



# Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	100% Amazing well done!
Courtenay	99% Fabulous
Templar	99% Superb

This week's whole school attendance: 98.8%

Last week's whole school attendance: 97.4%

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,

WOW! What a fantastic week of learning in Courtenay class. The children have really been showing our value of perseverance this week.

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 English, the children have been continuing to work together to write a persuasive letter to our poor felt tip pens that have sadly quit. The children will now be looking to plan their own independent persuasive letter to the sad, dried out glues.

## **Star of the Week**

In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of multiplication facts to support us to multiply and divide larger numbers. The children have been

### Alex

You have been challenging yourself in all areas of your learning and persevering in order to succeed.

using their knowledge of times tables to support them to multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

In History, Courtenay Class have been exploring the reputation of Vikings. We have been exploring different primary and secondary sources and gathering evidence that tells us information about what the Vikings were like and how others saw them.



Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Harris

### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

#### We Believe

We are inviting all our children to participate in our special project! Capture the joy of reading by sending us a picture of your child immersed in their favourite book, ideally in their most cherished reading spot or reading to their most cherished person. We're creating a vibrant display at the school entrance to celebrate the magic of reading and the happiness it brings to our community. Share your snapshots, and let's make our school entrance a colourful testament to the power of reading at ASM!



#### We are Stronger Together

As you will be aware the Christian value of perseverance is our focus for this half term. In Collective Worship this week we focussed on the story of Nehemiah. We learnt that perseverance extends beyond individual efforts; it involves uplifting and encouraging others. This valuable lesson instils in us a sense of shared responsibility and that encouraging our friends is as crucial as persisting in our own challenges, creating a foundation for a resilient and united school.

#### We all belong in our School Trust

A reminder that regular attendance at school is crucial for our children's academic success and personal development. Consistent attendance fosters a routine that prepares all our children for future challenges and helps them foster relationships with their peers. It also enables our staff to provide continuous support, tailoring their teaching to individual needs. In this newsletter, you'll find more detailed information on the significance of attendance and further advice on illnesses and school.

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

This week's lunchtime clubs have been a resounding success, thanks to the leadership and commitment shown by the Year 5 and 6 children running them. Their dedication has not only made the clubs enjoyable but also created a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all. We're confident that their enthusiasm will continue to foster a sense of community and make lunchtime a highlight for all children involved. A reminder of the different clubs is set out below.

Monday – TTRS/ Numbots/ Maths games

Tuesday – Colouring Club

Wednesday – Board Games KS2

Thursday – Reading Club

Friday – Board Games KS1



## Attendance

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

They give the following advice for other illnesses:

**Coughs and Colds** – It is fine to send your child in to school with a cough or a common cold. However, you should keep them off if they have a fever over 38 degrees.

**Chicken Pox** – If your child has chicken pox, keep them off school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after they start appearing.

**Cold Sore** – There is no need to keep your child off with a cold sore.

**Conjunctivitis** – You do not need to keep your child off with this. They may come to school but will need advice from the pharmacy.

**Head lice** – There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, but you will want to gain advice from a pharmacist on how to treat it.

**Impetigo** – If they have impetigo, they will need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until the sores have crusted over and healed.

**Sore throat** – There is no need to keep your child off with a sore throat unless they have a temperature too.

**Vomiting and diarrhoea** – children should stay off for 48 hours after being sick or having diarrhoea.

**Covid -19** – Your child is no longer required to do a Covid 19 lateral flow test. If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or cough, and feels well enough, they can still come to school. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do their normal activities. If a test is taken, they should remain at home for 3 days.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **2024**

- 26.1.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
- 30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting
- 2.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
- 8.2.24 – Candlemass (Year 6)
- 12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term
- 21.2.24 Rags to Riches Collection
- 23.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
- 26.2.24 – 28.2.24 Year 4 Residential
- 4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations
- 8.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
- 15.3.24 -National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)
- 21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day – details to follow
- 22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
- 7.3.24 World Book Day
- 27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm
- 29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break
- 30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5 – details to follow.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

**FEELING THE PINCH AFTER CHRISTMAS?**

 

# Free Cost of Living Event

Drop in for help, advice and information around home/housing/energy/wellbeing/maximising income/learning/food support and more

**Come and speak with:**

- Teignbridge District Council
- Teign Housing
- Exeter Community Energy / Local Energy Advice Partnership
- Citizens Advice
- Wellbeing in Action
- Assist Teignbridge
- Learn Devon and Eat That Frog
- Devon County Council Early Years Services
- Crafty Cook CIC
- QWELL online mental wellbeing community
- Teignbridge CVS
- Cash Access UK
- Homes for Ukraine
- THAT Foodbank
- DWP and more...

free entry + free raffle ticket for each visitor.  
Prizes include slow-cooker, heated throw, flask and air fryer!

**Saturday 27th January 2024**  
**Newton Abbot Market Hall (Food Hall area)**  
**10.30 – 2.30**

We have some online slots available for those unable to join in person please email [anja@teigncvs.org.uk](mailto:anja@teigncvs.org.uk) or call 07435 570161

## OFFICE NEWS



Rags to Riches –Following the success of our last collection we are asking if you have any more quality reusable clothes that you are no longer needing p – please donate! Bags are available from the PTFA. Please bring in all donations on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you for your support. Let's see if we can smash how much we raised last time!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Free tree giveaway!

Slapton Village Hall

20th January 2024 10am-2pm

Come and collect between 1-5 trees to plant in your garden and help enhance Devon's treescapes. All trees will be UK broadleaf species and will be 20-40cm in height. All trees will come with tree protection and a planting and aftercare guide.



- \* Tree hub cuppa & cake
- \* Kids corner
- \* Information stalls & wood craft
- \* Talks for landowners 11am-12pm on hedges & trees - Prebook

Contact: [treewarden.slapton@icloud.com](mailto:treewarden.slapton@icloud.com)

## Museum Make and Create



### 2024 - A year of Noticing

Make a Journal

The museum looks after some fascinating diaries and journals from the past that document life in Newton Abbot. Created by local people, they share observations, thoughts, drawings, and stories that capture events during the year in which they were made. Be inspired to create your own journal that you can fill with stories and pictures of your year throughout 2024.



Saturday 3rd February

10:30am-12:30pm

Book now for February's FREE Make and Create session

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../make-and-create-journal...>