



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024



‘Building Lifelong Foundations Together’

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96% Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	92%
Templar	94%

This week’s whole school attendance: 94%
Last week’s whole school attendance: 96.8%

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,

I can’t believe how quickly this half term has gone. Only one more week and fabulous learning before the Easter holidays.

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, they have been exploring writing narratives to tell the story of The Blue Umbrella. The children have had the opportunity to explore different skills that will impact the reader and will be looking to create



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Star of the Week

Eli

You are always showing positive behaviours for learning and setting an example for the rest of the class.

their own independent ending to the story.

As mathematicians, we have continued our learning on fractions. The children have been looking at understand the numerator and the denominator within a fraction and using that knowledge to solve problems. The children have also been considering the presentation of their work, ensuring that it is to the highest standard everytime.

As scientist, we have been focusing on living things and their habitats. This week, the children have been exploring the impact of deforestation on living things in the Amazon rainforest. It is amazing to see everyone so engaged and interested in their science learning and begin to establish solutions to our worlds problems.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Harris

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe.....

We are stronger together

This week in celebration assembly we have been focusing on ourselves as learners. Using a towering Jenga structure, we visually depicted the essence of our best learning selves. Each block represented an aspect of our learning journey, showcasing resilience, curiosity, and determination. However, we also explored how distractions and challenges can weaken our foundation, symbolized by the removal of blocks until the tower eventually toppled. Witnessing children all the way through the school articulate what makes them a great learner was wonderful to hear and we will be revisiting this activity again when thinking more about metacognition.


We all belong in our School Trust

Have you seen our reinvigorated stage area in the Early Years? Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr. Mead, our early years space has had some TLC. It was lovely to see our children in the painting process, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in their learning environment. Please join us in extending our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Mead for his outstanding work

In removing barriers for all

As you navigate the hustle of school drop-offs and pickups, please can I ask that we prioritise the safety for our children and the community. With limited parking available around the school, please use the available parking permits for Osborne Carpark to ease congestion. Our foremost concern is the safety of our children and the public, so please park responsibly and avoid obstructing traffic flow.



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Let's also be mindful of our neighbours and refrain from careless parking that may inconvenience resident. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

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

We're thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent cricket engagement day! It was great to see the children participating and engaging with cricket, possibly igniting a passion that may lead to continued involvement in the sport. Their enthusiasm and willingness to try something new are a testament to the event's success, and we look forward to more opportunities to play cricket coming up in the Summer Term.



It is non school uniform on Tuesday 26th March. In return for wearing non uniform the PTFA are asking for donations to make up yummy Easter

hampers. These will then be raffled at the Forde Bake Sale on Thursday 28th March. Tickets for the raffle will be available to purchase on the school gate on the morning of Thursday 28th March. If you are unable to purchase them in the morning, please send your child in with an envelope with their name on and money inside. It is £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn during the Forde Class Bake Sale at 3.30pm.

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Attendance Breakfast

Congratulations to Templar AND Forde class who have won this half terms attendance breakfast. Children are invited to come in at 8am on Thursday 28th March for a yummy breakfast! ☆

After School Clubs

KS2 Football club starts on the 18th April – 23rd May. Please sign up via MCAS
KS1 Cooking Club starts on 17th April – 8th May. Please sign up via MCAS.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

26.3.24 PTFA Non School Uniform – in exchange for a chocolate gift for the PTFA raffle!

27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.45pm

28.3.24 PTFA Forde Class Bake Sale and Easter raffle

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29.3.24 – 12.5.24 Half Term

29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

19.4.24 - Martial Arts Day - All to wear PE uniform

30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5 – details to follow.

