

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Another busy week so not much room for me again, but I would like to thank all of our Court Fields' community for your ongoing support as we face the challenges of a new national lockdown and changing government guidance on wearing masks in school.



The tree art here at Court Fields was based on the artist Dale Chihuly (who's colourful glass sculptures can be seen amongst the foliage at Kew gardens). Year 7s researched facts about the problems with single use plastics, which they shared and this formed part of a class discussion. They all brought in bottles to recycle into the collaborative sculptural piece outside of the main office. The bottles were 'spiral' cut and then coloured using sharpies on both sides to create the bright rainbow of decorative pieces now hanging from the tree. The effect will be a lovely pop of cheering colour to lift everyone's mood as we go from autumn into winter, and hopefully a little reminder about the issues of 'single use plastic pollution'.



Non Uniform day Friday 13 November

We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 13th November. We have decided to support a local charity directly as well as Children in Need nationally. Students may wear non school uniform in exchange for a donation of either a non-perishable food item or small Christmas gift to be donated to Taunton food bank. Donations to be passed to tutors on the morning of the event please. There will be collection buckets around at social times if students wish to put some money in as well. We know these are difficult times for people so appreciate your support. Thank you!



The Poll is Open

Back in December, January and February, schools across Somerset took part in a series of creative media workshops on the subject of knife crime and county lines drug networks, organised by the Safer Somerset Partnership, a collaboration between Avon and Somerset Police and Somerset Council.

Over 500 students took part in secondary schools across the county, making podcasts and videos to explain knife crime and county lines to their friends and families. One of our entries from Court Fields featuring Ned, Amber, Madi, Leo, Ronnie and Alex, has been selected for a public vote. The public vote for the Safer Somerset Partnership's School Media Competition is now up and running and will continue until **4pm on Monday 16th November**. The students

and school would really like your support. Please go to www.collaboratedigital.com/poll to take a look at and listen to all the great entries and please cast a vote for our entry.

Face masks in school — latest Government Guidance

The latest advice from the government regarding face masks in school is that for students in Year 7 and above:

Face masks should be worn by students and staff in school in corridors and communal spaces. They should not be worn in classrooms.

Please ensure that your child also knows how to remove, store, and replace their mask safely. This should include a sealable plastic bag in which to store the mask when it is not being worn. You can find guidance on the Government website. If you feel that your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please email SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk with details.



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Remembrance Day

On the 11th November we will be holding a minute's silence and laying a wreath at the front of school. Any students who attend Army Cadets, Scouts, St John's are welcome to attend school in their Cadet/Scout uniform.



Personal Social Health Careers Economics Education

Last half term we covered health and wellbeing especially relevant due to the covid situation. This half term - Autumn 2 - the theme is Living in the Wider World, for all years groups.

This mostly covers everyday life and issues our students face, economics and careers. A few examples are internet safety, employment opportunities, how to budget, teens and the media.

For further details please see the Curriculum section on the website:

<https://courtfIELDS.net/smscpshee/>



Year 11 - Careers

The college application process is now open, or opening this week for most of our local colleges. Please encourage your young people to talk through what they are thinking about doing next year. Due to the Covid situation students will not have the usual deadline of January to have completed their college/ FE applications - they will have until later on in 2021, so please reassure them as there is no need to feel anxious and worried about their application. Please remind them to check their school emails regularly. The local colleges will be holding virtual open days and events, so visit their individual websites for details.



Sensory Garden

We are delighted that with the kind support of the Living Light Christian Church, planning for our new sensory garden has begun. This will be in the garden area next to the wellbeing hub and we are so excited to develop this outdoor space for our students. We would like to thank everyone involved in the project for their kind support.



Talent wanted for virtual Christmas Concert

We are looking for talent to be showcased in our virtual Christmas Concert this year. If your child has a musical talent that we can record and publish as part of our virtual concert, please ask them to see Mrs Chidgey or email her at schidgey@courtfIELDS.net as soon as possible

Music Lessons

Individual music lessons (guitar, drum, piano etc) will continue online for this term. If you would like your child to have these lessons, please contact Mrs Chidgey for further details by emailing: Schidgey1@educ.somerset.gov.uk



Forward Diary Dates

Due to the latest lockdown restrictions we will be carefully considering our previously advertised future diary dates and where possible make arrangements for suitable virtual alternatives. As always please do check your emails for communications from the school.

Wednesday 11th November Year 12 Presentation Evening - POSTPONED TO 26th May due to Covid

Friday 13th November Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

7-16 December Year 11 PPE Exams Friday 11th December Charity Day for Save the Children (students can wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their blazer)

Thursday 17th December Students break up for Christmas holidays – early finish (12.45 pm)

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