

CURDWORTH

Newsletter

This week at school...

Harvest Festival



Thank you to all the parents and families who donated food over the past two weeks. Your kindness means Erdington Food Bank will be stocked up to support other families in great need.

The children attended the church this morning to celebrate the festival and led the assembly with readings, prayers and songs. Whole school trips to the church offer many advantages for our pupils such as understanding of the world, awareness of others and time to reflect.

It was the Hedgehogs first whole school trip, and they walked beautifully to and from the church with the help of our responsible Year 6s. Thank you to Rev Noel for always welcoming us at the church and always making the time for our pupils.



★ Attendance Stars ★

School Target: 97%
 School Actual: 95.7%
 Best Year Group this week...
 Year 2 & Y6 with 100%

If you want to know your child's % to date, you can find this information on MCAS



Pupil Shoutout!

Those of you who watched the football on Wednesday night may have noticed one of our Owls making an appearance. Jesse was one of the mascots for the Aston Villa team at their game with Bayern Munich. Staff and children enjoyed hearing all about it Thursday morning. :)

CURDWORTH CHAMPIONS

Squirrels: Shayan & Harry
Foxes: Rory & Bodhi
Owls: Ralph & Arlo
Hedgehogs: Hardy



Class Dojo Badge Winners



None this week

Upcoming Events

- 08.10.24 - Reception Open Morning (1) 9.15am
- 21.10.24 - Parent Council meeting 2 6-7pm
- 24.10.24 - WOW Diwali Festival & PTFA Disco 5-7pm
- 25.10.24 - Foxes Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 28.10.24 - 01.11.24 SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM
- 04.11.24 - Individual school photos - Siblings at 08.45
- 06.11.24 - Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop
- 08.11.24 - Whole school flu immunisations
- 11.11.24 - Remembrance at St Nicholas (school only)



Clubs Reminders

***AUTUMN 2 CLUBS OPEN FOR BOOKING ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER at 5 PM ***
SEE POST ON MAIN STORY FEED

- NO STEM CLUB ON 24th OCTOBER
- NETBALL CLUB CANCELLED



How do I know what's happening in my child's class?

To find out what is happening in your child's class, remember to check out the Class Page! Class teachers will be posting class timetables, weekly overviews including homework and PE days all on the story page of Dojo. You can also contact the school office and myself or Miss Gibbs through this communication line.

DINNERS

Remember to book your meals for next week if not already completed. Please continue to top up funds for Dinner Money via MCAS.



A message from your Parent Council

Please see outcomes from the first set of council sessions

You said

Parents raised concerns about the amount of usage of iPads in school, apps not turning off by 8pm, access to Amazon accounts/Minecraft.

Our action:

The app shut off time has been investigated and resolved with all apps turning off at 8pm or shortly thereafter. Please report any further identified issues to the school or a parent councillor. You can also control the times which your child may access their iPad by setting 'downtime' and limits via JAMF: https://youtu.be/tFAGO_jOk-w
We have reported the concerns over access to Amazon and Minecraft to IT and understand that these sites have now been blocked.

We sent out a questionnaire to parents to understand their views and knowledge on the use of iPads in school. Most parents have reported that they are happy with the iPads and how to control their usage at home, however, we have included some key facts here which answer the concerns raised:

- **71%** of parents/carers said they do not need to use Jamf parent restrictions, **7%** stated that they downloaded Jamf but don't use it and **21%** said they don't know how to set it up or what it was.
- **67%** thought children spend less than half of school time on iPads during learning, and **33%** said they thought it was between 50-75%.

- Survey showed that there is an improvement in parent buy-in in using iPads to enhance learning in the classroom, increasing from an average rating of 3.79/5 to 4.27/5.
- **53%** of parents prefer homework on the iPads, **27%** said there is no preference and **20%** said they did not prefer it.
- If you need further information on controlling usage at home please speak to the school or a parent councillor, or watch the video here: https://youtu.be/tFAGO_jOk-w
(link under post)

You said

Parents raised concerns about the number of activities in school that parents were being invited to attend.

Our action:

We understand the challenges that parents face juggling work, attending school events and managing children's expectations around this. We have therefore reduced the number of events that parents are invited to attend to reflect this. Following feedback we have dropped certain events and retained those which were most popular. The event calendar for the academic year 2024/2025 has been circulated and can be accessed here: [Term and Diary Dates – Curdworth Primary School](#) (link under post)

A message from your Parent Council continued...

You said

other areas discussed briefly

Messy play and the impact it can have on school uniform/white tops

Our action:

- school have aprons available and a message has been communicated to all teachers that if they are doing art, craft or activities where the children could get messy with paint etc then to make sure the children wear the aprons available.



You said

Curdworth champion concerns raised over short notice being received.

Our action:

Mrs Kang has communicated to staff the importance of informing parents/carers by Thursday lunchtime so arrangements can be made to send a family member to the assembly. Parents are encouraged to check class dojo messages on Thursdays to see if their child will be receiving the award for that week.



You said

Dojo communications and the organisation/ease of finding messages in feed.

Our action:

Action - many of the issues raised with dojo are related to the design of the app rather than changes that can be made by the school. It is not possible to categorise messages as they can only appear as a news feed. A reminder to families that key dates are mentioned on the weekly newsletter and can be found on the school website.

Year Rec, Year 4 and Year 6 Representatives needed!

Please message Mrs Kang or speak to Mrs Laura Heeley (Community Advocate) should you be interested in working with the school to enhance the school-parent community relations.

Thank you

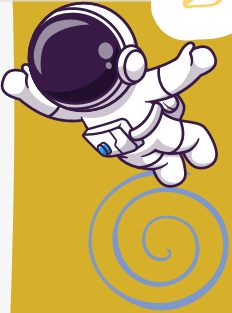
LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

TRIP

&

UPCOMING EVENTS



FOXES

Whitemoor Lakes February 2025
Deposit in MCAS/Products
Balance on MCAS/Trips
Deadline 1st November 2024

SQUIRRELS

Space Centre 11th November 2024
Payment in MCAS/Trips
Deadline 3rd November 2024

Year 5 London April 2025
Payment in MCAS/Trips
Deposit deadline 15th October 2024
Balance due 15th February 2024

Y6 France 2025
Please ensure that you are meeting
the dates for the installment
payments.

Please contact the office if you are
having any financial or access
difficulties.

PTFA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday 24th October 2024
5 - 7 pm

£6 per ticket payable to Claire
Winters, school office or classroom
(in an envelope with your child's
name on please)

Payment deadline

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

PTFA ODD SOCK DAY

**WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER
2024**

PFTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024

