

# Court de Wyck News



## New Beginnings

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Our SEAL theme for this term is 'New Beginnings'. This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.

The theme offers children the chance to see themselves as valued individuals within a community, and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all. Throughout the theme children will explore feelings of happiness and excitement. Sadness, anxiety and fearfulness while learning (and hopefully putting into practice!) shared models for 'calming down' and 'problem solving'.

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This year we have welcomed thirteen children into Mrs May's Reception class. They have all settled in very well despite being a little tired!

We also welcome Ellen (Y1), Coline and Curtis in Y4 Martin and Floyd Y6.

We also welcome Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Baber and Mrs McKeown onto our staff.



### Walking Bus

Our Walking Bus continues to go from strength to strength. Up to 30 children now choose this healthy way to travel to school. By the time you read this, I hope that our new Outdoor Classroom will have been constructed on the field. Parents are welcome to use this facility to wait out of the rain for their children.

### ALLERGIES

We have children in school who have certain allergies. Could I please ask parents to be sensitive as to the foods that they include in their child's lunchbox and particularly avoid nuts and peanut butter.

### School Crossing Patrol

You will have noticed that we currently have no School Crossing Patrol. Please could I ask that parents pay particular attention when crossing Bishops Road.

If you feel that you could spare a few hours a week to help our children walk to school safely, please contact Mrs Holliman at school.

# Pastoral changes

Hopefully, your child will have come home enthused and told you all about the changes to our pastoral system this year. The rationale behind the changes that we have made was to foster a greater sense of involvement and belonging amongst the children and to recognise those children who consistently demonstrate positive behaviour and effort. Some of the changes we have made include:

- A new 3-house system
- Gold book and gold certificates
- Celebration assemblies
- House captains running house assemblies
- A new, visual house point reward system
- Visual 'house challenge' progress display
- Six trophies to be awarded for personal Qualities (friendship, effort, sportsmanship, progress, kindness and creativity)

The new houses are:  
Goblin Combe (Green)  
Yeo Moor (Yellow)  
Cadbury Hill (Blue)

Please feel free to ask your children what they think of the new systems.

## Peer Mediation

We are delighted that Sue Walker, North Somerset's Lead Advisor in PSHE and Citizenship, has agreed to work with some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils to develop their skills as Peer Mediators. The children had to apply for these important posts and will soon be able to resolve conflict between friends and identify peers in need of help. This is another aspect towards achieving our goals of happy learners at Court de Wyck. Watch out for an invitation to the launch assembly!



**Old Shirts and T-shirts**  
If you have any old shirts and t-shirts that are no longer needed, please send them into school. We constantly need to replenish our stock of craft overalls

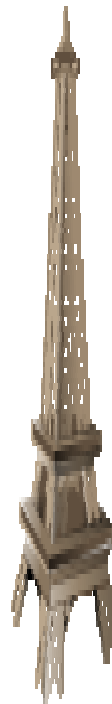
## Francais

In addition to our extra-curricular activities programme, we are looking to offer French clubs to all children on Monday lunchtimes. These will be fun, game-based sessions run by Le Club Francais and led by Ms Bull, a parent at school.

As this is an external provider, there will be a charge to parents. Following negotiations we have agreed:

FS/KS1 12.30-12.50, KS2 12.55-1.15  
£8.00 for 5 sessions.

I am gauging interest to see if parents and children would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact a member of staff if you would be interested.



### Lunchtime Supervision

We have a valued and committed team of lunchtime supervisors. We are looking to build up a bank of lunchtime supervisors to work on a casual basis to cover absences etc. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Holliman. Many thanks.



I hope that you have noticed our fantastic outdoor classroom and Reception play lodge. These have been purchased to enhance the learning environment for the children as well as to provide shelter for the increasing number of parents who are choosing to walk their children to school. Many thanks go to the Lions who kindly offered £600 of funding towards the cost of the structures.

#### Vandalism

Sadly, these additions to the childrens' learning environment have, in less than a week, become the subject to the same mindless vandalism that has affected other areas of the school.

Could I plead with all members of the school community to be vigilant and report any anti-social behaviour to the police.

I am keen for our school grounds to continue to be available as a community resource but am having my hands forced to some extent. Many thanks for your cooperation.

# Congratulations!

I am pleased that so many children are bringing in certificates, medals, photos and prizes to share at our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon. We feel it is important to celebrate achievements in all areas of children's lives.

Congratulations also go to Mr Hudd and Mrs Bingham who have achieved certification in Personal, Social and Health Education.

Additionally, Mrs Harding has achieved the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers; an intensive 18-month course.

Well done to Mrs Bangham, Mrs McGovern and Mrs Gooding who have all successfully gained certification in paediatric first aid.

# Past Pupils

We are very proud of the achievements of past pupils of Court de Wyck as they continue their learning journeys. We took great interest in their fantastic GCSE and A-level results from Backwell School. Many Y11 pupils achieved 10 GCSEs with one past pupil performing exceptionally and achieving 10A\* and 1A! If you know any of our past pupils, please pass on our congratulations.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

I am hoping that everybody has received a copy of their child's mid-term summary report. These are intended to provide parents with a brief overview their child's effort and attainment at an early stage in the school year.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher in more detail.

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October (5.30pm – 8.00pm)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm – 6.00pm)

Appointment booking sheets are available in the hall now or, alternatively, call the school to make a booking on 833070.

# Dates for your diary...

## October

- 8<sup>th</sup> School Council voting
- 10<sup>th</sup> KS2 Judo taster session
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Consultations 5.30–8.00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> KS2 Environmental trip to the Sewerage Works
- 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Assembly 2.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> End of term 1
- 30<sup>th</sup> Inset Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Start of term 2
- 31<sup>st</sup> Peer Mediation Launch Assembly
- 31<sup>st</sup> Travelling Story Teller

## November

- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 1/2 Materials Workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> House Captain's Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> Inset Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Pupil's Art Exhibition

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> School Association Christmas Fayre
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Production
- 13<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at Holy Trinity
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pantomime visit (Oh yes it is!)
- 19<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2