



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd November 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96%
Courtenay	97% Well Done
Templar	95%

This week's whole school attendance: 96.1%

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.

Spellings and maths homework will be sent home weekly.


We have had another fantastic week in Courtney class, the children have really impressed their teachers with their resilience and perseverance when tackling new learning.

In Maths this week we have been continuing our learning of addition and subtraction, thinking carefully about regrouping numbers and even thinking about which method is most effective. Please continue to work on quick recall of number facts with your child to support their learning. Next week we are moving our learning on to multiplication and division.

<p>Spelling tests will take place each Friday.</p>	<p>In DT we have been making simple circuits with wires, bulbs and batteries. The children were able to make their circuits working as a team. Mrs Biggins was also able to extend them, asking them to use extra wires and a switch to connect it with their lights. They children's work was incredible.</p>
<p>Star of the Week – Leja for incredible attitude and dedication to learning. You always brighten our classroom – thank you</p>	<p>Have a lovely weekend! Miss Grimes 😊</p>



MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN



We Believe:
This week in Active Worship, we've been focusing on the theme of *courage* and the importance of standing out from the crowd. Through stories and reflections, the children have been encouraged to think about moments in their own lives when they've shown bravery, whether it's trying something new, standing up for a friend, or speaking out for what's right. It has been wonderful to see the children exploring this value with such thoughtfulness and enthusiasm.

We are Stronger Together
We're also excited to announce that our house captains will be named next week! We are so proud of all the children who have applied for these important roles. Their applications and commitment to representing their houses have been outstanding, and we look forward to celebrating the successful candidates as they step into leadership.

We all belong in our School Trust
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey about After School Club provision. Your feedback has been invaluable, and I'm delighted to let you know that we are now finalising the details. Next week, I will share more formal information, including times and pricing, so you can start planning for the term ahead. Your support and input have been greatly appreciated.

In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

Finally, we're celebrating some brilliant writing this week in Courtenay Class! The children have created brochures about our school, capturing the essence of our wonderful community. It was such a pleasure to see how passionately the children wrote about their experiences, and I'm sure anyone reading their work would be inspired to join us. Well done to everyone involved—you've truly showcased the small school with the big heart!

Devon Music Hub

We are delighted to share that All Saints Marsh Academy has just started an exciting new link with Devon Music Education Hub. Over the next few months and years, this partnership will enable our children to access a range of quality music experiences – and it promises to be lots of fun! In the first instance, we would like to make parents aware of the Devon Music Education Hub website as it has a Parents tab (see link below).

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/parents-carers/hiring-an-instrument/>

This page explains how to hire an instrument at significantly reduced rates of only £33 a term (with further discounts available for children in receipt of funding). This can support children with learning instruments in private lessons outside of school, for self-learning or to support musical experiences in the future in school.

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER – CHRISTAMS TREE COMPETITION

Mrs Webber has entered a competition and won ourselves a Christmas Tree from the Haldon Christmas Tree Centre. It will be arriving at the start of December to be displayed pride of place in our conservatory.

Each year we have a competition with our Trust schools, who can design the best tree! Mrs Webber is very competitive and is aiming high again this year! We really want to win but need your help!

This year we would like to celebrate our new house team names and colours. We are asking for each child to bring in a coloured decoration according to the house team they are in:

Green—Flying Scotsman

Red —Great Western

Yellow— Pullman

Blue—Mallard

And if they can be train related even better!

If you are not sure which house your child is in please ask their Class Teacher.

Please be as creative as you can! Please bring in your decorations by **Friday 1st December** to display.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2024

27.11.24 History Club - 2.45 -4pm Museum Trip

DECEMBER 2024

2.12.24 Year 5 Lantern making workshop

5.12.24 Year 2 Christmas Journey at Abbotsbury Church 10 - 11.30

6.12.24- Forde Forest School

6.12.24 - PTFA Non school uniform - In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a chocolates or sweet treats for our the PTFA Christmas Fete.

11.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day / PTFA Cinema Trip / Christmas Dinner

11.12.24 Lantern Parade - Newton Abbot Town Centre

12.12.24 PTFA Christmas Disco KS1 3 -3.45 KS2 4 - 5pm

17.12.24 Nativity St Pauls Church PM

18.12.24 PTFA Non school uniform – In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a cake or sweet treat for the PTFA cake stall.

18.12.24 PTFA Christmas Fete PM

20.12.24- Forde Forest School

Please take a look at our new Christmas Newsletter – with all fabulous Christmas activities in one place. [Christmas-Newsletter-2024.pdf](#)



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WE ARE HIRING!

Learning Support Assistant – All Saints Marsh C of E Academy

21 hours per week / 38 Weeks Per Year
 £12.45 - £12.65 per hour
 Fixed Term until 31st August 2025
 Closing Date – Thursday 28th November 2024 (9am)
www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies or email allsaints@lapsw.org

Household Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we have access to further funding to support families on low incomes with food and utility costs through a new round of the Household Support Fund, being administered by Devon County Council -Early Help and Action for Children. The scheme runs until the **31st of March 2025**.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food

- Support with energy and water bills for household purposes

Such as, for example, insulation or energy efficient items which reduce bills, the purchase of essential equipment such as fridges, freezers, ovens, slow cookers or costs associated with obtaining, installing or repairing/servicing such items (e.g. a boiler). Likewise, to invest in simple energy efficiency measures which will pay back quickly, such as insulating a hot water tank, fitting draft excluders to a front door, or replacing energy inefficient lightbulbs or essential

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electrical items. The intention of this is to provide sustainable support which results in immediate and potentially long-lasting savings for the household.

- Wider essential needs not linked to energy, water or food

These may include, but are not limited to, support with other essential bills, which if unpaid would prevent the household from either earning income or would make them lose income. Items such as broadband or phone bills, clothing, period and hygiene products, transport-related costs such as repairing a car, buying a bicycle, or paying for fuel/transport fares. This list is not exhaustive.

This fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following (which is **not** an exhaustive list):

Items deemed non-essential, washing machines, driers (often heavy consumers of energy), furniture, flooring, and school uniforms (for the latter issue the school should be contacted initially).

If you are eligible and would like to apply for support, please contact Mrs Webber.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Newton Abbot


LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP

Saturday 7th December

Fancy making your own Lantern and taking part in 'A Night Among Amazon Animals' Lantern Parade on Wednesday 11th December?

Public workshop held at
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot
Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120
Morning workshop 10am - 1pm
Afternoon workshop 2pm - 5pm
£5 per ticket! - (CASH ONLY)



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