

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Not much space for me this week. Just enough to say thank you to our students, staff and community for their respectful Remembrance Day tributes and their community spirit in helping to collect items for the Taunton Foodbank as part of our local 'children in need' response. Thank you, take care and keep safe.

Remembrance at Court Fields

This year we centred our remembrance commemorations around one of our former students, who died on active service in Iraq in 2007: Pte Eleanor Dlugosz. Students were given a virtual assembly by Mrs Matthews about Eleanor's service. Many of our students commented on how poignant it was to be remembering someone so close to home.

At 11am on the 11 November the school fell silent in the traditional act of remembrance and a simple wreath laying ceremony took place at the front of school. Josh D laid the wreath on behalf of our students and our newest member of staff, Mrs Grabham, laid the wreath on behalf of our staff. We were honoured that representatives of the Royal British Legion were also able to join us for a socially distanced minute's silence after their duties at Wellington War Memorial. Thank you for your support.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for both our local, and the national Children in Need today. We appreciate all your donations, be they for Taunton foodbank in order to support local families, or cash to support Children in Need nationally. We realise these are difficult times for people but as ever the Court Fields community pulled together and we have had to load the minibus in order to get all of the donations we have received to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity, We will let you know how much cash we raised in our next Bulletin



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Please Vote for Us!!!!

Some of our Year 10 students took part in making podcasts and videos to explain knife crime and County Lines to their friends and families. This project is linked with Collaborative Digital and Avon & Somerset Police. One of our entries featuring Ned, Amber, Madi, Leo, Ronnie and Alex has been selected for a public vote. 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. We only have until Monday to vote. Massive thanks, Mrs Westwood and the Year 10 Students.



Collaborate Digital

Face Coverings in School

Thank you to everyone for helping us adhere to government guidance by providing your students with appropriate face coverings to wear in communal areas of school and for wearing masks yourself if you have to visit site. Please let us know if you feel your student is exempt from wearing a face covering by emailing SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk

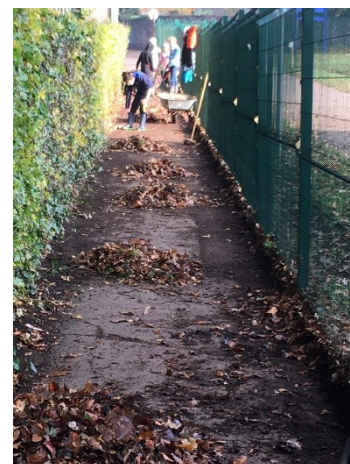
The County Council have issued guidance for face coverings on school transport, if your student travels to school on school transport please see below.



Face masks on school transport

Somerset County Council now requires all secondary age students to wear face coverings on dedicated school transport with immediate effect, unless they are exempt. Pupils are already required to wear face coverings in communal areas in secondary schools and this approach is being extended to all vehicles operating home to school transport. With immediate effect any pupil of secondary school age who does not have a face covering when boarding the school transport will be asked to do so. If they do not have a face covering, they will be offered one by the driver. Failure to comply with a request to wear a face covering will be reported to the pupil's school who will address the matter through the appropriate disciplinary procedures. You can find the latest Government guidance on face coverings here. And there's a helpful video explaining how to use face coverings properly here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk

Our AFA Allotment Students Accept the Challenge



The allotment group was given the challenge by Mrs Matthews of clearing the path between the side of the school and the playing fields. On Friday Mr Hutchinson Mrs Austin and Miss Passmore took two groups of students from the allotment group to clear the leaves, rubbish and mud from the path.

We spent about 3 hours clearing up half the path. The student worked very hard and the end product was very good. While working we had lots of positive praise from walkers past saying "what a wonderful job they were doing" and "to please keep going as they were making a huge difference to our community." We will hopefully soon finish the other half.

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.

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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