



# Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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

This week's whole school attendance: 93.9%  
Last week's whole school attendance: 93.4%

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,

Welcome back to all the children after the Christmas holiday! It has certainly been a very dark, wet and windy week but the children have coped really well with the adverse weather conditions!

Year 1 and Year 2 have started a new History topic this half term. We are learning about the Great Fire of London and what London was like in 1666! The children all agreed that they would not have liked to have lived in London in those days and were particularly interested in the fact that there was no working sewage system!

In Science Year 1 and 2 have started another new topic – we are learning about Changing Materials. We started by identifying what different objects in the classroom might be made from.

Star of the Week:

Freddie – for his enthusiasm for school and giving his all to his Phonics!

Reception children are going to also be enjoying making things out of different materials as we focus on Space – what materials would work well to help us build a space ship for our class alien, Sheeb?

Children have begun RWInc groups this week and are working hard in their new groups. I will soon be holding Phonics meetings for parents to guide you on how best to support children's reading at home. In the meantime please come and see me if you have any questions about Phonics or home learning. Home learning for Year 1 and Year 2 children will look slightly different this week as we will now be teaching Spelling in class so there will be alternative activities for you to do at home with your child.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Perry-Bates and Miss Rippon

### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

#### **We Believe.....**

#### **We are stronger together**

A huge welcome back to our children and families! It's truly heartwarming to see the corridors and classrooms filled with the vibrant energy of our children after the Christmas break. Their enthusiasm and how quickly the children have settled back into the routine has been great to see. Here's to a wonderful journey ahead filled with curiosity, collaboration and building firm foundations together.

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

Exciting news for Courtenay class! This term, we're thrilled that Courtenay class will take part in Forest School sessions, providing a unique opportunity to learn and explore the wonders of nature. To fully embrace this outdoor adventure, please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit, including suitable shoes for outdoor activities. As we'll be embracing the elements, warm coats are also essential to make the most of this enriching experience. We look forward to a term of discovery, hands-on learning, and building lasting memories in the great outdoors! Sessions take place on the following dates 21/1/ then 26/1, 2/2, 23/2, 8/3, 22/3.

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

We are pleased to announce that Parent Consultation Evenings for Spring 2 are just around the corner. Bookings will be live on MCAs starting Monday, 8th January. We encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to engage in insightful discussions about your child's progress with their class teacher. Your active involvement plays a crucial role in our collective efforts to ensure each child's success. The dates for these sessions are below.

4.3.24- Forde and Courtenay Class 3.15pm - 6pm

5.3.24 - Forde, Courtenay and Templar (Mrs Mott) 3.15 - 6pm

7.3.24 - Templar (Mrs Blakesley) 3.15 - 6pm

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

As we embark on a new term, we are excited to introduce our new school value – perseverance. This term, we will be focusing on the importance of determination, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenges. To celebrate and reinforce this value, we will be recognising and rewarding instances of perseverance. Additionally, we'll explore how Jesus, demonstrated perseverance in his journeys.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **2024**

30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting

12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term

19.1.24 Census Day

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

### **FAMILY SUPPORT**

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# Newsletter

## LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Thursday  
1st Feb  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday  
5th Feb  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday  
9th Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Getting a Good Night

Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extremely useful ideas on how to improve the quality of their sleep.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## COMMUNITY NEWS Events at Newton Abbot Library



**Date:** 06 January 2024

**Time:** 13:00 - 14:00

**Description:**

A creative drop-in session for children to make and build with LEGO at the library, with over 1000 bricks to play with! Play official LEGO games, take on some of our fun design challenges, and socialise with other budding builders! No booking necessary, just pop along on the day. Suitable for children aged 5+ and their parents/guardians.

**Audience:** Child

**Cost:** Free, donations welcome

**Theme:** Lego

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**Date:** 13 January 2024

**Time:** 10:30 - 11:00

**Description:**

Join us for Story Time! We read a specially selected book, followed by themed crafts in the children's library.

This is a drop-in event, no booking necessary!

**Audience:** Child

**Cost:** Free

**Theme:** Story Telling



### Getting Started

**1. Choose an arts activity to do at home.**

The [Creative Challenges](#) have been provided by local artists using materials that you should be able to find at home.

**2. Complete the Arts Award Log Book.**

Complete a [simple form](#) to show what you have learned about art through doing your Creative Challenge.

**3. Record what you have been doing.**

You can use whatever materials you like to record your activities; writing, drawing, painting, taking photos - just get creative and take photos of what you make for [your certification](#).

**4. Send off for your certificate**

When you have completed all 3 parts of Discover at Home and gathered together your evidence e.g. photos and log book, you are ready to claim your official Arts Award Discover certificate from Trinity College London. You will need an adult to help you with this stage and to make the payment of £6.00 to cover the [cost of your official certificate and postage/packing\\*](#)

For more information please visit: [artawards - Devon \(devonlibraries.org.uk\)](#)

## Arts Award – Discover at home

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification that helps young people aged 5 – 25 to explore their creative skills, and to develop as artists and arts



leaders. Arts Award offer a range of awards for children and young people that gets them involved in and excited about arts and culture and celebrates their creative achievements.