



Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	95%
Courtenay	98% Well done Courtenay Class
Templar	94%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.6%

Last week's whole school attendance: 95.4 %

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please read 4x a week.

Please see your child's Home Learning book which comes home every **Friday**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week this week, gearing up for our Harvest Celebration next week. We have been practising the songs that we will be singing in the church and are getting very good at remembering all the words.

This week in Maths the Year 1 and Year 2 children have begun their new topic of Addition and Subtraction. The Year 1 children have been focusing on adding numbers within 10, while the Year 2 children have started learning how to add two-digit numbers, using a range of methods. Reception children have been focusing their learning in Maths around the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears – using mathematical language to compare size.

<p>Star of the Week: Forde Bake Sale Georgia – for working hard on her spelling homework every week!</p>	<p>This week we are starting to assess children on the Phonics ready for new RWInc groups after half term. Please can children continue to look at the videos on Seesaw to consolidate their Phonics knowledge at home – this really makes a difference. If you have any problems connecting to Seesaw please come and speak to me and I can resend the email invite.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>Mrs Perry-Bates</p>
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MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

Census success

It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying our special meal on Thursday. The pancakes were a real hit with one child describing them as 'fabulous!' Our attendance was fantastic, and we look forward to finding out which school was the overall winner.



Christmas!

Christmas is quickly creeping up on us and we have a wonderful opportunity for all our budding designers and artists. All children are invited to design their own Christmas card with the winning design being used across our whole trust.

A few hints and tips:

The picture should be A5 in size and landscape only
No white backgrounds – Colours need to be vibrant

No felt tip pens and 2D designs only
Please bring in your finished design by **Friday 13th October.**

Forde Bake Sale

Thank you so much for everyone's support last week with the Forde Class Bake Sale. We raised a whopping £78.06 which will go into the PTFA fund to further support our children this year. Don't forget Courtenay Class Bake Sale is next on **19th October**.

School Photos

Are on Monday 16th October – If you would like a photo of your child with an older or young sibling please arrive ready for a photo at 8.30am



Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

We are seeking your valuable feedback to help us to continue to build a positive learning environment where all our children flourish. Your feedback will help us to gain a better understanding of your views on your child's experience in school and hear your thoughts about being part of a family of schools, so we can see how we are doing and recognise opportunities for improvement. The anonymous feedback survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code. The survey opens on **Monday 6th October** and close on Friday 20th October. Link to survey for parent/carers to complete: <https://forms.office.com/e/yQCTaHTkD0>

Secondary School Admissions – Year 6's.

Please apply for your secondary school place by 31st October 2023

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If you can't

apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.



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Please provide your feedback by end of day on Friday 19th October 2023.



Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to seeing families and friends at the Harvest Festival 1.45pm at St Pauls Church on Thursday 12th October.

We will also be running a 'fruit and vegetable' animal competition where we are inviting children to bring in animals made from fruit and or vegetables. This is a fun activity and we love to see how creative the children can get! We have included some examples from previous entries to give you inspiration! Please bring in your creations for judging on Friday 13th October along with any harvest donations for HITS Foodbank.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023 / 2024

12th October - Harvest Festival at St Pauls Church - All Welcome 1.45pm

14th October - Closing date for Harvest Fruit and Veg Competition and collecting for THAT foodbank (more details to follow)

16th October - Individual School Photos

16th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Forde and Courtenay)

18th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Forde, Courtenay and Templar)

19th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Templar)

18th - 20th October - Year 6 PGL Residential

23rd - 27th October HALF TERM

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

FAMILY SUPPORT

Happy Families, Happy Futures Devon

Devon County Council are offering FREE virtual or face-to-face 'Reducing Parental Conflict' Programmes to support parents improve the quality of their interparental relationship.

The programme will help develop positive communications, manage emotions, and create a better environment for children to thrive.

Family Transitions Triple P

Advice and guidance to support co-parenting and to deflect the pressure of divorce or separation away from children.

