

CURLEDGE STREET NEWS

Summer News

Summer Term 2 2024





Message from Mrs Wilkinson, Head of School

Dear All,

It's the end of another very busy year at CSA. The school continues to grow from strength to strength with the help and support of our school community and that includes you as parents and carers. This year we were proud to be rated 'Good' by Ofsted with some lovely compliments on the curriculum, behaviour of the children and quality of teaching and leadership across the school. Once again we have had a year with fun filled events and there will be more the same next year. There will be another year 6 performance, One Night Only event, fun run and summer fair and we will be holding a Christmas fair too!

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and I look forward to catching up with you in September.

Mrs Wilkinson

Little Thinkers Nursery

As you will be aware we will be opening a nursery for babies from 9 months to 2 years after October half term. This will be in Old School House and will be run by Mrs Pierce and Miss Hyslop. If you are interested in a place for your child please do fill in our expression of interest form on the school website.

Staffing update

At the end of this term we say thank you and farewell to

Miss Davis, year 4 teacher as she moves to a new school in London.

Mr Jeffery, Sports Assistant who is moving to our sister school, Kings Ash Academy.

Mrs Chirwa, part time Language Support Assistant.

Miss Nicol, Nursery Assistant who will be going to University.

In September, we will be welcoming the following new staff:

Mr Finnerty - Sports Apprentice.

Mrs Harradine-Cole - Early Years Apprentice.

Mrs Holtam - Early Years Apprentice.

Mrs D'Alessandro - Yr4 Teacher (from KAA).

Miss Hyslop will be moving to the Little Thinkers Deputy Manager role.

Kids' Club venue change

From September the after school Kids' Club will be run from the main school building. Children can be collected from the school's grey hall doors where a doorbell will be located.

School lunches - price increase

From September the cost of a school dinner will rise from £2.50 per child to £2.55.

Year 2's visit to Brixham

The Year 2 children visited Brixham this term. Whilst there, the group got to see some of the local trawlers and found out that a new ship, with license, would cost around £8 million to build! Then, the classes were shown round the UK's largest fish market, and got to see some of the local catches up close and personal. A firm favourite of the cohort was the dogfish and the ability to hold a giant crab! After the visit to the fish market, the children got to see the next stage of the fish's journey and had a tour of the Rockfish restaurant. Our guides took us through their shop, showed us their production methods and explained the area where the food is prepared for service. The children were in awe, but the experience didn't stop there. Our hosts at Rockfish then provided the children with their own, individual, portions of fish and chips! With bellies ready to burst, the group picked themselves up and had a guided tour (courtesy of our very own Miss Bower) of the Brixham harbour. At the end of their journey, the group was treated to a talk, and showaround, of our local RNLI station before making pebble towers on the breakwater beach.







Learn to cycle event

In the summer holidays Torbay Council will once again be holding the hugely popular 2-hour **Learn to Ride Sessions** for children in Years 2-6, who can't ride a bike without stabilisers. The sessions are £10 plus booking fee.

For more details and to book - Learn to Ride - Book a Session

As an adult, if you would like them to teach you how to ride with your children, they will also soon be starting **Adult Cycle Training**, which will range from 'Learn to Ride' through to Bikeability-style training to show you the best way to ride with your child.

If you would like more information on Adult Cycle Training, please register your interest here - <u>Adult</u> <u>Cycle Training - Register Interest</u>

For Parents - WhatsApp Safety Guide

Given that WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world it's no surprise children from year 3 upwards are using it with very little understanding of what safety features are available. Internet Matters has a great guide for parents about privacy settings, where to get support and more. It is also worth noting the age given for use of this app is 16+. You can find the guide HERE.

Online safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats. **Read the blog post:** My child is gaming with strangers — what should I do?

Reception classes visited the zoo



Reception children visited Paignton zoo following their learning about endangered animals. They have been learning to retell the story of 'The Last Tiger' and were lucky enough to find out lots of new information from zoo keeper Jason who showed them a tiger skull and teeth. Following our visit Reception is opening an art gallery to sell their paintings to raise money for the WWF.





Sadly, almost a third of children develop tooth decay by the time they are five years old, making it the nation's most common childhood disease. In its report this year, The Royal College of Surgeons stated it was seriously concerned about the state of children's oral health in the country. At {mydentist}, we share that concern.

And we're determined to do something about it!!

So, over the summer holidays we will be holding "kids club" sessions for children to come and have a free one-off NHS check up appointment and make sure their smile is fit and healthy. To book an appointment just call 01803 328113 or pop into our St Marychurch practice and one of our reception team will be more than happy to help!

Dates of kids club sessions are as follows:

Wednesday 24th July



- Wednesday 7th August
- Wednesday 21st August

The Arts round-up

Please follow this link to read about our arts projects/visits etc during the past year:







Fundraising

With all of your help we have raised the following this term for our Opportunities Fund:

- Summer Fair & fun run £4,110
- Year 6 We will rock you performance & barbecue £684
- Ice lolly sales £405

Year 4 events



During the summer term year 4 participated in a rounders festival, went to Totnes and also went pond dipping and rock pooling to support their learning in class.









Year 5

Year 5 visited the Sharpham Estate in early July. They learnt how to tell the age of a tree by counting its rings, and how to use a compass.







Sports Days

WOW! We have had another year of successful sports days. Everyone participated in a variety of activities which include; sprinting, throwing, jumping and lots more. What was especially great to watch was how the children used all of our school values to ensure a safe and competitive day. The value of collaboration was paramount due to the children striving to earn as many points for their house teams. Thank you to all of our children for participating maturely on these days, the staff who made the activities fun and enjoyable whilst putting the children's safety first and finally the parents for their support and continued help- it's much appreciated.





