

Court Fields School
What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
20th May – 24th May 2019



Message from Mrs Watson

As you know, Ms Bennett has been on compassionate leave since the beginning of this term and I know you will be sad to hear that she has decided to step down as Headteacher of Court Fields School. Ms Bennett wishes to return to the full-time teaching of Geography, which she loves. I am pleased that she has agreed to continue to work in the Trust and that she will be joining the department at The Castle School.

I know you will want me to thank Ms Bennett for all that she has done for Court Fields School and to wish her well in her new role at The Castle School. In the meantime, Mrs Matthews will continue as Acting Headteacher at Court Fields until January when we will look to appoint a new Headteacher.

Ms Bennett has asked me to pass on her thanks and best wishes to all those in the Wellington Community who have supported both her and the school.

Message from Mrs Matthews

It's been a very busy and productive week at Court Fields, with our Year 11s sitting their first week of their GCSE Exams, including Science, English Literature, Computer Science, PE and more. As a staff we have been impressed by the maturity and focus of our Year 11s, which bodes well for their results in August. Next week features Maths (non-calculator paper), English Literature, Geography, DT, Spanish, Science and Philosophy & Beliefs, before the students have a well-earned rest over half term.



We also have welcomed the 'Drugs Bus' to the school, supported by Avon & Somerset Police and Wellington Town Council. This provided learning with real impact for Years 9 & 10 regarding the risks of substance abuse. We are already seeking funding to book a return visit. This week also saw one of our very successful Primary Sports Festivals, led by Mrs Lees and her team of Sports Leaders. It was lovely to see the children having such a good time and to chat to staff from our community Primary Schools. Over the next two weeks we will be strengthening our community links with a visit to the Rockwell Green Churches Together 'Bright Sparks' Mum's & Toddlers' Time with Year 7 Transition Leaders, and a stall at the Carnival Street Fair on Sunday 2nd June.

Following the publication of our OFSTED Report we have been moving forward together as a staff. We are ensuring that we respond to the areas for improvement and build momentum during the remainder of this term, ready for a clear and focussed start to the new academic year in September. Our key area for development is 'Planning for Progress', to ensure that all our students make more progress than those nationally with the same starting points. Staff working parties have met to develop this, alongside Behaviour strategies and systems, rewards and the celebration of success, and communication at all levels. The focus and drive from teaching and support staff has been fantastic, and I know that you will see this reflected over the coming weeks and months.

To improve communication we are launching ClassCharts from 3rd June. This will replace ePraise and provide a much more effective method of communication between school and parents/carers. You and your child will be able to monitor and discuss attendance, rewards, sanctions, detentions, and homework, as well as receiving information from school. The updates regarding your child will be 'real-time' so that communication will be much improved, and you will be able to access via the ClassCharts app, MyEd or the internet. We are introducing this improved system in response to feedback regarding communication. Further details on this exciting development will be sent to parents/carers next week, including login information.



I do hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday at the Madagascar's Got Talent Show. It promises to be an amazing night and I would really welcome the opportunity to speak with you, celebrate our school's many talents and raise money for this important cause.

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Events This Week & Coming Soon

22 nd May	Madagascar's Got Talent Show
24 th May – 31 st May	Half Term
2 nd June	Carnival Street Fair
3 rd June	Back to school
14 th June	Final GCSE Exams for Year 11
17 th June - 26 th June	Year 10 PPEs
27 th & 28 th June	INSET Days, students not in school

Transport Action Group Meeting

Students Rene, Oliver B, Grace P and Lewis B from Year 10 have been volunteering their time to participate in a UK Citizens initiative as part of Citizens Somerset. The purpose of the group is to review and develop the public transport in Somerset for young people. At the meeting this week our students were complimented by Susan Derber (a leader of citizens UK and head of the United reform church in Taunton) for their maturity and impressive communication skills. This is a fantastic example of our students helping to develop not only local but national policy. Well done team



Sports Stars – News from PE

Somerset Schools FA Under 14s Girls Cup Final



Court Fields 1 - 0 Holyrood Academy

After lots of rounds seeing off some very talented schools around Bristol and Somerset, the competition was down to two schools as Court Fields and Holyrood Academy pitted their wits against each other in the County Cup Final at Weston 4G. The game started with Court Fields on the front foot with a fast-paced possession game, although in the early stages they were thwarted by a very physical, resilient and organised Holyrood side. However, it wasn't long before Court Fields scored to go into the lead, through a fine corner by E.Ayers and nodded home with pin-point precision from Norman: 1-0 Court Fields.

Court Fields continued to dominate the game, however, on the day they came up against a very talented Holyrood goalkeeper who was able to keep out anything that came her way. As the game moved on Holyrood tried to put numbers forward, but the Court Fields back line marshalled by captain Aspin kept them at bay and restricted them to very few opportunities. The final whistle sounded, crowning Court Fields as County Champions - the cup is coming home to Wellington. Well done to all the girls involved, you have done yourselves, the school and the town very proud!

PE Instagram

The PE Instagram page is Courtfieldspe. Please log on and follow us in order to keep up with fixtures, pictures, results and pupils progress in lessons.

Environmental Surgery with Rebecca Pow MP

Friday 7th June 18:00 – 20:00 at Wellington Community Centre

This is a free event and is a chance to hear what your local Member of Parliament for Taunton Deane thinks about all the many important and pressing environmental issues we all face. Please follow this link for further information. We would encourage young people to attend, voice their concerns or support and get involved in shaping your community's future.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/environmental-surgery-with-rebecca-pow-mp-tickets-61484072516>



Calling all Local Businesses

As a school we are keen to engage with our local community. We are looking for local businesses who might be interested in working with the school either to share expertise, work with our students, volunteer time, donate supplies or to sponsor events, teams or prizes. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about how they can get involved, please contact the school office on 01823 664201 or email SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk, we really would like to hear from you.