



Curdridge Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome!

Firstly I would like to welcome the following children and their parents to our school: Rafe Bowles, Fraser Downie, Hugo Garcia Perez, Brandon Goddard, Daisy Hall, Summer Hancock, Minnie Jefferies, William Kelly, Ava McNeil, Hannah Mooge, Brontë Robinson, Charlie Swinburn, Jack Pennington, Harriet Pennington, Finn Coakley, Jack Coakley and Spiridon Krokidis. We hope that your time at Curdridge Primary School is a happy one and we look forward to working with you throughout your child's time here. Also welcome back to all parents and children who were with us at the end of last year. It is lovely to see everyone back safe and well; we hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. School has got off to a very positive start already and we plan to build upon the many successes of last year.

Introducing our staff team

The term has got off to a very positive start; children and staff are settling into the new routines. Our teaching team for each class this year is as follows:

Class 1 (YR and Y1)

Teachers - Mrs Helen Chambers and Mrs Glenda Grocott. (Mrs Chambers teaches the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Grocott teaches the class on Wednesdays and Fridays.)

Learning Support - Mrs Helen Leach.

Class 2 (Y1 and Y2)

Teachers - Mrs Natalie Gammer

Learning Support - Mrs Hayley Humphry.

Class 3 (Y3 and Y4)

Teacher - Mr Ben Simpson.

Learning Support - Mrs Maggie Curran and Mrs Di Britton.

Class 4 (Y5 and Y6)

Teacher - Miss Becky Tuckey and Mrs Sophie Pennington. (Miss Tuckey teaches the class Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Pennington teaches the class Thursdays and Fridays.) On Thursday 5th October we welcome back Mrs Claire Lambert from her maternity leave. Mrs Lambert will be taking over from Mrs Pennington from this day onwards.

Learning Support - Mrs Helen Shepherd.

Mrs Pennington is our Special Needs co-ordinator (SENDCO) and gives support to staff and parents across the school.

Mr Simpson is our Deputy Headteacher and is responsible for leading the children and staff team across school as well as working with me and the Governors in managing and leading whole school issues.

Mrs Gammer is our Lower School Leader and is responsible for leading the children and staff team across class 1 and class 2.

The school also provides non-contact time for teachers to plan and prepare for lessons (PPA time). Each class is taught by another member of staff for one afternoon a week. When this happens, classes will be taught as follows:

- Mrs Humphry and Mrs Leach will teach class 1.
- Mrs Humphry and Mrs Shepherd will teach class 2.
- Mrs Curran and Mrs Britton will teach class 3.
- Mrs Wood will teach class 4.

The office and caretaking team

Mrs Caroline Chadder is our Finance Officer, she works Mondays – Thursdays. Mrs Kim Gillett is our Senior Admin Assistant, she works Thursdays and Fridays. Mr Ben Vardy is our newly appointed Site Manager who will work in school on Monday and Thursday mornings. Our newly appointed cleaner is Miss Gemma Brown and she works in school Monday – Friday.

The lunchtime team

Our lunchtime team is Mrs Angela Rogers, Mrs Melanie Easton, Mrs Penny Page-Stickland, Miss Gemma Brown and Miss Louise Kennard. Mrs Jeanette Pack and Mrs Becky Elford are employed by HC3S to prepare, cook and serve our schools meals at lunchtime.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that Breakfast Club has arrived at CPS and has been expertly organised by Mary Brattle (known to the children as Mrs Wells). Should you wish to know more about what Breakfast Club entails, please find more information on the 'clubs' section of the school's website or ask in the school office.

Staying smart

It was lovely to see all children in smart school uniforms at the start of term and long may they continue to look the part! In order to help us set the standard, please could I remind you of the following:

- Please remove nail varnish
- Please remove transfer tattoos
- Jewellery should be kept to watches and small stud earrings which will need to be moved or covered for PE.
- School shoes should be worn as part of the uniform and not trainers.

Pre-loved uniform

A huge thank you to the CSA (Curdrige School Association) who organise our pre-loved uniform; this has been a huge hit and a bargain to boot! Thank you for your kind donations; this can only run due to your support. Remember that you can buy an item from the office at any time for the incredible cost of 50p per item!

Arrangements at the end of the school day

We always take the safety of our children seriously and have worked hard to ensure that the school grounds and immediate area is as safe as we can possibly make it. The current Travel Plan encourages parents to park in the car park by the church and to walk through the churchyard to school; we would wish this to continue. If however you have an older child in school and you feel that he/she is able to sensibly walk to the car park to meet you after school, we are happy for this to happen. Staff will continue to be in the playground at the end of the school day as usual so any child should be encouraged to return to school if there are any problems. We hope that these arrangements will encourage children to gain greater road sense and also help prepare them for longer, more independent journeys once they start secondary school.

