



CURDWORTH PRIMARY NEWS 2020 - 2021

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of an incredibly busy and unusual term. Despite the challenges of home schooling and then returning to school following a lockdown, the children have continued to impress us all with their hard work and resilience. I would like to say a big well done to all of our children and a huge thank you to the parents for their support throughout the term. I would also like to thank every member of our school staff team for their hard work over such a challenging term.

I wish each member of our school community a happy and relaxing Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th April.

Best wishes, Mrs Lisa Dodd - Headteacher

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL - REMINDER

Please can we remind you that as we now have all of our children back in school, staff do not have the capacity to check their emails/dojo messages as frequently as they were able to during lockdown. I therefore wanted to clarify procedures for parents who wish to contact a member of staff.

The following procedures will now be in place for parents wishing to contact us...

1. Please call or email our school office directly on 01675470379 or at enquiry@curdworth.warwickshire.sch.uk. The school office hours are 8.30am until 3.30pm. The answerphone will be on outside of these times and any emails or messages left will be responded to as soon as possible. **Please do not contact staff (including Mrs Dodd) directly via email/dojo as they may not see these messages.**

2. If your request/query is not urgent, please allow the teacher up to 2 working days to return your call/email. They all teach full-time and their breaks are used for planning, marking and getting ready for the following lessons.

3. Teachers will make calls to parents up until 4.30pm but not after that time. Managing teachers workload and mental health is important for us all.

4. Please note, if you do have concerns please follow this path:

- a. Refer to the class teacher (this is always your first port of call)
- b. If not resolved, refer to the Assistant Headteacher or Headteacher.
- c. During term time, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 and you receive the results outside of school office hours please email Mrs Dodd on head2502@welearn365.com. Within school hours or for other enquiries, you should contact our school office as outlined above.
- d. During school holidays, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 please email: covid19@curdworth.warwickshire.sch.uk. This email will be checked by school leaders twice each day.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS TO READ...

E-SAFETY AND ONLINE GROOMING AWARENESS

Over the last few weeks I have been made aware of a growing number of potential online 'grooming' situations with primary and secondary aged pupils in this local area. This has happened through gaming platforms such as Fortnite, FIFA and Roblox. Children have been playing with 'friends' online who they have believed to be children too. They have then been exposed to language and behaviour that is not appropriate for their age. In some cases, children have been asked to share photos, their addresses and/or contact number. The school safeguarding teams and the police have been involved and appropriate support is being given. However, please, please, please be aware of who your child is talking to online. Online grooming IS HAPPENING IN WARWICKSHIRE! Please take time to remind your child to tell you if someone is behaving inappropriately online and that people they have not met are NOT their 'friends'. Please also be aware of the age limit and security settings for the games that your children are playing on.

Please visit our school website page [Online Safety - Curdworth Primary School](#) for a wide range of online safety information, including a link to CEOPs where you can report inappropriate online behaviour and for information about parent controls for games and devices.

STAFFING UPDATE

Update on Miss Chetwynd:

In our last newsletter, I wrote to you to say that Miss Chetwynd would be working at home after Easter. Due to changes in guidance, Miss Chetwynd will now be able to be at school after Easter until her maternity leave begins. However, due to rules around social distancing Miss Chetwynd will not be able to meet face to face with parents and will only be able to work with small groups of children from Owls Class at any one time, outside of the classroom.

Therefore after Easter, Miss Chetwynd will:

- continue to work with the other teachers to plan learning for Owls class
- support children in Owls class in small groups outside of the classroom
- work with Mrs Dodd to lead our school
- continue in her role as our school Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

The teaching arrangements for Owls Class will remain as we have previously stated. As a reminder Owls class will be taught by:

Mon - Weds: Mrs Taylor

Thurs - Fri: Mr Hodgson (until Whitsun) and Mrs Kedwards (after Whitsun)

Mrs Rice will continue to work with the children throughout the week.

School leadership appointment:

In terms of school leadership, I am excited to announce that we have now appointed Mrs Jas Kang as our Assistant Headteacher whilst Miss Chetwynd is on maternity leave. Mrs Kang will be seconded to us after Whitsun for 2 days a week. She is joining us from one of our partnership schools, William MacGregor in Tamworth and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that the warmer weather is on the way, children may feel more comfortable in lighter clothing, as the classrooms can get warm on sunny days.

Children may wear blue summer dresses or grey shorts to school. Please can we remind you that children should wear black shoes to school. Trainers and sandals are not part of our school uniform.

Children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.



KEY DATES



APRIL

01.04.21 Break up for half-term

02.04.21 - 16.04.21 Easter Holidays

19.04.21 Back to school

MAY

13.05.21 Governors meeting

28.05.21 Break Up

31.05.21 - 04.06.21 Half Term Holiday

JUNE

21.06.21 Class photos and individual photos (there will be no sibling photos this year)

CURDWORTH CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our Curdworth Champions from last two weeks:

HEDGEHOG CLASS

- Florence and Jesse
- Phoenix and Penny

OWL CLASS

- Thomas and Felix
- Olivia-Rose and Beau

FOX CLASS

- Jasmine and Henry W
- Ruby

SQUIRREL CLASS

- Jamey and Alexia
- Elsie and Ruby

You are AMAZING LEARNERS!