

Court De Wyck Church School Newsletter – 14th November 2021



A message from your Headteacher...

Dear families,

This week has been a busy one at Court de Wyck, with lots of wonderful, thoughtful events and activities taking place across the school.

We held a special collective worship for Remembrance. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils thoughtfully shared their recent learning about World War I, and members of the Spiritual Group supported the service by reading a reflective prayer. Every child in the school contributed by creating a poppy, which were beautifully displayed in a reflective space in the hall.

It has also been **Anti-Bullying Week**, which we launched with *Odd Socks Day*. Mrs Litt led a special assembly where we explored the importance of kindness and celebrated the fact that everyone is different, reflecting this year's theme: **The Power of Good**. All classes have also taken part in follow-up activities in class to continue this important learning.

On Wednesday we celebrated **Positive Noticing Day**, a wonderful opportunity to focus on kindness, build confidence, and take time to recognise the many strengths within our school community. Throughout the day, children and staff shared positive comments with one another, highlighting qualities such as perseverance, helpfulness, creativity, and friendliness. Classrooms were filled with thoughtful discussions about what it means to notice the good in others and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Every child went home with a special label celebrating something unique that others appreciate about them, helping to spread positivity beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you for your generous donations for **Children in Need** today, as well as all the delicious cakes contributed for the after-school cake sale. We will let you know the total amount raised once all contributions have been counted. Please come along to the school hall after school and buy a cake for the weekend!

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome parents into school for our **English Open Morning on Thursday, 9–10am**. This will be a great opportunity to see how writing is taught - and to join in with a lesson!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Jo Baker-Brown

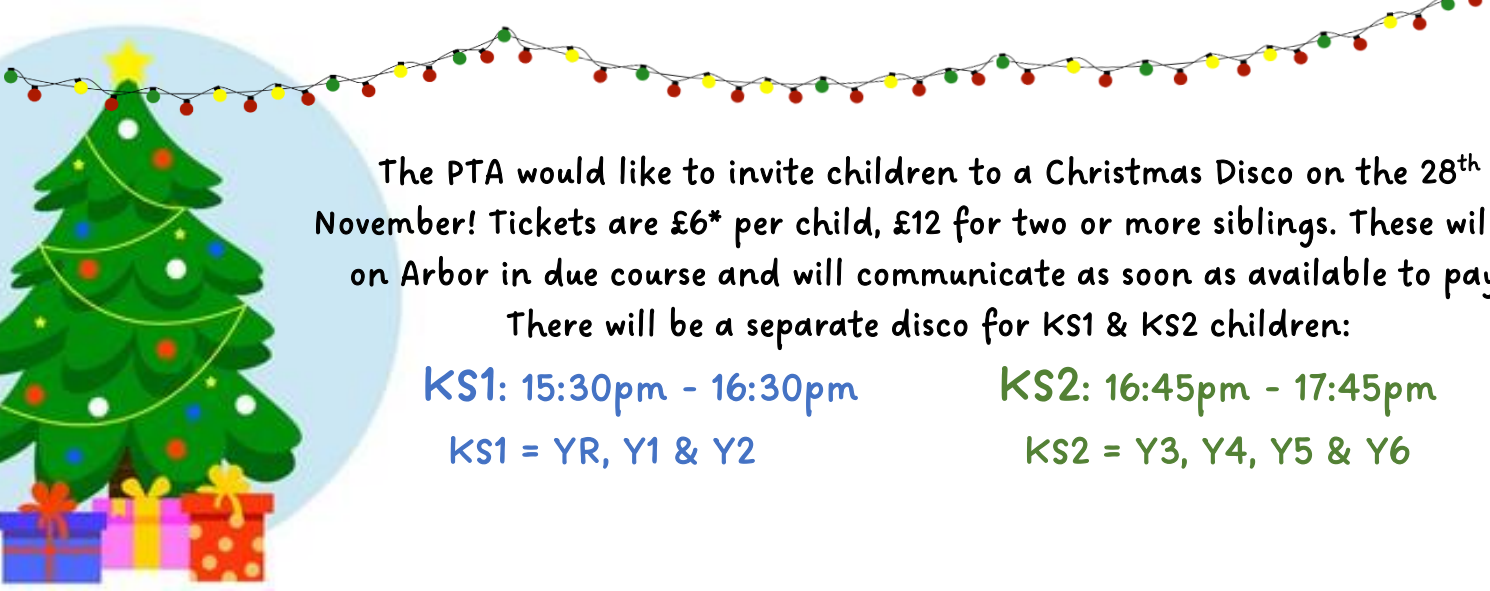
Dates for your diary!

