.45pm/Class 1 – 4.30pm Rec- Y6 Flu Immunisations – details to follow Black History Month
Tuesday 3 October 2023	Class information evenings: Class 2 – 3.45pm/Class 3 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 4 October 2023	Full Governing Body meeting – 6.15pm
Saturday 7 October 2023	PTFA Curbar Commotion Fell Race

#### 9.10.23 Citizenship Theme for next two weeks: Courage

Tuesday 10 October 2023	Standards and Curriculum Governor Meeting – 6.15pm
Wednesday 11 October 2023	Read Together Session for parents – 2.45 – 3.05pm Final After School Clubs this half term
Thursday 12 October 2023	Cluster Football Event for Y1/2 at Tideswell School – 12.30 – 3.30pm Reception Open Day: 2 – 3pm and 4 – 6pm PTFA AGM – Derwentwater Arms – 8pm



Curbar Primary School  
 Calver Bridge  
 Calver  
 Hope Valley  
 Derbyshire  
 S32 3XA

Tel: 01433 630266

Email: [enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

Monday 16 October 2023	RE Week
Tuesday 17 October 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 – 6.00pm (No after school clubs)
Thursday 19 October 2023	Cluster Tag Rugby Event for Y5/6 at Longstone School – 12.30 – 3.30pm
<b>23.10.23 Citizenship Theme for next week: Reflection</b>	
Wednesday 25 October 2023	Last after school club
Thursday 26 October 2023	Shine Assembly – 8:55am Enterprise Week Farmers Market – 2:30pm School closes for Half Term break
Friday 27 October 2023	<b>Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday – Friday 27 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023</b>	
<b>Half Term 2</b>	
<b>Diversity Theme – Human Rights, Migrants and Travellers</b>	
<b>6.11.23 Citizenship Theme for next week: Cooperation</b>	
Monday 6 November 2023	Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils at <b>8:40am</b> UK Parliament Week
Tuesday 7 November 2023	Swimming resumes Y5/6 Reception/Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Forest School session resumes – weekly
Wednesday 8 November 2023	Individual Photos – Tempest – 8:30am
Thursday 9 November 2023	Cluster Dodgeball Event for Y3/4 at Bakewell Juniors– 12.20 – 3.30pm
Friday 10 November 2023	‘Remembrance’ in school
<b>13.11.23 Citizenship Theme for next week: Anti Bullying</b>	
Monday 13 November 2023	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – ‘Reach Out’ – children wear odd socks CHILDREN IN NEED WEEK Resources Governor Meeting – 6.15pm
Wednesday 15 November 2023	After School Clubs begin for next 4 weeks: Details to follow
Friday 17 November 2023	Children in Need fundraising including an after-school cake sale Children to wear bright colours (Children in Need) Shine Assembly for invited parents/carers (every Friday at 8.55am)
<b>20.11.23 Citizenship Theme for next week: Cooperation</b>	
Monday 20 November 2023	ROAD SAFETY WEEK – ‘Let’s talk about speed’
Tuesday 21 November 2023	Read Together Session for parents – 8.45 -9.05am
<b>27.11.23 Citizenship Theme for next two weeks: Kindness</b>	
Friday 1 December 2023	Decoration Day

Saturday 2 December 2023	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 December 2023	Last swimming until after Christmas
Wednesday 6 December 2023	Last after school clubs
Friday 7 December 2022	Curbar 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
<b>11.12.23 Citizenship Theme for next three weeks: Christmas/Reflection</b>	
Monday 11 December 2023	Full Governing Body Meeting – 6:15pm
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Christmas Nativity – 2pm and 6pm – Church
Thursday 14 December 2023	Read Together Session for parents – 2.45 – 3.05pm
Friday 15 December 2023	Citizenship of the Term Assembly – 8.55am Christmas Dinner in school for children and staff
Monday 18 December 2023	Enterprise Week - TBC
Thursday 21 December 2023	Party Day! End of Autumn Term – School closes for Christmas holiday
Friday 22 December 2023	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
<b>Christmas Holidays – Friday 22 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024</b>	
Monday 8 January 2024	Start of Spring Term – School Open to pupils at 8:40am

*Please note that the diary dates are subject to change.*





Curbar Primary School  
Calver Bridge  
Calver  
Hope Valley  
Derbyshire  
S32 3XA

Tel: 01433 630266

Email: [enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

**WE PROVIDE**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**AND LIGHT TEA**  
**SPORT AND**  
**CRAFT/**  
**COOKERY**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
**EVERY DAY**

**£12 AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**  
**SIBLINGS £11.**

**DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY**  
**EXTRA CURRICULAR**  
**ACTIVITIES?**

**DO YOU FIND IT HARD TO**  
**JUGGLE THE SCHOOL TIMES?**

**GET IN TOUCH**  
**FREE TRAIL SESSION**

**£1**  
**TRANSPORT**  
**FEE**

**£9 BREAKFAST CLUB**  
**SIBLINGS £8**

Join us at

# 623 Club

The Scout Hut, Dukes Drive, Curbar, Hope Valley, S32 3YF

**Indoor and outdoor activities**

- \* **Weekly Themed Crafts**
- \* **Baking**
- \* **Construction activities**
- \* **Orienteering**
- \* **Film nights**
- \* **Sports & Games**



## Specialist childcare services for 4-11 year olds

Fully insured, Ofsted registered, qualified staff and all staff hold an enhanced DBS.

Ofsted No / 206209

- \* Children are transported to and from Baslow, Curbar and Pilsley school.
- \* Breakfast club from 7:30am Tuesday-Friday
- \* After School Club 3-6pm Monday-Friday
- \* We provide breakfast and a range of freshly prepared snacks after school.
- \* Payments can be made through tax free childcare
- \* Holiday clubs 8:30am-6pm

For booking or info contact us at:

[sixtwothreeclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sixtwothreeclub@yahoo.co.uk)

07462 986 690

[www.sixtwothree.co.uk](http://www.sixtwothree.co.uk)

