

Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families

10th June – 14th June 2019



A Message from Mrs Matthews

It has been wonderful this week to hear the positive comments and feedback from parents and carers, as we have sought your opinions on aspects of our school, such as mobile phones and behaviour, as part of our ClassCharts launch. We have also received similarly positive feedback from the wider Wellington area following our involvement, for example by having a stall at the Street Fair, developing links at the weekly OneTeam Meetings and visiting the Rockwell Green 'Bright Sparks' playgroup, to name just a few aspects. I am thrilled that Court Fields School is demonstrating that we are committed to being a key part of the community, and making swift and impactful improvements to our school.



This week sees further development of our post-OFSTED Implementation Plan, especially in the key areas of Teaching & Learning and Behaviour, and development of our community links, this week meeting the local Rotary Club. We are also launching our Year 10 Privileges Project, seeking to reward our students as they move into Year 11 with additional privileges in recognition of their collective response to our behaviour expectations. They will be our role models in the next academic year, so it is right that we ask them to step-up, but also seek to recognise their efforts. We will also be finalising the planning for our first Key Stage 3 Graduation Evening for Year 9 students, our relaunched Year 7, 8 and 10 Celebration Evenings, and Year 6 Induction. Year 10 students will also be invited to apply to be our Year 11 Prefects for 2019/20. It is an exciting time for Court Fields, and I very much look forward to sharing these events with you. I know that this term is particularly busy, especially with those of you with children at primary school, but I would ask that as many of you as possible join us for the forthcoming events. They will be about celebrating the success of your children and supporting the school in its journey forward, and we need you to be part of our team.



Having worked in a number of schools, in the South West and the London area I can honestly say that I have never seen a school with such potential as Court Fields. I am very grateful to all the parents, carers, students, staff and members of the community who are contributing to the school's improvement. This may be through encouraging good attendance, supporting behaviour expectations, helping on school events, answering our surveys, or simply keeping up to date with our news. Thank you for all your support.

Celebrating Success – UK Maths Challenge

We are delighted to announce that some of our year 7 and 8 students have been awarded gold, silver and bronze certificates for the UKMT junior challenge. The Mathematical Challenges aim to stimulate mathematical problem solving and is open to students in Year 7 & 8. It is a national challenge open to all schools, with over 300 000 students taking part each year, so to reach the standard needed for these awards is a great accomplishment. Well done to all those who took part.



Open Evenings for Year 10 Students

Open Evenings are a great way to explore your options for post-16. You will be able to speak to Tutors, experience a range of activities and tour the Colleges. The following dates are available for Bridgwater & Taunton College:

Bridgwater Campus – 11th June, 6-8pm

Taunton Campus – 12th June 6-8pm

Please see the website of Richard Huish, PETROC, The SPACE Somerset and Exeter College for details of their events.



Class Charts



To further develop our communication between home and school we have closed E Praise and this week launched Class Charts. Your child will have brought home a letter with details on how you can log in. Students have also been given their own log in/password. You can access Class Charts via the internet or by downloading the app. You will be able to view your child's homework and house points, along with any behaviour points and detentions set. This is a developing system, and over time we will be adding more features to continue to improve our communication as part of our action plans.

We have already had very positive feedback from students and staff about the new system, which is clear, well laid out and provides much more information than the previous system. Thank you for your support as we move forward with this new system. Any feedback will be gratefully received. Please direct all ClassCharts queries via our dedicated email address classcharts@courtfields.net.

SAFE

Please remember, should you wish to report any concerns you feel we should be aware of, you can use our online secure SAFE system. Information can be found on our website. We check the inbox every weekday and will respond with an update within 24 hours. We also encourage students to use this service if unable to report anything directly to us.

Thank you from Mrs Westwood, Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Wellington Street Fair

Thank you to all those who came along, said Hi! and supported our stall at the street fair. We raised money that will be split between the Carnival Club and the Wellington Monument Fund. The day was a great success despite the rain! We had participants guessing the weight of the cake, helping to name our new school mascot, which Year 7 will choose this week, balancing a coin on a lemon and the launch of our eco projects, which we will continue to promote throughout the year. Thanks again to all those involved and to the Street Fair organising team, including Jo Always who helped organise our pitch at late notice!



Events This Week & Coming Soon

12th June, 6-8pm

Wellbeing Workshop – an introduction to wellbeing for parents. Please do attend this very useful workshop run by Young Somerset

14th June

Final GCSE Exams for Year 11

17th June - 26th June

Year 10 PPEs

19th June

Charity non-uniform day (previously postponed from the Spring Term)

27th & 28th June

INSET Days, students not in school

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