



# Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



## 'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

### Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96 % Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	95%
Templar	91%

This week's whole school attendance: 94.1%

Last week's whole school attendance: 95.6%

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,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. What a great first week back! Lots of effort and determination to succeed in Courtenay Class.

In English, some of the children within Courtenay Class have been continuing to split off into the Read Write Inc groups in order to develop their reading and writing further. In our writing lesson, we have started on a new purpose for writing this half term. We are going to be exploring skills and features in order to entertain our readers. This week, we have been immersing ourselves in different examples of entertaining fiction texts to pick out key choices the authors make to entertain.

### **Star of the Week**

In maths, we have continued where we left off last half term with addition and subtraction. This week, Year 3 and 4 have been working, both in pairs

<p><b>Cohen</b></p> <p>You have come back to school determined, ready to learn and participate.</p>	<p>and independently, to solve addition and subtraction problems through the column method, with an exchange.</p> <p>This half term, we are moving onto Geography and will be exploring the physical features of our local area. This week, the children recapped what a physical feature is and used a map to find these features near us.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>Miss Harris</p> 
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### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

It has been a fantastic first week of the new half term despite the impact of storm Ciaran with the children settling back into their learning beautifully. In Templar the children have been focussing on writing with detail and I have included an extract from Hettie's writing which I am sure you will all agree has you hooked from outset.

*"I'm bored and isolated, the bedroom seemed to wail with despair. The only glow of light was streaming out of a TV. The left hand wall paper formed unknown creatures that scuttled down the wall like spiders"*

#### Commissioning Service 14<sup>th</sup> November

On the 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm the children and the staff team will be attending a service at St Paul's church led by Reverend Gareth. This service is a headteachers commissioning service and is being hosted to welcome me officially to the school community. As parents you are more than welcome to join us at the service, but I want to stress that this will not be our normal church service, the staff and children will this time make up part of the congregation. It would be wonderful to share this moment with you however there is no expectation for parents to attend.

#### PTFA Fun Run – 9<sup>th</sup> November.

What a wonderful amount of donations already received an amazing £342!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity in supporting our fun run through your donations. It was unfortunate that we had to postpone the event, but we're thrilled to announce that it's now rescheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We invite you to join us throughout the day to share in the excitement and fun. Your continued support means the world to us, and we can't wait to make this event a memorable day for everyone. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

## **PTFA Rags to Riches 8<sup>th</sup> November**

We would like to remind parents that on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> the PTFA are inviting you to receive unwanted clothes with the aim of raising some more money to support our school. Our PTFA have been wonderfully active in this term and this is another example of an event being hosted to raise more valuable funds to support our children.

All Saints Marsh C of E Academy



## **PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3pm**

All are welcome to join the PTFA to discuss and make preparations for the Christmas Fayre. All help much appreciated, Tea, coffee and biscuits available and children welcome!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2nd November - PTFA Fun Run - POSPONED TO 9TH NOVEMBER

8th November - PTFA Rags to Riches

14<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm Commissioning Service St Paul's Church

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

17th November - Children In Need

29th November - Templar trip to Coombeshead to watch Panto

30th November - Templar Bake Sale

4th December - Templar Lantern Workshop at the Avenue Church

5th December - PTFA Whole School Cinema Visit - Arthur Christmas

6th December - School Christmas Meal and PTFA Xmas Fayre

13th December - Lantern Parade - Newton Abbot Town Centre

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

## FAMILY SUPPORT

**Tue, 14 Nov 2023 19:00 - 22:00 GMT**

**Tickets available from:** [Let's Talk Primary - Session 1, November 2023 Tickets, Tue 14 Nov 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Aimed at parents and carers of young people aged from 5 to 9 years old, it is a chance for you to hear about the challenges young people face in this ever changing world and to hear about the tools and techniques you can use to support your children.

