

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 7th May 2021

Thank you again as we end another busy week. It has been super to see the preparation and commitment of our Year 11 students as they undertook their PPEs this week in these extraordinary circumstances, in light of the cancellation of their formal external examinations. Next week they will continue their PPEs and then they will have 2 weeks of classroom assessment to allow their teachers to finalise their Teacher Assessed Grades, and give themselves the best chance of getting the results they deserve. Good luck to all our Year 11s - your hard work will pay off.

We already have a huge number of Year 7 and 8s signed up for their respective Celebration Events at the Ultimate Adventure Centre in Bideford. We would love to see all our students taking part in this great chance to be together and have fun after such a hard year. Please do sign up. If you would like to ask for financial support please contact us as we may be able to help.

Finally, don't forget to nominate your child for the Headteacher Resilience Award, by emailing [resilienceaward@courtfIELDS.net](mailto:resilienceaward@courtfIELDS.net). Our students have copied so well in all sorts of ways with the last year, and we would love to recognise the things they have done in school and at home. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Thank you as always for your support. Together we can continue to improve our school and develop our students' ambitions and opportunities for the future. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Matthews



### School Uniform Drop-off Service

As of June 7th, Taunton Uniforms are offering a weekly drop off for uniform ordered and paid for online.

This service is to support parents/carers who may need new uniform and are unable to get to the shop directly.

Once ordered and paid for via <http://tauntonuniforms.co.uk/?option%5B443%5D=> the store will email you to confirm the uniform has been delivered to school, so you can collect.



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### Year 11 School Photo

The Year 11 school photo will be taken on Tuesday 25th May. Students will need to arrive in school by 8:50 and come to the Sports hall for their photos. Registration will be completed in the sports hall.

Students will need normal school uniform, however blazers will not be required for the photo. It is important that all students have a white shirt and tie.

### Transition Leaders

On Thursday we launched Transition Leaders for Year 7 students. We are seeking leaders to support with the transition of our September cohort. The leaders will be expected to support visits to primaries, answering questions, supporting on the transition days and becoming buddies in September. Students who wish to apply are expected to complete a short application over the next two weeks and then an interview process will take place. Tutors will be supporting students through this process and we are excited to recruit our next Transition Leaders. For those students currently in year 8 and recruited last year, there will be support opportunities coming very soon!



### Prom Tickets

Don't forget you can now purchase tickets for the Year 11 Prom via Scopay or by bringing in cash/cheque. The prom is booked for Friday 9th July at Oake Manor Golf Club, and tickets are £32.

Please remind students that attendance at the prom is conditional, on the basis of good behaviour and attendance, although we would hope that all will be able to attend.

### Year 11 assessments and changes to School lunch break

Year 11 students will be taking assessments in school from 4<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May. During this time we will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School. This change is to minimise disruption to Year 11. **For those dates only, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00** (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00). All other times will remain the same.

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**Book of the Week: The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson, shortlisted for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal. Also available on SORA our EBooks.**

Yanka has always felt like an outsider – found in a bear cave when she was a baby and raised by her foster mother Mamochka, she's always wondered where she came from.



But when something very unusual begins to happen to her, it's the push she needs to leave her village on a quest to discover her family, her origins and who she really is. Sophie Anderson's follow-up to *The House with Chicken Legs* is another wonderful adventure, drawing heavily on Russian folk tales to bring us a gripping tale of dragons, bears and magic.

As Yanka's quest unfolds, young readers will not only be captivated by the peril and dangers she faces, but also by the underlying themes of friendship, identity and family.

And it's impossible not to root for Yanka, who is growing and learning as she goes, making some valuable discoveries along the way.

Marvellously-drawn characters and a timeless style of prose – along with the inclusion of traditional folk tales, all related to Yanka's story – come together to make *The Girl Who Speaks Bear* almost impossible to put down.

A real treat of a book.

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### ThinkNinjaApp

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and during the school week students will be educated and take part in a range of activities, the theme is Nature. As part of the week we will be sharing a fantastic App students can download to support with their mental health.

Please can we request over the weekend when on WiFi they download and explore the app, more education and support on the app use will take place next week.

#### NHS Information

ThinkNinja is aimed at young people aged 10 to 18 years of age. ThinkNinja was created by child mental health psychologist experts with help from young people to make sure the content, skills and how we talk about mental health and mood are just right and fun to use.

ThinkNinja is built on therapy-based techniques called cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and motivational interviewing. CBT has been proven in many clinical studies around the world to help deal with anxiety and low mood. ThinkNinja also contains other really useful techniques for mental health and emotional wellbeing such as mindfulness.

#### How to use ThinkNinja...

All the great features of ThinkNinja is normally only available as part of special programmes through schools and the NHS. Due to the current exceptional circumstances, any 10-18 year old in the UK can get full free access to ThinkNinja.



#### Forward diary dates

31st May - 6th June - Half Term

24th & 25th June - Inset Days

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