Music lessons

We offer music lessons for children from Y3-Y6. Letters have been sent to interested parties but please do let us know if your child is still interested.

Plea for help

We are always on the lookout for parent helpers to support classes either on a regular basis or when special events occur. If you feel you are able to support us in tasks such as art and design, reading, library work, ICT etc, we would love to hear from you. Also if you have a particular talent or hobby that you think would be of interest to the school, please do let us know! We look forward to being inundated with offers!

School lunches – KS2 (classes 3 and 4)

It is lovely to see the huge popularity of school meals. I remind you that the cost of meals remains at £2.15 per day. You may wish to pay weekly, half termly or even for the full term. (£75.25 from September until half term, £83.85 from half term until Christmas. Total for the term £159.10) Please note that any 'over payments' due to your child being ill, attending an appointment or going on a school trip will simply be 'held' on your account. If you should have any queries, please contact the school office. **Please note that any cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC). All money and cheques should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name; envelopes can then be handed to the classteacher or placed in our FAST TRACK black postbox in the reception area. You may also pay for your child's school meals using the online payment system – please talk to Mrs Chadder should you wish to do this.**

School lunches – KS1 (classes 1 and 2)

Just a reminder that all infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the Government Initiative. You may choose for your child to have a school meal every day or on an ad-hoc basis. It simply means that your child chooses their lunchtime option during morning registration as usual. You can of course continue to provide packed lunches if you so wish.

Pupil Premium Grant and Service Child Funding

We would encourage all parents of **both** infants and juniors to let us know if they fall into any of the following categories as this will not only provide KS2 children with a free school meal but will also enable the school to claim extra funding of £1,300 (Pupil Premium Grant) to help support children in class. The Pupil Premium Grant applies to infant and junior children even though infant children are already receiving free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)

Are you serving in the Armed Forces?

If the answer is yes, school will be eligible for a Service Premium Grant which is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

In either case, please contact myself or Mrs Chadder in the school office to help determine eligibility. Thank you.

Class welcome meetings

The teachers will be holding meetings for parents in order to introduce themselves to you; explain class routines and expectations and to share ways in which you can support your child at home. These meetings will take place on the following days:

- Year 1 and year 2 – Wednesday 20th September @ 3.30pm
- Class 3 – Thursday 14th September @ 3.30pm
- Class 4 – Monday 18th September @ 3.30pm (followed by a meeting about East Dene residential in 2018)

It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible at these meetings.

Parents of YR pupils will be invited to 2 meetings later on this term; we will write to you directly regarding these.

Starting school in September 2018?

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? We will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents on **Tuesday 10th October, Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 30th November.**

Day closures for 2017-2018

The remaining day closures for this year have been agreed as follows:

Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 19th February 2018
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018

Changes in contact details

Please remember to inform us if you have any changes for your child - this might include changes in medical details, change of address, home phone, mobile numbers, work contact or email address. Thank you for your support in this.

Permission to walk in the local area

In completing the form giving contact details for your child, you have all given permission for us to take your child out of school to walk and work in the local area. Occasions when this takes place are weekly visits to the church; KS2 walking to the recreational grounds for PE and occasional walks locally for all classes. For any other visits we will write to you separately asking for your permission.

Handwriting

We are currently having a 'push' to improve handwriting so that all children write using a joined up cursive style and to improve presentation of work. Should you and your child wish to practice this at home, accompanying this letter are the instructions and log-in details for home access to our 'letter-join' scheme.

Lunchtime and after school clubs

This term we will be running the following activities:

Club	Year Group	Day of club	Start date	Time	Staff
Civic Award	Y6	Monday	October	Lunchtime 12.00	Mrs Wood
Sports skills club	Y3/4/5/6	Monday	11 th September	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Mr Lewis
Football	Y1/2/3/4	Monday	11 th September	3.30- 4.45pm	Tecnico
Tennis	Y2/3/4/5/6	Wednesday	13 th September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Tennis Academy
Tag Rugby	Y3/4/5/6	Wednesday	13 th September	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Mrs Pennington
Yoga	Y1/2 (max 12)	Wednesday	13 th September	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Gammer
Netball	Y4/5/6	Thursday	28 th September	Lunchtime 12.00	Mrs Humphry
Ceilidh Club	Y1/2/3/4/5/6	Thursday	14 th September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Wood
Running Club	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	15 th September	8.15am	Mr Simpson
Choir	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	15 th September	Lunchtime 12.45pm	Mrs Lewis
Dancebusters	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	TBC	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Dancebusters

Please note:

There is a payment for any club shaded in grey as they are organised and delivered by outside companies; all other clubs are free. Please note that from the spring term, some clubs will be open for YR to join.

