



# Court Fields School

## What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### A Message from Mrs Matthews

Our New Year continued this week with a successful Safeguarding Audit and 'Deep Dives' into English & Maths to evaluate our improvements in teaching and learning in those subjects. Both these aspects (Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning) are part of our School Improvement Plan and it is important that we continue to evaluate our progress. This will ensure we know how we have improved to date, and are clear on next steps throughout 2020.

I am very pleased to say that the feedback from students underlined their clear view that behaviour and teaching have improved across the school, and that they feel happier, safer, and more able to seek support if they felt that they needed to. This is testament to the work of staff and students, as well as your support, and that of the community. Thank you for all you do, and your continued support.

### Australia Day Fundraiser



We are delighted to announce that following suggestions from students, and in particular the Court Fields Eco Group, we will be running an Australia Day Fundraiser on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan (the day after actual Australia Day). This is in response to the devastating fires and the subsequent humanitarian and ecological impact. This will feature an additional £1 per student/staff non-uniform day on 27<sup>th</sup> January, with a break and lunchtime cake sale and Australia Day themed activities.



### Australia Day Fundraising Quiz Night

A fundraising Quiz Night will also take place on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at the World's End from 7pm! It will be open to staff, parents and our community. Quiz entry will be £3 per person, including raffle entry. Teams should be 4-6 people. We will be splitting all the proceeds between the Australian Red Cross (Humanitarian support) and the Australian Wildlife Rescue (Animal support). Please do join us to raise money for this cause that is clearly important to our children.



### Oliver!

Oliver rehearsals are back on this term and they are going really well. The cast and crew are continuing to get excited for the show dates in March, and we're all really looking forward to performing this great show! We are currently searching for a small side table, 2 old wooden chairs and a top hat for the set and props. If you have items that you are happy to lend to the school for the production please get in touch.

### Football

Year 8 District Cup Quarter Final- Minehead 0-1 Court Fields  
Gruelling weather conditions didn't prevent our Year 8 Court Fields Boys progressing to the Semi-final as they overcame a very strong and resilient Minehead Middle School side. Jeffrey scored the only goal of the game. Well done fellas on reaching the semi-finals!



### Somerset Supporter Service



*Somerset Support Service* support children aged 0-18yrs with a disability who require help and accessibility in their local community. The service are currently looking for enthusiastic, fun and positive people who may enjoy working with children to join their casual employee list. If you are interested you can find you more about the service at <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/> or call your local Area Link Worker on 07811 313 001.

### Mathematician of the Term for Autumn 2019

The Maths department are delighted to announce the winners of the Mathematician of the Term for Autumn 2019. Certificates will be handed out from their Head of Year during assembly and House Points allocated to each student.  
Lewis H – Excellent work in Class

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Martha V – Excellent attitude to learning and phenomenal end of term assessment  
Delta W – Consistently giving things a go in lessons, even if they seem tricky at first  
Caitlin J – Consistently good attitude  
Leo C – Excellent effort with maths  
Charlotte A – Fierce determination to succeed and master topics  
Isabella H – Dedication, commitment and resilience in her maths, especially when finding a topic challenging  
Bradley T – Consistent hard work  
Jack E – Excellent work in lessons  
Lola K – Always trying her hardest and never giving up

### **Uniform**

Thank you for all your support with ensuring our uniform policy is adhered to. To confirm, students are permitted to wear black leather style Vans; we do not allow brands such as Nike, Adidas and Reebok, or stripes on the side of the shoe, even if black. Skirts must be tailored and not made of stretchy jersey material. This is because these skirts have a tendency to be very short when worn, and this is not appropriate for school. Facial piercings are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen. If you have any questions please refer to our Uniform Policy on the school website.

### **Rewards, Homework & Behaviour**

Please ensure you and your child have access to ClassCharts. If you are unable to log in or need a code please contact your child's Tutor to obtain it. ClassCharts will keep you informed of all the positive House Points they are collecting and any negative points including detentions. If a student has a detention they will be flagged on their register. Please remind your child that if they are given a detention, it is their responsibility to attend.



Many parents have told us that they find it very useful to go through ClassCharts every evening with their child, to talk through the events of the day and highlight rewards and any sanctions received. This also allows both students and parents to be clear on any detentions scheduled.

### **Lateness**

Thank you for reminding your child that school begins at 8.40am. We have a warning bell at 8.35am and the start of the day bell at 8.40am. Any student who arrives after 8.40am will be marked as late. They will receive a 15 min detention at break on the same day in B13. This helps to clear the detention quickly, and prevents escalation of the sanction. It is very important that students are on time each day. Good punctuality ensures that they do not miss Tutor sessions or lessons, and develop good habits for work or further education. If a student arrives after Tutor Time they must report to the Wellbeing Hub to sign in please.

### **Parking at the Youth Centre**

The Court Fields Preschool has contacted us in regards to parents parking at the Youth Centre in order to drop students off in the morning and collect them after school. They have raised concerns over the number of vehicles parking and stopping, and have politely requested that anyone who does stop to drop off/collect students in this area be mindful that there are pre-school children, as well as other parents and adults exiting the building. Thank you for your help.

### **Workshop opportunity for Parents/Carers**

Resilience Voyage will be holding a 'Drugs Bus' Family Workshop on 03 February, 6pm to 7.30pm on school site. The Workshop will give parents/carers an opportunity to work with young people in order to gain knowledge and understanding about issues relating to substance misuse. If you are interested in taking part in the workshop please contact Mrs Westwood via the school email address [sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



### **Polite Reminder**

There have been a few cases of Impetigo in school recently. Please be vigilant and follow the treatment advice for this condition as set out on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/> should your child be infected. By being vigilant and treating promptly, we can limit the spread of this skin condition in school. Thank you for your support.

### **Events This Week and Coming Soon**

29 January	Yr9 Group Knife Crime Workshop
30 January	Yr11 Trip – The Apprenticeship Show
30 January	Yr10 Parents' Evening
5 February	Year 9 Futures Evening (formerly Options Evening), <b>6.15pm start.</b>

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