



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 20th October 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	94%
Courtenay	98% Well Done Courtenay Class
Templar	95.6%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.6%

Last week's whole school attendance: 95.8%

RAG Rating		98% and above
		96.1%- 97.9%
		96% and below

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please ensure that children are reading at least 4 times a week and it is recorded in their reading records.

Spelling and maths homework will be sent home weekly.

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! I can't believe it is the end of the first half of term already. What a great start to the year.

In English, In English, some of the children within Courtenay Class have been continuing to split off into the Read Write Inc groups in order to further develop their reading and writing. In our writing lesson the children have used their learning throughout the year so far to create a non-chronological report on plants.

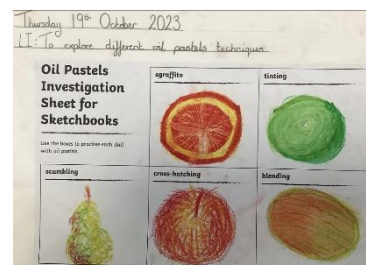
In maths, the children have been continuing their learning on addition and subtraction. They have had a go at adding and subtracting 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers using the column method.

Star of the Week

Harry

For persevering and putting 110% effort into your learning.

In Art, the children have been working with oil pastels and exploring the different techniques and effects that they can have. The children were then able to use one of these techniques to create a sunset or sunrise image.



Have a lovely half term,

Miss Harris



MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

I am thrilled to be able to reflect on a wonderful half term filled with remarkable dedication to learning displayed by our children. Their hard work and boundless energy have been truly inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. We eagerly await the start of the new half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, October 30th.

The Year 6 Residential has taken place this week where some of Templer Class enjoyed thrilling activities like balloon splash, archery and the high swing as well as a 2-night stay in Torquay. Despite the wet weather, their spirits remained high, and every child exemplified exceptional behaviour and a positive attitude making us all extremely proud. The children have reflected how much they enjoyed being away with our friends at Ellacombe Academy and we're looking forward to doing more together in the future.



We are excited to share with you a valuable resource that offers a glimpse into the heart of our primary school experience at ASM. Our curriculum is the foundation of your child's educational journey, shaping their growth, knowledge, and skills. By clicking on the provided link [Our School's Curriculum - All Saints Marsh C of E Academy \(allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk\)](https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk), you'll have the opportunity to explore the subjects, activities, and learning opportunities that underpin every day at our school. We believe that a strong curriculum is the heartbeat of all our children flourishing.



Sponsorships for the PTFA Fun Run on 2nd November

A reminder that our children are all invited to take place in the Fun Run on 2nd November. This event is hosted by the PTFA and is another opportunity to raise funds to further support our children.

We have received some wonderful feedback from THAT Foodbank which we wanted to share with you..

Our thanks to all the staff and pupils who contributed to your wonderful harvest donation. It is so good to know that young people recognise that there are many people who are struggling to be able to put meals on their tables.

As you know, the cost-of-living crisis continues which sadly means we are seeing an increasing number of people needing our support. At the same time, food donations are decreasing meaning we need to buy-in more products to maintain our stock levels.

We are so appreciative of all those individuals and organisations who continue to support us – both with food and finances – without this generosity we could not assist those in greatest need in the local area. Should your organisation know of any individual/family in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us with their details and we will be happy to help.

With thank

Yours sincerely

Hazel Harrison (Secretary)

On behalf of THAT



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023 / 2024

23rd – 27th October HALF TERM

2nd November – PTFA Fun Run

8th November – PTFA Rags to Riches

8th November – PTFA Christmas Preparation meeting – All Welcome 3pm at school

16th November – Grandparents Reading Afternoon KS2 2.00 – 2.30pm KS1 2.30 – 3pm



17th November – Children In Need

30th November – Templar Bake Sale

5th December – PTFA Whole School Cinema Visit – Details TBC

6th December – School Christmas Meal and PTFA Xmas Fayre

14th December – Nativity at St Pauls' Church 1.45 PTFA Christmas Disco

PTFA

Rags 2 Riches

Please support your PTFA by clearing out your old clothes! Rags 2 Riches will donate 50p per kilo of good resellable clothes. Take a look here for items of clothing they do and don't collect [What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools](#). Please bring in your filled bags to school for collection on Wednesday 8th November. Thank you for your support.



You are all welcome to attend a meeting of the PTFA on 8th November at 3pm at school. They will be discussing the arrangements for the Christmas fayre – with lots of exciting plans and news.

You can contact the PTFA directly on ptfa.asm@yahoo.com and they also have a PTFA facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/854971261224815

Thank you for your support at the Courtenay Bake Sale where an amazing £68.20 was raised! It is Templar's turn next on the 30th November.



FAMILY SUPPORT

Christmas Toy Appeal

As in previous years, the Salvation Army have kindly offered to help families in need this Christmas.

They will be concentrating on Toys and aim to provide 3 items for each child plus a selection pack and copy of their Children's Christmas comic. They try and tailor the presents, so it would be helpful to know about the children's special interests or disabilities/allergies if they have any, dinosaurs, cars etc. or requires toys with no sound effects/tactile etc. They also need to know the age and gender of the children.

If you would like Mrs Webber to make a referral, please let her know her by **1st December**. They will also need your name and family postcode which will be treated in the strictest of confidence and for that reason we do ask for your permission to share this information.

Household Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we have access to further funding to support families on low incomes to support with food and utility costs. This is through the Household Support Fund, which Early Help are administering locally. The scheme runs from October 2023 to end of March 2024. Funds are limited, so when the allocation is used up, the fund will close.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food
- Supporting for energy and water bills for household purposes
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer, or cooker
- Consideration for petrol for essential journeys

This Fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following, which is NOT an exhaustive list:

- Washing machines
- Driers
- Beds / Furniture
- School Uniform

You will need to meet the following criteria: - You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old) – You are experiencing financial hardship – You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family – Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason

If you are eligible and would like to apply to the fund, please contact Mrs Webber.



Eat DRINK

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

Eat DRINK

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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OFFICE NEWS

KS1 Multi Sports Club starts on Thursday 2nd November – Thursday 14th December 3-4pm. Please sign up via MCAS. This club is FREE to all KS1 children.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Family friendly event organised by the National Trust in the beautiful walled garden at Parke with fun paper lantern decorating, Dartmoor storytelling, pumpkin selfie station and spooky offerings at the cafe. In collaboration with National Trust at Parke



National Trust



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Parke Autumn Celebration

Seasonal Stories & Paper Lanterns

Thursday 26th October 2023
2.30pm - 5pm

Family friendly event in the beautiful Walled Garden at Parke: fun paper lantern making, Dartmoor stories, pumpkin selfie station and spooky offerings at the cafe. In collaboration with Dartmoor National Park.



More info: nationaltrust.org.uk/parke



Children's Autumn Event

Friday 27th Oct -2-5pm
@theCastle
Homeyards Botanical Gardens
TQ14 0BH

Art Storm Craft Tables.
The Barn Owl Trust.
Teignbridge Ranger. Making from Nature.
The Hope Coffee Van (cash/card)
Scavenger Hunt .Plant Bulbs.

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon
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See our Facebook page for bad weather update
Free entry and activities.
All children or vulnerable adults to be accompanied by own carer please.