



# Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



## 'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

### Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	94%
Courtenay	93%
Templar	91%

This week's whole school attendance: 92.5%

Last week's whole school attendance: 92.1%

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,

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> December. I can't believe how quickly this Autumn term has gone so far. The children have been fantastic. They have shown resilience and perseverance in all areas of their learning.

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, we have started focussing on a new book to base our writing from. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be re-writing our own version of 'The Secret of Black Rock'.

### **Star of the Week**

In maths, we have started our new unit on multiplication and division. This week, Year 4 have been focussing on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables and

## Logan

You have been showing perseverance and resilience throughout your learning.

making links between the multiples. Year 3 have been solving problems around the 4 times table, using both division and multiplication.

In science, the children have been exploring different endangered animals across the world. They have looked at the different reasons that have caused these animals to be endangered and how to help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Harris

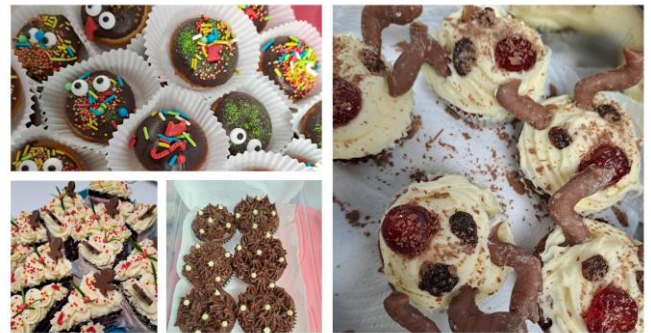


## MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe.....

### We are stronger together....

This week's bake sale triumphed as a standalone success, but its impact extends far beyond. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our school community, we've not only achieved great results in this event but also contributed significantly to a series of successful fundraisers. The effort has allowed us to raise a fantastic amount of money, empowering us to provide enhanced opportunities for our children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making these initiatives a resounding success in particular our PTA who have been such a support this term.



### We all belong in our School Trust....

At All Saints Marsh, cultivating positive learning behaviours is integral to us. Regular attendance and punctuality are key contributors to a thriving learning environment, ensuring our children not only benefit academically but also socially. High attendance fosters a sense of community and shared experiences, enriching the overall school atmosphere and arriving on time sets a positive tone for the day. I am always available for discussions to address any concerns or explore strategies for improving attendance that you may have so please reach out. Together, we aim to create a supportive and engaging school environment where every student can flourish at All Saints Marsh.

### **In removing barriers for all....**

This week all staff members have received training on the use of Makaton, a communication approach which involves the use of words and signs. The benefits of a total communication approach are evident as it caters to diverse learning styles and abilities, promoting a more inclusive educational environment. The use of Makaton not only facilitates communication for children with specific needs but also enhances overall understanding and engagement for every student in our diverse community. Look out for our staff using the signs on the gate and as part of welcoming our children. The children have enjoyed learning the signs for 'we wish you a merry Christmas' which can be found on YouTube.

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

The visit of Templer class to Newton Abbot College Christmas production was such an enriching experience for our children. Beyond the sheer joy of witnessing an amazing performance, the trip opened windows to exciting opportunities. The secondary school setting exposed them to an environment brimming with possibilities and aspirations. The children loved the vibrant atmosphere and the potential awaiting them in the future. The discussion around how brilliant the trip was and the individual take aways were a joy to listen to.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**

#### **Household Support Fund**

The Household Support Fund is still available for families on low incomes to help with food and utility costs. They are however only accepting applications from families who have not previously applied. If you think you are eligible please speak to Mrs Webber.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Newton Abbot Parishes**

**Follow The Star**  
Join the Song

**Sat 9 Dec** 4pm Pop-up Nativity Abbotsbury Church  
**Sun 10 Dec** 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight All Saints Highweek  
**Sat 16 Dec** 4pm Contemporary Carols Abbotsbury Church  
**Sunday 17 December**  
 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight St Bartholomew's Ogwell  
 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight St Mary's Wolborough

**Christmas Eve: Sunday 24 December**  
 4pm Christingle Service St Bartholomew's Ogwell  
 4pm Christingle Service St Paul's, Devon Square  
 11pm Carols + Communion St Bartholomew's Ogwell  
 11pm Carols + Communion St Paul's, Devon Square

**Christmas Day: Monday 25 December**  
 8:30am Said Holy Communion St Mary's Wolborough  
 9:30am Christmas Day Family Communion Abbotsbury Church  
 (more contemporary)  
 10:30am Christmas Day Family Communion All Saints Highweek  
 (more traditional)

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**NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL**

**christmas EVENTS 2023**

**FREE PARKING!** in selected car parks

**DECEMBER 06 WEDNESDAY** Victorian Evening with themed charity market PLUS late night shopping until 8pm

**DECEMBER 09 SATURDAY** Lantern Parade Public Workshop at the Avenue Church and Dog friendly Carol Service in Wolborough Street at 12pm

**Plus...** Santa on his Sleigh on late night Wednesdays and Fireside Selfies in the Clock Tower on Wednesday evenings and December Saturdays!

**DECEMBER 13 WEDNESDAY** Lantern Parade from Bearnas School at 6.30pm PLUS late night shopping until 8pm

**DECEMBER 20 WEDNESDAY** Mayor's Xmas Carols 6.30pm at St Leonard's Clock Tower PLUS late night shopping until 8pm

Please note: all events are subject to change without notice. All information is correct at the time of printing.


 Scan here or check our social media for all the latest news on events!  



## NO LIMITS COMMUNITY CAFE & HUB

For more information about what is on offer at the No Limits Café please visit .....[No Limits Supported Enterprise \(baluu.co.uk\)](http://NoLimitsSupportedEnterprise(baluu.co.uk))

Our events



Christmas Shadow Box Workshop	Festive Wooden Bunting Workshop-no ...	Christmas Decorations Workshop	Christmas Santa Sack OR Festive Tot...
Newton Abbot	Newton Abbot	Newton Abbot	Newton Abbot
£35pp	£35pp	£35pp	£35pp

# **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!**



Newton Abbot

# **Victorian Evening**

& late night shopping, 5pm - 8pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



*A Victorian themed charity market event  
with free children's entertainment and a  
charity raffle in Market Square*

**PLUS** Live Music  
Walkabout Acts  
Street food in Courtenay Street  
Father Christmas in Wolborough Street



Entertainment & events are subject to change at short notice and many events are weather dependent

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**Help us decorate our tree**

Join us at Newton Abbot Library on Saturday 2nd December and help us decorate our library Christmas tree. We have a range of tree ornaments waiting to be decorated in the most colourful and festive way.

Add another personal touch and tell us what it is you love about the Library and include it in your festive design.

This event will take place between 10am-1pm with no need to book in advance, all are welcome to take part in our Christmassy crafting session.

50p donation to our charity if you are wanting to take home your tree decoration. You are also welcome to hang your ornament on our library tree free of charge.



**WELCOME TO A**

**Christmas Market**

**A large variety of stalls • Live Music from The Suspicious Anteaters • Food**

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1-4PM**

**COOMBESHEAD ACADEMY LARGE SPORTS HALL, NEWTON ABBOT**

**FREE ENTRY AND PARKING**  
**RAFFLE AVAILABLE**

Organised by Darcy Smith and Lisa Maddison



**Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 16th December**  
Newton Abbot Library  
9am-4pm

*Including*  
**ROCK CHOIR**  
*performing at 11am!*


*Join us for a day of Christmas crafts and music*

*Stock up on presents or treat yourself to something unique & handmade*

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