- 20.11.25 – English Open Morning, parents welcome to see English lessons taking place 9-10am
 - 24.11.25 – Rags2Riches
 - 28.11.25 – Mufti Day -please bring in hamper items for the Christmas raffle
 - 28.11.25 – Disco for children run by PTA
 - 09.12.25 – Whole School Trip in the afternoon to Bristol Hippodrome Panto
 - 11.12.25 – Christmas Church Service at Holy Trinity during the school day-children only
 - 12.12.25 – Elfridges (more info to follow)
 - 15.12.25 – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
 - 15.12.25 – School Choir trip to Mendip Lodge for Christmas Carols
 - 16.12.25 – Robins & Goldfinch Christmas Production for parents 9:30am
 - 16.12.25 – Rocksteady Concert at 2:30pm
 - 17.12.25 – Robins & Goldfinch Christmas Production for parents 2pm
 - 17.12.25 – Kingfisher and Kestrel Christmas Cracker (Christmas singing 5pm)
 - 18.12.25 – Class Parties in school day
 - 19.12.25 – Last Day of Term
- Christmas Holidays**

TERM DATES:

- Term 3 – 05/01 – 13/02/2026
- Term 4 – 23/02 – 02/04/2026
- Term 5 – 20/04 – 22/05/2026
- Term 6 – 01/06 – 22/07/2026





The PTA would like to invite children to a Christmas Disco on the 28th November! Tickets are £6* per child, £12 for two or more siblings. These will be on Arbor in due course and will communicate as soon as available to pay.

There will be a separate disco for KS1 & KS2 children:

KS1: 15:30pm - 16:30pm

KS1 = YR, Y1 & Y2

KS2: 16:45pm - 17:45pm

KS2 = Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Reminder: Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime tickets are **due** by **December 1st** and payable on Arbor. Please speak to the office if you need help locating this.



Christmas Productions

16th Dec @ 930am – Lower School Christmas Production

17th Dec @ 2pm – Lower School Christmas Production

17th Dec @ 5pm – Kingfisher and Kestrel Christmas Cracker



ARBOR COMMUNICATIONS

As we transition to communicating to parents from Arbor, things make look a little different to how you usually see emails and texts from school.

Text messages will now show as a number and not CourtDeWyck. This number will change every time and you are not able to reply to these.

If you are unsure about any communication sent from the school and want to check it is genuine, please contact the school office.

GOVERNOR VOTING

Voting for the Trust Local Committee Parent member **closes** on **Friday 21st November at 12pm.**

Please bring your completed forms to the school office where the ballot box is located.



MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



**POSITIVE
NOTICING DAY**



Growing Together, Belonging and Achieving

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you
for all your
donations



Growing Together, Belonging and Achieving

Kooth Counselling mental health service are offering the following free training webinar on the 20th November.

For parents, carers and families we are offering **Smartphone safety & cyberbullying: How to support your child**

What's it about?

Most 11-year-olds have a mobile phone, but do they know how to protect themselves from cyberbullying?

This November, we're inviting parents to join us for a free 45 minute webinar. We will share practical tips on how to help children deal with potential problems, how parents can spot signs of cyberbullying and what action to take.

What's included?

- Live webinar led by our Engagement and Clinical team
- Follow webinar recording and additional resources

How to sign up

Secure your spot today by following the links above. Once signed up, you'll receive the joining link and further information the day before the session.

DANCE/DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Monday 22nd December

Zootopia 2

2-3.15pm/4-6yrs

K Pop Demon Hunters/
Wicked- For Good

3.30-5pm/7-12yrs

Claverham village hall



Learn a unique dance routine and develop your drama skills. All abilities welcome. Limited spaces available.

beatsdance10@gmail.com

Join us for some festive fun and creativity with Beats Dance Christmas workshops. Inspired by the new movie Zootopia, the younger children will explore characters and learn a unique dance choreographed to one of the songs from the movie.

The older group will be treated to music from two popular films, K-Pop Demon Hunters and Wicked- Part 2. They will develop their performance skills and learn a fresh new dance routine plus create new characters and storylines. All with a sprinkle of festive fun and games.

Safeguarding

At Court de Wyck we are committed to safeguarding – please see our policy on our website: www.courtdewyck.co.uk

Useful online safety links:

<https://net-aware.org.uk>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>