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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome!

Firstly I would like to welcome the following children and their parents to our school: Maya Kar Bullock, Rebecca Cannon, Nelle Chiverton-Burt, Rosebay Cooper Tearle, Ethan Davies, Alistair Downie, Max Evans, Alisia Forward, Tylor-John Goddard, Max Hargreaves, Oisin Harriss, Lloyd Jefferies, Fabian Morris, Poppy Sullivan, Ruby Waters and Maksymilian Baran. We hope that your time at Curdridge Primary School is a happy one and we look forward to working with you. 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 - Miss Kirsty Stronach and Mrs Michelle Alberti are covering Mrs Mayhew's maternity leave. (Miss Stronach teaches the class on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, Mrs Alberti teaches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.)

Learning Support - Mrs Hayley Humphry.

Class 3 (Y3 and Y4)

Teacher - Mr Ben Simpson.

Learning Support - Mrs Maggie Curran and Mrs Karen Garside.

Special Needs Support - Mrs Ness Dyer.

Class 4 (Y5 and Y6)

Teacher - Miss Becky Tuckey and Mrs Claire Lambert. (Miss Tuckey teaches the class Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Lambert teaches the class Thursdays and Fridays.)

Learning Support - Mrs Helen Shepherd.

Special Needs Support - Mrs Di Britton.

We give a warm welcome to Mrs Sophie Pennington, our newly appointed Special Needs co-ordinator (SENDCO), and look forward to working with her. Mrs Pennington will support 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.

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 will teach class 1.
- Mrs Humphry will teach class 2.
- Mrs Curran will teach class 3.
- Mrs Pennington 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 Ron Westbrook is our school caretaker who works before and after school Mondays – Fridays.

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.

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 Mrs Sam Khaira who organises our pre-loved uniform; this has been a huge hit and a bargain to boot! Thank you for your kind donations; the pre-loved uniform stand will be taken outside after school on Tuesday afternoons (by the ice-cream stand) but remember that you can buy from the office at any time!

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.

Do you want your child to smarten up his/her handwriting?

We now sell school pens in the office. These are very good quality roller ball pens and are suitable for juniors in particular. Pens are just £3 each and come with cartridge refills to get started.

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 £2.10 per day. You may wish to pay weekly, half termly or even for the full term. (£69.30 from September until half term, £73.50 from half term until Christmas. Total for the term £142.80) 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:

- Class 1, Y1 only – Tuesday 20th September @ 3.30pm
- Class 2 – Monday 19th September @ 3.30pm
- Class 3 – Wednesday 21st September @ 3.30pm
- Class 4 – Thursday 29th September @ 3.30pm

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 2017?

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? We will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents on **Tuesday 4th October, Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 1st December.**

Home-School Agreement

This is a document that sets out the ways in which all parties can work in partnership to make your child's time at Curdridge as successful and as happy as possible. Next week, 2 copies of this document will come home to you; please take the time to chat through this with your child/ren. You both then need to sign each copy and then return ONE copy to school and keep the other.

Day closures for 2016-2017

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

- Friday 21st October 2016**
- Friday 17th February 2017**
- Monday 24th April 2017**
- Monday 5th June 2017**

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.

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	12 th September	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Mr Lewis
Football	Y1/2/3/4	Monday	TBC	3.30- 4.45pm	Tecnico
Multi skills	Y1/2/3/4	Tuesday	TBC	3.30- 4.45pm	Tecnico
Netball	Y4/5/6	Wednesday	14 th September	Lunchtime 12.00	Mrs Humphry
Tennis	Y2/3/4/5/6	Wednesday	TBC	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Tennis Academy
Ceilidh Club	Y2/3/4/5/6	Thursday	29 th September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Wood
Running Club	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	16 th September	8.15am	Mr Simpson
Choir	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	TBC	Lunchtime 12.45pm	Mrs Lewis
Dancebusters	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	TBC	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Dancebusters
Tag Rugby	Y3/4/5/6	Friday	16 th September	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Planet Education

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.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 6th September
Thursday 8th September
Monday 19th September 3.30pm
Tuesday 20th September 3.30pm
Wednesday 21st September 3.30pm
Tuesday 27th September pm

Thursday 29th September 3.30pm
Tuesday 4th October am
Friday 7th October

Wednesday 12th October pm

Wednesday 19th October
Thursday 20th October
Thursday 20th October
Friday 21st October
Monday 31st October
Wednesday 2nd November am
Friday 11th November am

Friday 18th November
Friday 25th November am
Thursday 1st December am
Friday 2nd December
5th December – 7th December
Monday 12th December am
Tuesday 13th December 10.00am
Wednesday 14th December 2.45pm
Thursday 15th December 6.00pm
Friday 16th December
Monday 3rd January
Week beginning 8th May

School opens for autumn term
YR start
Class 2 welcome meeting for parents
Class 1, Y1 welcome meeting for parents
Class 3 welcome meeting for parents
Y3-Y6 cross country event at Swanmore College
Class 4 welcome meeting
Open morning for YR 2017
Harvest Festival assembly for staff and children
Y5/6 sports hall athletics event at Swanmore College
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
School closes for half term
Day closure
School reopens
Open morning for YR 2017
School choir to perform @ Sainsbury's Hedge End (Remembrance)
CSA non-school uniform day
Individual and family school photographs
Open morning for YR 2017
CSA Christmas Fair
Christmas shop
Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Infant Nativity for parents and family
Infant Nativity for parents and family
Junior Carol Service
School closes for Christmas break
School reopens
KS2 SATs week

***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,

Sally Wood

Mrs Sally Wood
Headteacher