

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thank you as always for your support as we near the end of Term. I know that our students are feeling tired after 6 weeks of school (following 6 months not in school), but I know that they will work hard for the 3 days in school next week, before they clock off for Half Term. Our staff have INSET Days on Thursday and Friday next week, so our students will be able to enjoy a very well-deserved 2 days off, as well as their Half Term. School reopening has not been easy for anyone, in any school, but I have been impressed with our students' maturity and understanding, and I know that you will join me in thanking them. It appears that we will have to learn to live with the restrictions a while longer, so thank you again for your support in reminding your child of the importance of working hard, keeping safe, and following our necessary Covid rules. Take care and enjoy the weekend!

Appeal for toys



Our SEN department is seeking donations of good quality preloved plastic toys (that we can appropriately sanitise before and in between uses) to support our recovery curriculum. If you are thinking of having a pre-Christmas clear out and have anything suitable you could donate, please contact the school office on 01823 664201 or via SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk to arrange a suitable time to drop it into school.



#HelloYellow

On Friday 9th October we held activities to continue our mental health awareness education linked to World Mental Health day and #HelloYellow. Students posed with our selfie frame to recognise the importance of



being kind to ourselves as well as others. Students completed activities focusing on our self positives, and assemblies signposted strategies and support students can access both within school and outside.

Thank you to all those who took part, we will continue through our tutor programme, PSHCE lessons and curriculum to promote positive mental health.



Somerset County Council SEND weekly news



The link below is for the SCC SEND weekly newsletter. This is full of useful news and information for school and parents / carers of SEND students

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>



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Maths and Computer Science Extracurricular Activity

Maths and Computer Science are teaming up to offer pupils in Year 9-11 a very exciting opportunity to experience the world of Cyber Security. It is a government run program and would be perfect for students looking for a challenge or those interested in continuing Maths or Computing study beyond Court Fields, particularly when looking at CVs or college applications.

You will have a go at real-world cyber-attacks, learning how

cyber security experts play a vital role in protecting our hospitals, banks, army, and police services! Many don't think they have what it takes and are astonished at their results when they put their teamwork, problem solving and determination to the test.

For more information: <https://joincyberdiscovery.com/> and if you would like to sign up speak to Mr Hold in school or on thold@courtfields.net.



100 Things To Do Before Year 11

For KS3 we launched our wellbeing initiative, 100 Things. We are encouraging students to try new activities and get involved in things they may not have done before.

Over the time at Court Fields they can mark off when an event is completed and earn awards as celebration of success.

Thank you to Porter Dodson for sponsoring this. We will share student pictures over the year to show the new activities they try.



Reminder!

Our IT and Admin teams are working hard and we are hoping to launch our online data collection and permission update service very soon, details will follow shortly but in the meantime please don't forget to let us know if anything has changed. It is vitally important we can contact someone in an emergency, so please let us know if contact information needs to be changed or updated. Please also let us know if your child's medical record needs to be updating so our first aid team have the correct information available should your child be taken unwell at school. Thank you.

Forward Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October **INSET DAYS** students do not attend

Monday 26th October Friday 30th October **HALF TERM**

Monday 2nd November Students return to school

Thursday 5th November Year 11 Parents' Evening

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

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