

CURDWORTH

Newsletter

This week at school...

This week children were given an individual passcode to access their learning devices. This addition is to protect their data in the event that their iPad is lost or temporarily misplaced. Please see Class Dojo post by Miss Gibbs on Tuesday this week for further information.



Attendance Stars

School Target: 97%
 School Actual: 95.1%
 Best Year Group this week...
 Year 3 with 100%

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



The school have received further complaints about parents idling their engines, blocking driveways, and on phones when driving when on Farthing Lane.

A polite reminder of your role in keeping our children and community safe when bringing and taking your children to and from school. Many thanks.



Class Dojo Badge Winners

Shilo, Hardy, Ivy, Eli D, Theo,
 Maisie, Cassius, Alfie and
 Jaxson!



CURDWORTH CHAMPIONS

Squirrels: Siena W
 Foxes: Scarlett & Cody
 Owls: Tristan & Zachary
 Hedgehogs: Ivy



Supporting our Curdworth children

“An 8-Year-Old’s Heartfelt Mission: Help Indi Sponsor the Band at Curdworth’s Pumpkin Parade 🎃”

A couple of weeks ago, my daughter Indi had a brilliant idea. While listening to Richard Heeley and me talk about raising sponsorship for the band at the Curdworth Halloween Pumpkin Parade, she asked, “Dad, could I sell some of my cards and donate the money?”

Of course, I said yes! And now she’s been busy designing a wonderful range of greeting cards for every occasion—from birthdays to new babies, first days at school, and good luck wishes.



She launched her cards just a couple of weeks ago and, to our delight, sold 17 cards on the first day! 🎉 Indi’s goal is to raise £360, with £1 profit from each card going directly towards sponsoring the band for the parade. She needs to sell 360 cards to hit that target, so every little bit helps!

Each card is priced at £2.25, but if you’d like to help her reach her goal faster, she’s offering a special deal: three cards for just £5! 📺

If you’d like to support Indi and her mission, you can:

1. Buy them online (link in post), and we’ll deliver them to your door 🚚
2. Check out our Instagram page (link in post) and drop us a message for local delivery around Curdworth 📧

Every card you buy not only brings joy to someone’s day but also helps Indi support our local community. Let’s help her light up Curdworth with music at the Pumpkin Parade! 🎵

Ready to grab a card or two (or three)? Let’s show Indi that her generosity and hard work can make a real difference!

#SupportIndi #CurdworthPumpkinParade #CommunitySpirit #GreetingCardsForACause 🎃

Supporting our Curdworth community



Upcoming Events

- 16.10.24 - Y1 & Y6 Fire Service Visit
- 21.10.24 - Parent Council meeting 2 6-7pm
- 22.10.24 - WOW Diwali Day (date changed to offer better provision for pupils)
- 24.10.24 - Halloween Party 5-7pm
- 25.10.24 - Foxes Class Assembly 2.45pm & Fire Service visit for Hedgehogs
- 28.10.24 - 01.11.24 SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM
- 04.11.24 - Individual school photos - Siblings at 08.45 via Reception
- 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

- NO CLUBS ON 24th OCTOBER AND 12TH DECEMBER DUE TO PTFA EVENTS.
- NO HOBBY HORSE ON 29TH NOVEMBER.
- SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR MULTISPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRAFT AND HOBBY HORSING

**** MANY CHILDREN EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HOBBY HORSING IN CLASS, PLEASE COULD WE ASK PARENTS TO CHECK AGAIN WITH THEIR CHILDREN ****

DINNERS



Thank you all for your support on Census Day!

Reminder to book your meals for next week if not already completed.



UNIFORM DONATIONS

Enormous thanks to all who have donated pre-loved uniform over recent months. As a result, our stores are now full and we are unable to take any more until further notice.

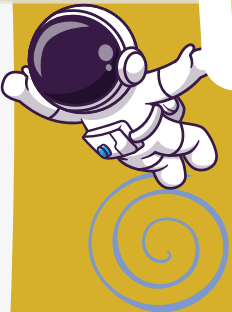
If anybody would like spare jumpers, trousers, skirts, shorts, please get in touch with Mrs Edwards with your needs and she will arrange this for you.

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



TRIP &



UPCOMING
EVENTS



FOXES

Whitemoor Lakes February 2025

Deposit now closed
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

Booking list now closed
Deposit payment in MCAS/Trips by
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)

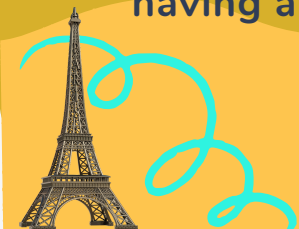
****Payment deadline****
FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

PTFA ODD SOCK DAY

WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER
2024

PFTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024



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