23.5.24 PTFA Courtenay Bake Sale

24.5.24 National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)

27.5.24 – 7.6.24 Half Term and Non Pupils Days

14.6.24 PTFA Parent / Carer Craft Day

20.6.24 PTFA Templar Bake Sale

27.6.24 Sports Day / PFA Summer Fete

11.7.24 Sports Day / PTFA Summer Fete (Reserve date)

22.7.24 Leavers Assembly at St Paul's

24.7.24 End of Term


OFFICE NEWS

The summer menus have been published on MCAS. Please can you pre-order your child's meal a day in advance at home, this helps with saving time in the morning and helps our kitchen staff to pe plan. This term we are also asking children to select the desert they would like. If you have any problems accessing MCAS please let Mrs Webber know. Thank you for your support. Copies of the new menus can be found [here](#).

FAMILY SUPPORT



Is now OPEN and LIVE. The programme is for children who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. For a list of providers please search here [HAF providers map - Easter 2024 – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#). There is a great selection in the Newton Abbot area.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The HAF Website is now live!

The programme of events for the Easter holidays has now gone live in Devon

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

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals



Treat yourself in happy hour!

FRIDAYS 12-1PM



Buy a hot drink and get 50% off a slice of cake

Every Friday we have a 'Happy Hour' in our café.

This week we have

Lemon and poppyseed cupcakes 🥞 Vegan apricot and raisin flapjack 🌱

Victoria sponge 🍰

From 12noon-1pm buy a hot drink and receive 50% off our amazing homemade cakes

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Newton Abbot Town & GWR Museum

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

Book our FREE place now



Museum Make and Create



Stained Glass
6th April
10:30-12.30



THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY
Open again on Saturday 30th March

COMING SOON **EASTER QUEST**
Easter Holidays
Discover secrets in the museum and the mystery of the lost golden egg!
Keep an eye out for more details about our Easter trail on our social media!

THE CABINET OF CURIOSITIES
Team up to create a board game based around museum collections!
Look out for more news on our social media.
Tuesday 9th April
10:30am - 13:30pm
Teens group 4pm - 6pm

EASTER SATURDAY
COURTENAY STREET 30TH MARCH 10AM - 2PM
Easter egg giveaways Face painting
Balloon modelling Walkabout fun
Live music from The Hot House Combo

ST LEONARD'S TOWER OPEN!
10am - 1:30pm Saturday 30th March
Come and collect your unique Tower sticker for your Pastport!
Children under 5 are not permitted up the tower

CREATIVE NEWTON ABBOT
10am - 1:30pm Saturday 30th March
Look out for the orange gazebo in Courtenay Street
Begin your Easter celebrations at the Creative Newton Abbot arts and crafts stall in the middle of town from 10am - 2pm.
Make some Easter decorations and take part in the famous Egg and Spoon races on the hour to win some chocolatey prizes!

HOME EDUCATION LEGO WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH
10:00 - 12:00
DETAILS AND BOOKING TBC
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BRICKIDEASHOMEED](https://www.facebook.com/brickideashomeed)

TWILIGHT SKETCHING
MONDAY 18TH MARCH
16:00 - 18:00
Come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the museum and use our inspirational objects to sketch and draw.

HERITAGE CREATIVES
Home Education sessions for ages 12+
Explore the museum and be inspired by its collections to create art and learn about history. **FREE**
10:30 - 12:30 MONDAY 25TH MARCH

FOR FULL INFORMATION ON EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WHAT'S ON PAGE:
<https://museum-newtonabbot.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/>
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Buckland Centre Picnic in the Park this Easter! 🐣🌸 Come along on Monday 8th April from 1pm-3pm for easter themed fun! Bring along a blanket, and join us for free lunch as well as activities like egg and spoon races, as well a spot of craft. Fear not, if it's a bit soggy outside, we'll be picnicking inside the centre instead!



FREE Hop on over for our
EASTER
Holiday Picnic

Easter Picnic in the Park
Monday April 8th : 1pm - 3pm
by the Sandringham
Park play area

Inside the Buckland Centre if wet.

Bring along a blanket and join us for an Easter holiday Picnic in the Park!
We'll provide free lunch for children and parents.
There will also be craft and games, like egg and spoon races and lots of other fun!

No need to book.
Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

 **COMMUNITY FUND**  **THE BUCKLAND CENTRE**  **Newton Abbot CIC**

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