The topics covered will be as follows: -

**Session 1 - Tuesday 14th November**

- Development
- Anxiety Landscape
- Family life
- Ever changing risks and world
- The online world

**Session 2 - Tuesday 21st November**

- Relationships
- Gender stereotypes
- Positive body image
- Mental health

Some of the feedback we have had from parents of our Let's Talk Teenagers and Let's Talk Pre-Teens is below.

"The work you are doing is VITALLY important. I have been feeling so alone and isolated as a single parent. This has made me feel supported in just an hour and a half"

"This has been the best online service I have ever been on...thank you. worth every minute of our time and yours"

"Again, another really good session. I wasn't sure whether to join as I have done the teen talks and my youngest is 12 but thought it might help... and it has already"

"I thought they were very tough topics and the session and links will be invaluable to help me to discuss them with my daughter who is in Year 6 and also my son who is in Year 4"



Is your child struggling with their mental health?

*Alongside You...*

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS**

8 weekly online sessions on Mondays 5:30pm - 6:45pm

A safe and supportive group facilitated by two Arts Therapists

Together we will explore the commonalities of being a parent and each session will have a theme named in advance. This will likely include:

- how we might best help a child/young person
- how we look after ourselves
- communication and relationships
- identity
- trauma and the body
- self-harm
- suicidal thoughts
- planning for safety
- accessing services

Please email: [info@youthartsandhealth.org](mailto:info@youthartsandhealth.org) and we will send you more information and a booking form.

Places are limited.



**YOUTH ARTS & HEALTH TRUST**

Our mission is to provide high quality arts therapies and creative arts activities to children, young people and their families that increases their skills, confidence and resilience.

Fully funded thanks to the National Lottery Fund

**COMMUNITY FUND**

GENERAL CONTACT: [info@youthartsandhealth.org](mailto:info@youthartsandhealth.org) [www.youthartsandhealth.org](http://www.youthartsandhealth.org)

### Youth Arts Trust

Limited places available for the fully funded online support group for parents. Mondays on zoom beginning later this month. Please contact [info@youthartsandhealth.org](mailto:info@youthartsandhealth.org) with your email address and they will send you the application form. A friendly, supportive and nurturing group (bring a cuppa). Thanks to Lottery funding. 😊



## COMMUNITY NEWS



# LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Fancy making your own Lantern and taking part in 'The Wild Creatures Come to Town' Lantern Parade on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December?

**Public workshop held at**  
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot  
**Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120**  
Morning workshop 10am - 1pm  
Afternoon workshop 2pm - 5pm  
**£5 per ticket! - (CASH ONLY)**



Join Templar Class by making your own magical lantern creation and joining us at the parade.



NEWTON ABBOT MUSEUM  
**YOUNG CURATOR'S CLUB**  
Every Tuesday from 14<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December  
16:00 - 17:30

Learn how to run a Museum and care for historic collections

Accession and handle historic objects	Identify the 10 Agents of Deterioration
Curate your own display case	Look for pests and identify insects
Write museum labels	

**NEW CURATORS ONLY** **FREE** **AGES 7 - 16**

Book now on our EventBrite Page:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/newton-abbot-museum-34258269503>



### FOR NEW CURATORS ONLY -Newton Abbot Museum

Join our team of Young Curators and learn all there is to know about running a museum and taking care of objects in our collection!

Across four weeks we will explore the collection and undertake fascinating curator tasks.

Tuesdays: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>

Timings: Arrive after school anytime between 3.30 and 4.00pm for a 4.00pm start. Finish 5.30pm

For beginners aged 7 - 16

Please note these sessions are not appropriate for those who have already attended our Curator Club this summer, please don't sign up if your child has already become a young curator with us.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../young-curators-club...>

# **Warm Bank @ Newton's Place**

**Open space, ideal for writers and makers!**

## **All Welcome!**

**Every Friday, 1pm - 3pm**

**From 11th November - 16th December**

**Newton's Place, Wolborough St,  
Newton Abbot TQ12 1JQ**

**Keep warm, have a chat  
and a free cuppa, and  
be creative!**

