



Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th December 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	92%
Courtenay	94%
Templar	97%

This week's whole school attendance: 93.4%
Last week's whole school attendance: 89.2%

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,

I must start by saying – WOW! I am so proud of each and every member of Forde Class for the hard work they put in to this year's nativity. Whether they were singing, dancing or speaking they all did such a fantastic job. The show went brilliantly well and it was so nice to see so many family members at the church on Thursday. Thank you for all your support with costumes, learning lines and supporting the children to do their very best. We were blown away by how well they all did.

The Christmas Disco was also lovely – thank you to the PTFA for putting it on. The children had a great time and it was great to see them busting out their best dance moves!

Star of the Week:

Forde Class for their amazing performances in the Nativity!

There will be no homework over Christmas for the children but please do keep up with reading 4 times a week and checking out Phonics videos on Seesaw. The children deserve a rest and to enjoy the Christmas period with their families – it is a busy time and it would be nice for children to spend it making happy memories!

RWInc groups will be changing in January and the children have all made excellent progress so the groups will be moving about a bit. The children should all feel very proud of themselves for the hard work they have put into learning their sounds.

Have a very merry Christmas and enjoy the two weeks off – we can't wait to see you all again on 2nd January 2024!

Best wishes,

Mrs Perry-Bates and Miss Rippon



MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe.....

We are stronger together....

What a spectacular week it has been in Newton Abbot with the resounding success of the lantern parade! We were honoured to lead all schools through the town, and the joy radiating from everyone was clear. A heartfelt thank you to the parents for their invaluable time in bringing the children to school and ensuring their safe return, especially for the late collections. The overwhelming support from families along the parade route added an extra layer of magic to the event. Special thanks to our dedicated staff members who generously gave their time, contributing to the brilliance of this unforgettable occasion. Together, we made the lantern parade a shining success!



We all belong in our School Trust....

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who dedicated their time and effort to support the children in our nativity this week. Your contributions, from crafting costumes to rehearsing lines, created such a heartwarming atmosphere. There was a huge crowd in attendance at the church which was lovely to see. Witnessing the entire school community come together at the front of the church, singing in unison, was a beautiful moment that I hope you all enjoyed.



In removing barriers for all....

A huge thank you to everyone for their unwavering support in ensuring your children's regular attendance this term. Your commitment plays a key role in fostering a positive learning environment. Regular attendance not only contributes to academic success but also cultivates a sense of routine that supports personal development. This week, we celebrated those children with 100% attendance in our assembly, recognising their outstanding commitment to learning. Your partnership in promoting consistent attendance greatly enhances the educational experience for every child in our school community.

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

Finally, I am thrilled to share the recent SIAMs inspection report, now available for all parents on our website [SIAMs - All Saints Marsh C of E Academy \(allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk\)](http://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk). The report commended our school's brilliant pastoral support, recognising the dedicated efforts to nurture the well-being of each child. It celebrates our commitment to building firm foundations for all children, laying the groundwork for their success. We are particularly proud that the behaviour of our children was highlighted as a notable strength, a testament to the positive and respectful environment we strive to achieve. Your ongoing support is instrumental in achieving these commendable outcomes, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2.1.24 First day back at school
30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting
12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term
26.2.24 – 28.2.24 Year 4 Residential
4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations
15.3.24 -National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)
21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day
7.3.24 World Book Day
27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm
29.4.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

CHRISTMAS TREES!

Each year Mrs Webber runs a Christmas Tree competition between all our Trust schools with the best dressed tree! We thought you might like to see some of the entries....





And the winners were.....All Saints Marsh with our fantastic recycled book decorations! A HUGE thank you to all the pupils and families who helped to make such beautiful and thoughtful decorations and helped to make our tree look tremendous!

FAMILY SUPPORT

Household Support Fund

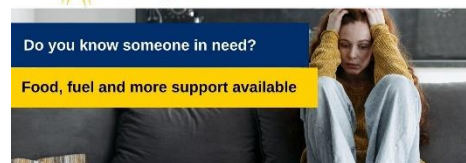
The Household Support Fund is still available for families on low incomes to help with food and utility costs. They are however only accepting applications from families who have not previously applied. If you think you are eligible please speak to Mrs Webber.

Free School Meals

Free School Meals Eligibility Criteria (All children are entitled to universal free school years up to Year 2). You can also apply for free school meals which also entitles you to support during school holidays of £15 per child per week.

Parents/Guardians who receive any of the following benefits are entitled to Free School Meals

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.



