



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	98% - Fantastic
Courtenay	99% - Amazing
Templar	90%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.8%
Last week's whole school attendance: 94.1%

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, 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, as a class, we have started to write our narrative based on the story Star in a Jar by Sam Hay and Sarah Massini. So far, the children have been able to use some of the skills that's we covered in our preparation for writing.

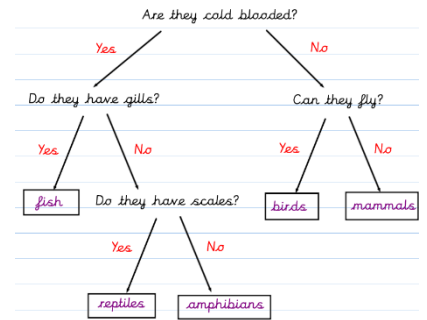
Star of the Week

Charlie

For your courage and perseverance during the fun run.

In maths, we are coming to the end of addition and subtraction unit and will be moving onto multiplication and division. The children have worked really hard on their maths learning so far this year.

In science, we are learning about living things and their habitats. This week, the children have been exploring classification keys and why we use them in order to help group animals.



Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Harris

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We believe that....

We are stronger together....

We are thrilled to announce our victory in the Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign, securing a substantial £1500 grant for our Bagels for Breakfast initiative. This triumph is a testament to the unwavering support we've received from all of you. We extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed by placing tokens in the pots at Tesco.

The Bagels for Breakfast scheme plays a pivotal role in ensuring that our children receive a nutritious start to their day. We firmly believe that a wholesome breakfast is the cornerstone of a successful learning journey, providing our children with the energy and focus needed for the day. A special mention must go to Mrs Webber in the office who led on the campaign and gave us the opportunity to win the funding.



Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the campaign enabling our children to continue to access breakfast at ASM.

Children In Need is on Friday 17th Nov. children are invited to wear something spotty and or colourful. This year for Children in Need we are supporting the national Children in Need appeal and one close to our hearts. One of our colleagues is a member of the charity called 'Coats4Kids', the charity raises money and then donates money to school in the form of vouchers. Parents with vouchers are the able to purchase a brand new and warm, waterproof coat for their children, without the children knowing the voucher came from a charity. For more information please visit [Home \(coats4kids.org.uk\)](http://coats4kids.org.uk)



We all belong in our School Trust....

I'd like to again remind you about the Headteacher Commissioning Service at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday, November 14th, at 1:30 pm. Reverend Gareth will be taking the service and welcoming myself to school and church family officially. While different from our usual services, we welcome all parents who wish to celebrate this occasion with us to join us as part of the congregation.

In removing barriers for all....

A heartfelt thank you for your incredible support during the 'Rags to Riches' campaign. Your generous contributions of 55 bags of clothes not only provide much-needed clothes to those in need but also contribute to the betterment of our school. We appreciate your dedication to making a positive impact. Special thanks to the PTFA for their outstanding efforts in organising this wonderful event. A grand total of £116.80 was raised!



In realising the possible so that all children can flourish....

What an incredible effort from all of our children in this weeks fun run! Their enthusiasm was truly inspiring as they collectively ran over 10 miles and raised an impressive £627. A big thank you to the parents for their generous donations and unwavering support, contributing to the success of this event. Together, we've created a wonderful sense of community and accomplishment for our children. Another huge thanks goes to the PTFA for ensuring this event was successful.



Templar – 170 laps
Court – 232 laps
Forde 211 laps

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th 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

The 2023 Winter HAF bookings are now open! If your child/children are entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals then please see what schemes are available to you in your local area.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>



The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Get Creative!

We have been invited to enter a competition to design a Christmas bauble...the winning design will receive a set of class ceramics to paint at school! (for next year!)



China
Blue

Design a Christmas Bauble
Competition for Nursery and
Primary schools.

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One bauble design will be chosen and the winning artist will receive a £20 colour me happy voucher and a class set of ceramics for their school.



First Name:

Name and address
of School:


Class:

Age:

Closing date: 24th December 2023.

Terms and conditions: Winning artist and school will be notified in January 2024. Bisque and underglaze must be collected from the studio and returned for firing, then finished ceramics collected after 2 weeks. Minimum 10 entries for completion to run. All entries will be displayed in the studio. Entries can be submitted in the studio or by email: pyo@china-blue.co.uk. Age range for entries 2-11 years. Class set of ceramics is maximum of 32 items and can be chosen from pre selected ceramics.



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