Within My Reach

Advice and guidance for couples who are together; to help parents apply new skills to their relationship.



If you are interested and would like us to refer you to the programme please contact Mrs webber or to find out more please visit: Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership website using this link: [Reducing Parental Conflict](#)

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.

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 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.

They are working closely with the THAT foodbank and HITS. If you would like support with a food parcel please also let Mrs Webber know.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Half Term Taiko Sessions in Newton Abbot

Saturday 21st October

Teignbridge Scout Hut, Burdett Building, Wolborough Street,
Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 1LJ

Children aged 9 – 11 yrs – 9.30 -10.30am

Children aged 12 – 16 yrs 10.45 – 11.45am

£3.50 per child. Places in each session are limited so please book in
advance by emailing hello@taikosouthwest.org.uk.

A fun taiko drumming class for young people. A chance to learn about
taiko and have some fun making noise with some big drums!



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Events at Newton Abbot Library

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STORY TIME

With author Anne Parsons


Thursday 26th October, 11am - 12pm
Newton Abbot Library

Join author Anne Parsons as she reads from her latest book **Archie, Go!** followed by themed crafts. This is the third and final installment in the Archie series

Anne will also be selling signed copies of her book if you would like to take one home!

Book your **FREE** place at:
bit.ly/NAeventbrite

Suitable for ages 5-10



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Devon TORBAY COUNCIL



Storytime Saturday 14th October at 10.30am. They will be reading *Our Tower* by Joseph Coelho. It's a magical story that follows three children living in a tower block, as they embark on a fantastical adventure which helps them see their home in a new light. Stay on for a fun craft themed to the story!

OFFICE NEWS

The office will close between 12.30 and 2.30 on Tuesday's and Thursdays. If you need to contact the office during these times, please leave a phone message or email allsaints@lapsw.org. Thank you for your support.

FREE EVENT!

FUN PALAeS

Newton Abbot Library

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER


9AM - 4PM

TREASURE FROM THE STACK 09:00 - 16:00	Look back 100 years in railway travel, explore old and rare books from the Railway Studies Collection, plus special local history items. On public display for one day only
ADULT COLOURING GROUP 09:00-16:00	A great stress reliever, come to our new adult colouring group, do some of our colouring or bring your own!
SHORT MAT BOWLS 09:00 - 15:00	Learn about this friendly, low cost pastime which can be enjoyed by all ages. With Buckland Short Mat Bowls Club
TODDLER & BABY SENSE 09:00 - 12:00	20 minute drop-in sensory stimulation sessions for your little one. Baby Sensory (birth - 12 months) at 9:45 & 10:45. Toddler Sense sessions (13 months - 5 yrs) at 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15.
KNIT & NATTER 10:00 - 14:00	Have a go at knitting with our very own Knit & Natter group!
SOUTH DEVON STITCHERS 10:00 - 14:00	Meet the South Devon Stitchers - whether you're a seasoned stitcher or a total beginner, come and try out embroidery, textiles and textile art
CHESS 10:00 - 15:00	Checkmate! Try your hand at chess with Alan from Newton Abbot Chess Club
SOCIAL DANCING WITH LIVE MUSIC 12:00 - 14:00	Ever tried ballroom, sequence or Latin dancing? Give it a go to live music and meet new people!
CLAY BALL WORKSHOP 13:00-15:00	Explore the wonders of Ball Clay in this fun drop-in session with Dr Lu La Buzz. Learn why this clay is so special and create your own piece of art to take home
HEALING GROUP 13:00 - 15:30	Join Newton Abbot Healing Group for a drop-in healing session & group meditation
CIRCLE DANCING 15:00 - 16:00	A gentle, sociable dancing session. Enjoy simple steps to a variety of music!
BETWEEN THE LINES 12:00 - 15:00	Film screenings of 'Between the Lines' (suitable for all ages) at 12.1 and 2, followed by a short talk by Dom Lee, writer & director about the making of the film. Children's activities including costume dress-up, dancing and colouring!

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No booking necessary!

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