



CURLEDGE STREET ACADEMY

Curledge Street Academy News



**February 2017
Spring Term**

Dear Parents/Carers

It feels like this term has flown by! We have had lots going on at school culminating in a Valentine's Disco on 9 February for years 1-6. I am sure your children will now be looking forward to a week's break—let's hope the weather warms up a little. As always, please do not hesitate to see me, either on the school gate in the mornings or via appointment, if you have any concerns or issues to discuss.

Jessica Humphrey
Headteacher



STOP PRESS: Curlew award for Unsung Heroes

We are delighted to announce that a new award is being introduced at school. This will be the "Curlew Award for Unsung Heroes". We recognise that a lot of children just 'get on' with their learning, always doing the right thing and helping others. One child per year group will be nominated by teachers each term. To celebrate and recognise their achievement we will be holding a special assembly at school to which the child's parents will be invited and, afterwards, to join Mrs Humphrey and other staff at a tea party.

We will write to parents advising their child has been nominated. Our first award will be held in the next half term with an assembly being held on 29 March.



Year 5 visited Paignton Zoo on 20 February and had a special lesson with the education staff on Lifecycles as part of their trip



As part of their learning in the Nest on Growing & Keeping Healthy, the children had a visit from our school nurse to show them how to clean their teeth properly - fun was had by all!

Pupil attendance

Our overall target this year is **96%** to make us the same as schools nationally - please help us beat last year's **94.9%** result by ensuring your child arrives at school on time! We are currently achieving **95.4%** Keep up the good work.

Bag2School - a big thank you from the PTA for all the bags that were donated for the bag 2 School collection. The money raised will go to PTA funds for supporting activities/projects at Curledge Street.

Communicating with you

New on-line payment system - we have been trialling our new on-line payment system, SIMS Angora, and we will be emailing more information and activation codes to parents after half term. If you haven't given us an email address, please let us know so you can receive the relevant information.

We won!

Our year 5-6 girls football team has been crowned League Winners after winning 5-0 away against White Rock. Player of the match Lauren scored 4 goals and Jasmine scored the other, her first this season. The girls now qualify for Plainmoor Finals Night which will be held in early May. Well done girls!



Our Christmas production collections raised £312.58 for Little Bridge Children's Hospice

Parents' Evening - don't forget parents' evenings will be held on 15 & 16 March. We will be providing you on the evening with a brief document showing your child's progress and areas where parents are able to support their child's learning at home.

Winners of the **Phase 3 value certificates of the week** (20 January) proudly displaying their certificates which were awarded for demonstrating a variety of talents and skills, from collaboration with reciprocal reading partners to demonstrating exemplary manners in class



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Healthy snacks - following a recent observation by our dental nurse, we would like to encourage our children in years 3 - 6 to have healthy snacks during school and would recommend your child brings in a piece of fruit. We are always happy for your child to have water to sip on during class and would request that squash should only be had at lunchtime. We are looking into the feasibility of having a healthy snack bar run by some of our children.



P T A
update -
our Next
meeting
is on
Tuesday
7th March
@
3.30pm.
New
members
always
welcome!



Zumba

The new Zumba after school club has been enjoying a wiggle and a giggle keeping active and fit whilst enjoying different styles of music from around the world.

Walking home from school?

If your child is in years 5 & 6, please can we remind parents to provide a note to the class teacher giving your consent that your child is allowed to walk home after school.



Tapestry is our on-line learning journals portal between our early years' classes and home released last year. We are delighted that so many parents of Penguins, Seahorses, Seals & Starfish are using Tapestry and we really enjoy seeing the photos they upload of activities at home. Tapestry is also great to see what homework has been set. Thank you from the Phase 1 team.

What can I do at lunchtime?

Music clubs In the music room with Mrs Mencarini

There are different music clubs on throughout the week with Mrs Mencarini. You can choose from:

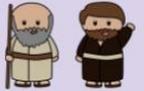
- Tuesday Phase 3 choir Years 4, 5 and 6 12.30pm
- Wednesday Phase 2 choir Years 1, 2 and 3 1.00pm
- Thursday Boys Vocal Group Years 4, 5 and 6 12.30pm
- Friday Karaoke Years 4, 5 and 6 12.30pm



colouring club- cuttlefish classroom
If you enjoy some quiet colouring time - come to cuttlefish classroom with Mrs Lane Years 1 and 2

ICE club-Y3 & Y4 Jellyfish classroom

Arts, crafts, games and Bible stories- every other Thursday in 3H. See Mrs Kies for a letter



Chill out club

If you want a break from the hustle and bustle of the phase 3 playground, then come and spend some time in the PE room with Miss Bower. Activities include, gardening, artwork, games and crafts.



Lunchtime football

Each class has an allocated slot for football. Here is when you can play on the astro-turf:



	Phase 2	Phase 3 (12.30-1.00 / 1.00-1.30)	
Monday	Dolphins	Piranhas	Orcas
Tuesday	cuttlefish	Sharks	Lobsters
Wednesday	Kittiwakes	Sea Otters	Turtles
Thursday	Gullemots	5/6 girls	3/4 girls
Friday	Mr Watkins choice	Barracudas	Jellyfish

Maths Homework club

Every Monday Y2 3 4 5 6
If you want to complete your mymaths homework or practise some of your maths skills, come to the maths room with Mrs Maher and Mrs Moore.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

20 February - back to school
15 & 16 March - Parents' evenings
31 March - break for Easter
1 May—May bank holiday (no school!)

2 March - World Book Day
24 March - Comic Relief
18 April—back to school
w/c 8 May—Year 6 SATs week



Absences — due to safeguarding procedures, please can parents/carers telephone the absence line **every day** their child is absent from school on 01803 557726. Alternatively, they can email the school at the following address: absence@cs-academy.com

After School Clubs—if your child is registered to attend an after school club and they are not able to go, please can you inform Mrs Horton on reception or your child's class teacher so that the register can be altered accordingly & we don't need to contact you. Thank you.

Dental/GP appointments—please can parents/carers be requested to make non-emergency appointments outside of school hours. Thank you.



Thank you to those parents who took note of our recent letter regarding not stopping on the yellow zig zag lines at morning drop-off times. There has been a notable improvement - thank you for working with us to help keep your children safe!