Final Fun Run mile & Summer Fair

On the 14th of July, we held our final Curledge Street Fun Run mile for the year where each child had to run 7 laps of a route around the school. The Sunday morning was filled with lots of activities such as beat the keeper, Michel Jordan basketball shoot, Robin Hood archery, hook a duck and pick a prize whilst also having an ice cream van on site. A massive thank you to the staff that gave up their time to put on a memorable experience for our children and community, the children for all of their efforts and fundraising and the parents for their support and help marshalling. Everyone involved tried their very best every single Friday, week in and week out, raising an outstanding amount of money for the school's opportunities fund.



Sports Colours

Sports colours are given to those children who demonstrate outstanding skill and talent in one or more sports. Children are expected to show leadership skills when representing Curledge Street Academy. Sports colours are also given to those children who represent the School in a number of sports and show dedication to clubs.

<u>Iris</u> - Iris is someone who models our school values at all times. This term, Iris has shown excellent work across all aspects of PE; these range from PE lessons to after school clubs and even the Curledge Street Fun Run. Iris always listens intently, tries her hardest in all areas and collaborates by raising her hand to give answers which helps support others. Iris shines when she is demonstrating an activity or when helping pack equipment away voluntarily. Well done on a brilliant term Iris!





<u>James</u> - This term James has shown incredible development across PE. In our recent unit of 'rackets bats and balls', James has shown a brilliant consistency when it comes to striking the ball and has shown great determination over the 6 weeks. He is always seen giving maximum effort and has a brilliant attitude towards PE. Well done on a fantastic term James!

<u>Freddie</u> - This term Freddie has also worked extremely hard in PE as well as after school clubs and the Curledge Street Fun Run. Freddie always shows a brilliant attitude to PE and to all sports in general. Freddie also highlights one of our school values in everything he does and that is collaboration, where he is always offering to help the PE team as well as helping the younger children at after school clubs. Well done Freddie! A brilliant role model for Curledge Street.





Brooke - This term Brooke has worked incredibly hard in PE, in after school clubs and in her role as a sports leader. Brooke has been a brilliant role model for all of the children in the school within these roles and has grown in confidence. Brooke also recently helped out with the phase two sports day where she showed enthusiasm and courage to lead her activity and show her brilliant qualities as a leader. Well done on the outstanding work this term Brooke!

Reminder!

Please could we request that all ParentPay accounts are up to date and that no debt is carried forward to next year. Please speak to a member of the team if this causes any concern.

Free School Meals - are you entitled?

Parents/guardians who receive any of the following benefits are entitled to FSM. Children who receive these benefits in their own right are also entitled:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support Opens in a new window
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit Working Tax Credit and with an annual taxable income (as assessed by

Key Dates For Your Diary!

September

4th Autumn 1 term commences

After school sports/activity club bookings open

9th Football team trials

16th After school sports/activity clubs commence

19th Nasal flu vaccinations (opt-in forms will be circulated beforehand)

October

7th-9th Year 6 residential
17th School closes for half term
18th Oct - 4th Nov inclusive - half term

November

5th School re-opens for Autumn 2 term12th-13th Individual & sibling photos by Jelly Images15th Children in Need fundraising day

December

11th Christmas disco

20th School closes @ 2pm for the Christmas holiday

Teacher Training Opportunities in South Devon and Torbay, starting September 2025

Are you interested in being part of a growing number of people training to become primary teachers in our area?

There are many great reasons to get into primary teaching:

- value a career where you can make a difference to children's lives and the wider communities;
- enjoy the flexibility of having school holidays so you can spend more time doing what matters most to you:
- benefit from a starting salary as a teacher of £30,000 and an excellent Teachers' Pension Scheme.

Curledge Street Academy is actively supporting people in South Devon and Torbay to get into teaching. Teacher recruitment is really important to us because one of the best ways of providing a high-quality education is to attract talented people into the profession.

Through our partnership with SWIFT Teacher Training, you can access high-quality, school-based training with more of the training experience based close to home, including the option of a placement at [enter school name] and other local schools. To find out more about the courses on offer from SWIFT Teacher Training visit www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk. Applications open on 1 October 2024 for a September 2025 start.

While many national headlines show teacher recruitment is down, we are beginning to make a difference. SWIFT Teacher Training has recruited 90 new teachers from South West this year who are starting their training in September 2024!

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. Further information about eligibility criteria can be found <u>HERE</u>.

If you would like to find out more, please check out our <u>FAQs</u>. If you have questions not covered here, please email info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk who will get in touch to offer advice and the opportunity to attend a school visit. Alternatively, contact us at [enter school name and contact email] and we can help you get started.





The following events are being held at Paignton Library:











How can you support young people in your local community in Torbay? Ask Us



St John Ambulance are looking for enthusiastic and committed adults (anyone aged 18+) to volunteer as Youth Helpers and Youth Leaders, to support young people hoping to join the local youth programmes. No prior first aid or volunteering experience is necessary, and it's a great way to develop your own skills whilst building first aid confidence in young people

Scan the QR code for more volunteering opportunities, or go to sja.org.uk/volunteer, or email devonyouth@sja.org.uk about volunteering in Devon



Holiday Help

If you need help or have concerns during the summer holiday don't forget we have a number you can call during office hours **07731 521754**

We also have an email address by which you can contact us: pastoral@cs-academy.com



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