We constantly review the clubs on offer at Curdridge to ensure that a range of activities are on offer to cover the different interests of our pupils. Alongside these clubs, we shall continue to support French Club with La Jolie Ronde.

Permission letters for clubs will be sent to you on a separate parentmail. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Leave of absence requests (term-time holidays)

Good attendance habits are best started early as children learn from those around them. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and sustain friendships and enjoy school. As the parent you are responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly and punctually.

School absence falls into one of two categories: authorised (those which school can give permission for) and unauthorised (those which school cannot give permission for).

Examples of unauthorised absence can include:

- sickness of a parent, or other family member
- inadequate clothing for school
- child being used as a carer
- problems with transport
- non-urgent medical treatment
- school refusal or truancy
- days off for birthdays, shopping trips
- family holiday.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences **could** lead to a fine being issued. Accompanying this newsletter is Hampshire's 'Good School Attendance Guide.' If you have any questions or concerns regarding absence, please come and see me.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 14th September
Thursday 14th September @ 3.30pm
Friday 15th September 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Monday 18th September @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 20th September @ 3.30pm

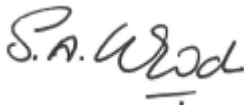
Friday 22nd September
Saturday 23rd September
Wednesday 27th September
Monday 9th October am
Tuesday 10th October am
Wednesday 11th October
Friday 13th October 3.30pm
Saturday 14th October 10.00am
Tuesday 17th October
Thursday 19th October
Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th October
Monday 31st October
Wednesday 1st November am
Tuesday 7th November pm
Friday 17th November
Friday 17th November
Friday 17th November
Wednesday 22nd November
Friday 24th November
Thursday 30th November am
Friday 1st December 4.30pm
4th – 6th December
Thursday 7th December
Friday 15th December
Tuesday 19th December 10.00am
Wednesday 20th December 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th December 6pm
Thursday 21st December
Thursday 4th January
Week beginning Monday 14th May 2018
Week beginning Monday 5th June 2018

Swimming starts for Y4
Class 3 welcome meeting for parents
CSA BBQ for families
Class 4 welcome and East Dene meeting
Year 1 and Year 2 welcome meeting for parents
NSPCC safeguarding assembly to children
St Peter's Church fete
Class 3 visit to Manor Farm
Harvest Festival for staff and children
Open morning for YR 2018
Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Discovery Centre
Messy Church @ CPS
Civic Award Ceremony (Y7)
Parents' evening
Parents' evening
School closes for half term
Day Closure
School reopens
Open morning for YR 2018
Cross Country team to Swanmore College
Individual photographs
Children in Need day
Messy Church @ Botley
Class 4 to Sea City
Fire Service visit to lower school
Open morning for YR 2018
CSA Christmas Fair
CSA Christmas Shop
Children to sing at the Luncheon Club
Christmas Jumper day
Lower school Nativity to parents
Lower school Nativity to parents
KS2 Carol Concert
School closes for Christmas break
School reopens
KS2 SATs week
East Dene, IOW residential visit for class 4

***Further details of many of these events will be given closer to the date.
Details of other events will be confirmed in the near future.***

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sally Wood
Headteacher

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2017 – 2018

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2017/18

SEPTEMBER 2017					
M		4*	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	

OCTOBER 2017					
M	2	9	16	23	30*
T	3	10	17	24	31
W	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20#	27	
S	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29

NOVEMBER 2017				
M	6	13	20	27
T	7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22
T	2	9	16	23
F	3	10	17	24
S	4	11	18	25
S	5	12	19	26

DECEMBER 2017					
M	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
W	6	13	20	27	
T	7	14	21#	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

JANUARY 2018					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
T	4*	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

FEBRUARY 2018				
M	5	12	19*	26
T	6	13	20	27
W	7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22
F	2	9#	16	23
S	3	10	17	24
S	4	11	18	25

MARCH 2018					
M	5	12	19	26	
T	6	13	20	27	
W	7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29#
F	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	

APRIL 2018					
M		2	9	16*	23 30
T		3	10	17	24
W		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
F		6	13	20	27
S		7	14	21	28
S	1	8	15	22	29

MAY 2018				
M	7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22
W	2	9	16	23
T	3	10	17	24
F	4	11	18	25#
S	5	12	19	26
S	6	13	20	27

JUNE 2018					
M	4*	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
W	6	13	20	27	
T	7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	

JULY 2018					
M	2	9	16	23#	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
W	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29

AUGUST 2018				
M	6	13	20	27
T	7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22
T	2	9	16	23
F	3	10	17	24
S	4	11	18	25
S	5	12	19	26

Dates highlighted are day closures for Curdridge Primary School

Curdridge Learning Power CLP @ CPS

