

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thank you once again for your support as we approach the end of the Autumn Term. It has certainly been a different term, and challenging in some respects, but I have been so proud of our response at Court Fields, as students and staff. Thank you for your support throughout the term.

As you will know from my letter yesterday The Government advised on Tuesday that schools can use an additional INSET day on Friday 18th in order that students, families and staff have longer away from school prior to the main Christmas festivities. This will further reduce the risk to all our vulnerable family members.

We already have an INSET Day planned on the 18th and so will add this additional INSET to the existing INSET Day. **Therefore, school will finish at 2.45pm for Key Stage 3 and 3pm for Key Stage 4 on Wednesday 16th and there will be two INSET days on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December.** Due to the timing of the Government announcement, this is of course short notice. Therefore, we will provide child care on the Thursday for any Year 7s and any very vulnerable children who would not be safe at home. If you need this for your child, please contact us on the email keyworker@courtfIELDS.net so we can arrange Year Group bubbles as necessary.

Thank you for your support, and I hope this will help us all to have a safe Christmas with our loved ones. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Matthews

Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Today we held a Christmas jumper/non-uniform day to raise money, to be split between Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Appeal, and Tim Potter's Christmas Dinner Boxes, for our vulnerable families in Wellington. It was great to see so many festive jumpers! Thank you for all the donations so far - if you would still like to donate, please do so using the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200007971>



TIM POTTER
FAMILY BUTCHERS



Year 11 PPE Exams

Well done to our Year 11s who have been sitting their first of two Pre-Public Examinations. The students have been sitting their exams throughout the week in the sports hall under exam conditions in preparation for their GCSE Examinations. These examinations will provide students with an opportunity to test their knowledge and understanding, and to identify some topics that will need further improvement before the final GCSE examinations in June. It has been a tough week for the students sitting two exams each day however their attendance, behaviour and conduct during the exams has been exemplary. The PPEs continue next week, finishing on Wednesday. Please can I remind parents that students will be returning to lessons and tutor time after their exams next week and therefore finishing school as per normal at 15:20. Please can you also encourage your child to continue their revision over the weekend and prepare fully for their exams next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Combined Science – Chemistry 9:00 – 10:15 Separate Science – Chemistry 9:00 – 10:45	Geography – Paper 2 9:00 – 10:00	Art in C8 9:00 – 14:00
History – Paper 2 13:00 – 14:20	French – Paper 2 Spanish – Paper 2 13:00 – 14:00	

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A message from Taunton Foodbank

"Please pass on our thanks to all concerned for the amazing donation of 377.3 kilogrammes of food delivered to us from Court Fields School last week.

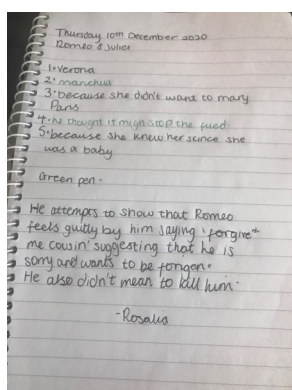
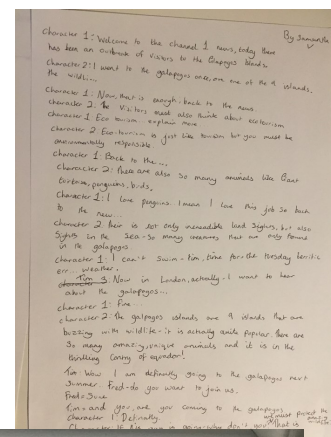
It means such a lot to us in these challenging times that people continue to support us. The Wellington community is remarkable in its generosity, never more so than at the moment."

Thank you to all our students, staff and parents/carers who donated food so generously.



Live lessons for isolating students

It has been a busy term, full of new learning and firsts for many of us. This week, staff and year 8 students have been getting used to online learning and have completed their first 'live lessons'. This is a new way of teaching and learning for many of us, but teachers have really enjoyed being able to stay in touch with students and see how they are getting on. A huge well done to our year 8s who have shown resilience, independence and maturity while having to learn online this week. A selection of the work they have been producing from home is shown here, and I'm sure you will agree they are really stretching themselves and have taken to heart this half term's learning focus which has been 'challenge'.



Can we remind students of the importance of wearing a face mask around school, especially in the run up to Christmas. Please also note, students must wear face masks at all times on school transport. This is being reinforced by the local authority and the bus company has the right to refuse transport to any child without a mask, unless they have an exemption card.

Reminder!

Shielding work

Students should be starting to notice work set on Class Charts, which begins with the code 'SHLD.' Please be aware that this work is for students if they have to shield and cannot come to school. All other students should ignore this work.



ClassCharts

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 16th December - Students break up for Christmas holidays – finish 2.45pm (KS3) and 3.00pm (KS4). (Students on school transport should go to the Hall to wait for their buses)

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