

Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd November 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



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

Dear Parents,

Please read 4x a week.

Brr! A chilly end to the week – quite fitting with our Science experiment that we have been doing – making 'ice' crystals with Epsom salts!

Please see your child's Home
Learning book
which comes home
every **Friday**

The children have been learning about Place Value this week in Maths – with Year 1 and Year 2 thinking about partitioning numbers into tens and ones. EYFS children have been learning about the composition of numbers to 10 and have even been introduced to using part-whole models!

Star of the Week – Maria – For working hard on Phonics

In writing this week, the Year 2 children have been writing their own versions of 'Oi Frog!' – thinking carefully about the use of plural and singular nouns, as well as adding interesting vocabulary to their stories. Year 1 have been writing postcards, using short sentences – starting with

and learning all her sounds.

a capital letter and ending in a full stop. Reception children are working hard on blending and segmenting sounds in order to read words – any help with this at home would be much appreciated – please click on the links below to play Fred Games:

https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gkoLfFOR/fvmPFBDM https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/w1dp9EJo/rkIOTg9X https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NrbarDvF/hIT4a9J5

Today I will be sending home a letter with the details of costumes needed for the Nativty performance – please let me know if you have any difficulty in getting hold of costumes, we do have a big box of costumes at school that we can use!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Perry-Bates and the KS1 team



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



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 our fabulous Christmas activities in one place.

<u>Christmas-Newsletter-2024.pdf</u>



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 31^{st 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 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 <u>NOT</u> 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

