



## Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



### ‘Building Lifelong Foundations Together’

#### Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	94%
Courtenay	97% Well Done – Joint Winners!
Templar	97% Well Done – Joint winners!

This week’s whole school attendance: 97.5%

Last week’s whole school attendance: 97.8%

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,

Wow! We are all still wearing huge smiles on our faces thinking about yesterday’s World Book Day celebrations. The children all looked fantastic and it was amazing to see their passion for books and reading come to the fore. Forde Class were brilliant during our trip to Newton Abbot Library – we had a story and then got to try some of the activities that the library has to offer. Lots of the children wrote book recommendations that we were allowed to stick on the wall! You can check them out next time you are visiting!

Star of the Week:

This week we have continued our learning in Geography around using maps, globes and atlases. We were able to locate and draw the equator on our world maps and discussed how the sun hits the Earth to create places that are hotter and colder than one another.

Frankie – for being determined and driven in her reading and Phonics!

We have continued to look at multiplication and division in Maths this week and it has been great to see the children embracing TT Rockstars at home. If you need any support in setting this up or logging in please come and ask me! Soon I will talk to EYFS parents about Numbots and accessing your child's account at home. Year 1 and Year 2 children can also log into Numbots with their TT Rockstars log in details. This is a great way to practise addition and subtraction skills.

It was great to see lots of parents this week at Parents Evening – if you want to schedule an appointment with me please let me know.

Just a reminder to log in to Oxford Owl to access children's reading books online and to make sure reading records are signed so that we can see all the fantastic support you are giving your child at home.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Perry-Bates and Miss Rippon

### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

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

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

In this week's collective worship, we explored what it truly means to be a good friend. Through engaging discussions, we shared the importance of empathy, kindness, and support in nurturing meaningful friendships. This reflection on friendship seamlessly connected with our overarching half-term value of love, as we underscored that genuine friendship is rooted in love and compassion for one another.

The children were invited to consider this throughout the week and challenged to think how they could always be a good friend to others.

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

World Book Day was an incredible success, with our children showcasing their creativity and love for books with their brilliant outfits. From classic characters to modern favourites, their enthusiasm and imagination truly shone bright. As a whole school, we had a fantastic time during our visit to Newton Abbot library. Exploring the vast collection of stories, engaging in



interactive activities, and witnessing the joy on our children's faces as they delved into new adventures was a testament to the magic of reading.

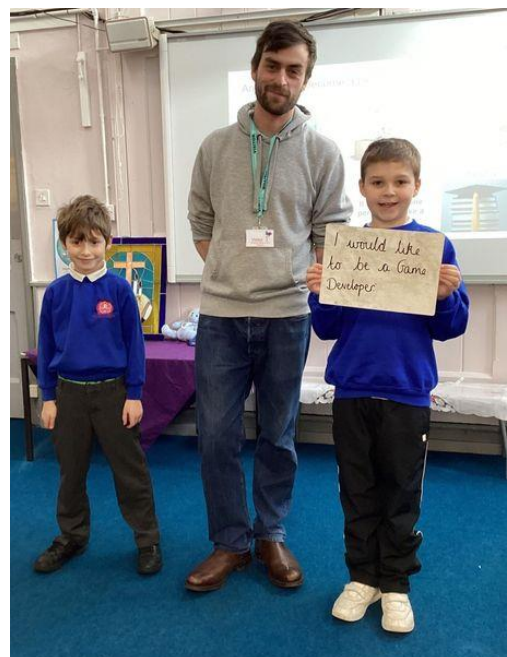
### **In removing barriers for all....**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously volunteered their time and energy to support our children during the craft session on Friday. Your presence and dedication made the day truly special. These moments of collaboration between school and families are invaluable, and it is through your active involvement that such days are a resounding success. Thank you for being an integral part of our school family.



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

This week, we were delighted to welcome Harry, a game developer, who shared his passion and expertise with the children. Harry's visit not only provided insight into the exciting world of game development but also highlighted the diverse range of roles available within the industry. From coding to design, Harry showed our children that there's a place for everyone. More importantly, his message resonated deeply as he emphasised that anyone can pursue their dreams and do what they love with dedication and perseverance. Harry's visit sparked curiosity and inspiration, thanks so much for coming to visit us.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024**

15.3.24 Red Nose Day

21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day

22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

26.3.24 PTFA Non School Uniform (details to follow)

28.3.24 PTFA Forde Class Bake Sale  
29.3.24 – 12.5.24 Half Term  
7.3.24 World Book Day  
27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.45pm  
29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break  
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

### FAMILY SUPPORT

The HAF website is now open!  
There are fully funded holiday play scheme places available for children who receive benefit related free school meals.  
Places are limited.

Please ask Mrs Webber if you need your HAF code to book.  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/.../haf.../information-for-parents/>



**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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- The closest venue is: DEVON FA, COACH ROAD, NEWTON ABBOT
- Bookings are now open via the website on the HAF tab [www.shearsoccer.co.uk](http://www.shearsoccer.co.uk)

**EASTER SPECIAL**

**DAILY Football & Multi-Sport ACTIVITIES**

**FREE to ALL Children**  
aged 5-14 eligible for  
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**DAILY 10am to 3pm**

For locations, dates and bookings please visit  
**SHEARSOCCKER.CO.UK**

for more information contact  
**ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844**

TORQUAY | PAIGNTON | TOTNES | NEWTON ABBOT | DARTMOUTH

**AGES 5-12**    **EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024**

WEEK 1 - TUE 2<sup>ND</sup> - FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
WEEK 2 - MON 8<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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A show for children aged 4-8 and their families


Thursday 4th April  
10:00 - 11:00  
Newton Abbot Library

Tickets £3 per child  
Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adults go free!  
Available to purchase in the library or by card over the phone

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