We have funding to help people in the current cost of living crisis including:

- Household essential hampers worth £250
- Support including white goods, fuel and food cards may also be available in some circumstances

How to refer

If you know somebody that may be applicable please complete our referral form and email info@livingoptions.org

Eligibility: Beneficiaries will need to live in Devon County Council administered areas of Devon. For more information contact Living Options Devon Hub team: 01392 459222

Help for people with a disability, Deaf or with a long term health condition struggling financially

www.livingoptions.org

- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

How to apply for Free School Meals

- Go to www.devon.gov.uk
- Click on Education and Families
- Click on School Meals
- Below the heading How to Apply you can click through to the Citizen Portal
- If you have not already got an account you will need to register and set one up using your email address and creating a password
- If you are successful in your application you should get an immediate decision.

Parents and Carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Universal Credit - to qualify your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Food Support

Homeless In Teignbridge Support (HITS) food bank

Provides support for people in need throughout Teignbridge. Their normal opening times are Mon-Fri, 10-4 although they do offer emergency cover at all times. For further information visit their website <https://hitsfoodbank.org/> or call 01626 906371.

Teignbridge Homeless Action Today (THAT Food Bank)

A non-profit organisation based in Buckland which is actively working to alleviate poverty in our community. They aim to assist clients by supplying them with essential items such as food, toiletries and home start packs, providing fuel key top ups and offering information and a place to chat. Visit <https://www.thatfoodbank.com/> for more information.

Free Meals for Children during School Holidays

There are a number of supermarkets, cafés and restaurants offering free or £1 meals for children during the school holidays. This list at [Money Saving Central](#) has a list of the most up-to-date offers.

Affordable Housing Support

Should your current financial situation mean you need housing support or advice two local organisations who can support with your search for affordable private housing are LiveWest (<https://www.livewest.co.uk/>) or Guinness Partnership (<https://www.guinnesspartnership.com/>). Devon Home Choice (<https://www.devonhomechoice.com/>) offer support in applying for council and housing association homes.

Family Support

Home-Start (<https://www.home-start.org.uk/>) is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times.

Financial Support

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizen Advice Bureau is a network of independent charities offering confidential advice online, over the phone and in person, for free. They can offer advice about housing, benefits, debt, health and more. You can access contact details on their website: <https://citizensadviceignbridge.org.uk/>

Christians Against Poverty

They provide advice about money matters. (<https://capuk.org/>) are a charity who offer award winning debt counselling and community groups.

Quids for Kids

Quids for Kids project, provides specialist advice to:

- Families of children (or young people up to the age of 21) with additional needs, a long-term illness or disability
- Care leavers
- Young homeless people
- Foster parents
- People looking after a child with a special guardianship order

They can help by assessing whether you are able to claim benefits, and help you challenge benefit decisions if you think you have not been treated fairly. Visit [https://www.cabdevon.org.uk/quids-for-kids/for more information](https://www.cabdevon.org.uk/quids-for-kids/for-more-information)

Help with Pet Food and Vet Bills

The RSPCA have produced an interactive map where you can find Pet Food Banks local to you. There is also help and support for people who are struggling to meet the costs of vet bills, including where you can access affordable medication and vet care for your pet. Visit <https://www.rspca.org.uk/whatwedo/care/financial>

Mental Health Support

Every Mind Matters (<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>), is an NHS initiative that offers advice on how best to manage and maintain your mental health. The offer advice, structured activities and external charities to support improve mental health. In addition, Mind (<https://www.mind.org.uk/>) is a mental health charity that offers information and support to manage mental health. Please also remember you can still contact your GP for further support.

Kooth is an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. You can find our more information at [Kooth for Children & Young People - Kooth plc](#)

OFFICE NEWS

Was your child born between
1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

Devon
County Council 

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)

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Just a reminder for the people struggling and stressing about Christmas

- ★ YOU DON'T NEED MATCHING PYJAMAS TO BE HAPPY.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED AN INSTA PIC WITH SANTA TO HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED A CHRISTMAS EVE BOX TO BE A GREAT PARENT.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED VARIOUS CHRISTMAS TRIPS TO HAVE FUN.
- ★ CHRISTMAS FILMS DON'T NEED TO BE ON A MASSIVE TELE IN A TIDY ROOM.
- ★ YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A CHEESE BOARD.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED CHOCOLATE BOMBS.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED A COLOR COORDINATED TREE.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED TO BIN THE TINSEL.
- ★ YOU DON'T NEED A MASS OF PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE
- ★ YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO CHANGE OUT OF YOUR MISMATCH GRAVY STAINED PYJAMAS.
- ♥ YOUR CHRISTMAS IS YOUR CHRISTMAS, STOP LETTING SOCIAL MEDIA MAKE YOU THINK YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT ALL.

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 Seffies in the Clock Tower on Wednesday evenings and December Saturdays!

DECEMBER 13 WEDNESDAY Lantern Parade from Bearnes 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 activities subject to change of date, timing and location on shorter notice. All representatives comply on the same of priority.

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

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!

Merry Christmas From All Saints Marsh



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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