

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Once again, not a lot of space for me! Please see my letter for full updates regarding Learning@Home and our plans in response to the Government guidance on the recovery strategy from COVID-19. Of course, as for the country as a whole, any plans for a staged school return or further easing of the lockdown, are dependent on the Government's 5 tests being met, so I will update you further after the 28th May.

I hope that you can enjoy some time with your families over the Bank Holiday or Half Term. Thank you to all our parents and carers who work for the NHS, in social care, or who are key to our country keeping going at this difficult time. All our staff send their best wishes and thanks to you for everything you do. Do take care and keep safe.

Court Fields Student Chronicles

We are proud to have launched our student Well-being newsletter this week. All students were emailed a copy providing useful Learning@Home tips and support, as well as sign posting external support websites, linked to mental health and Well-being. We look forward to our next edition after half term focused on 'Staying Safe Online'.



Family Survey

We value your feedback at this time as we reflect and develop our Learning@home programme. Please spare five minutes to complete our survey, using the following link. <https://forms.gle/a75Zwh3SX32rGuFy6> We have also sent an email to parents and carers, containing the link and shared it via social media.

Mental Health Awareness Week



If the school was open fully, we would have taken this opportunity to run a range of events to continue to raise awareness of mental health and support the theme of 'Kindness' this year. However, even if we can't be there in person, please check our social media sites for activities, ideas and support. We have even included positive messages from our students to support each other at this time. Remember, teachers and tutors are available each school day via email and are more than happy to provide learning and pastoral support.

GCSE Science ActiveLearn

Please support students to log-in to their new ActiveLearn science account; this will allow them to see the textbooks they are studying, with all the information and lots of questions for them to try. This should be used to support all science lessons and allow them to go further if they would like to. The instructions on how to do this are below: Go to www.pearsonactivelearn.com to login.



Your username is your court Fields.net account (e.g: Bran Smith, Yr7), username will be 19SmithB@courtfielsd.net. Initial Password: ChangeMe869. If this doesn't work try: Password123

Any Problems with the login please email with details to support@courtfielsd.net. Well done for all the hard work (students and parents helping), we have been really impressed with the work submitted so far. Keep going!

LRC News. Books of the week

Recommended websites, with book reviews and activities:
www.booktrust.org.uk www.lovereading4kids.co.uk
www.goodreads.com www.worldbookday.com

National Literacy Trust – Zone in:; This week's special guest is Bernardine Evaristo author of Girl, Woman, Other. Sign up to Skills Academy – videos, freestyle football tricks, beatboxing and breakdancing. Write a lockdown poem.

www.literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/zone-in

Reviews, activities. Shadow the shortlist. Enter the competitions!
www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk

Listen to David Walliams www.worldofdavidwalliams.com reading a chapter of his books each day. Lots of other authors are doing the same on YouTube and on their websites. Search your favourite author to find out more! Look out for National Shelf Service for daily recommendations!

BBC-Bitesize: Don't forget courtfields.net. Lots of links including to our Reading Cloud site and AR. Post your book reviews and do your Accelerated Reader quizzes!



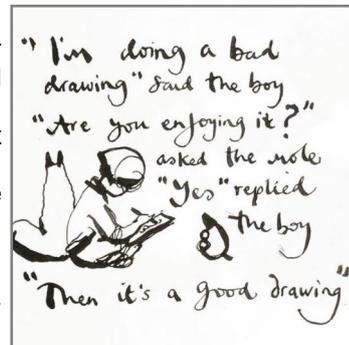
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A message to Year 9 from Mrs McCarthy, Head of Year



I hope you're all well and continue to make the best of your time at home. I've been calling many of you and will continue to do so. For those I've emailed, or spoken to, thank you. I've enjoyed hearing how remarkable you are at this time. Mature, calm, responsible, independent and resilient are all traits you are demonstrating. You've followed good advice, such as getting into a routine, and working on your daily 3 subjects very successfully.

One advantage is you've all been able to start your GCSE options a little earlier. This will put you a few steps ahead for when you take your exams in less than 2 years.



Mr Williams told me he's impressed with Year 9 work, and so is Mrs Murphy with her students start to Health and Social Care. This is such a rewarding sector to work in, and obviously getting lots of attention at this moment in time. Please have a good rest over half term. Ensure you all have the reward for the hard work you are applying to your subjects. It's important to have a break and be fresh and ready for a summer 2 Term on the 1st June, even if life continues to be restricted.

I would like to hear from you, whether it's just a hello, or to share news. Maybe you've learnt a new skill, or taken up a new interest. I've learnt to bake bread, a useful skill right now, and enjoyable. It makes great toast!! My neighbours have enjoyed it too! Drop me an email and photo, of something you have learnt, or produced, and particularly proud of since lockdown. I enjoy reading about it.

Please continue to email teachers and ensure you read their emails. If you haven't done so already, it would be helpful for you to download Gmail to your phone, and press on the notifications. Then you will receive emails immediately to your phone, which will keep you in close contact with school staff; essential in this time. It will also reassure you that teachers are just a message away, and ensure you get their replies immediately to help support your work.



This week is mental health awareness week, so please take a minute to check in with yourself everyday. Be self aware. Here is a calendar of activities to participate in, this or next week, better still every week. Maybe you could follow something similar to this in the coming days and over half term.



2020 College Admissions and support

For any students who may have already accepted a place with any colleges for September 2020 start, there is nothing you need to do. You have your chosen course, at your chosen college, and they will contact you in the next few months to discuss any relevant information you need about the course, and start dates.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns there is a useful PDF on our website containing information about application deadlines, college timescales and contact details if you require them. The PDF can be found here <https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/smartfile/528b8fa449cd5b297e9adbddaf143512/uploads/2020/03/14131514/2020-College-Admissions-Support-1.pdf>

Thank you from the Art Department



We would like to say thank you for the art work we have received from students.

The standard of work is so high and we really do have some incredibly talented students!

We are particularly impressed by this fantastic skeleton replica by Shannon P-K, that she created for a competition, it's excellent!

Please keep sharing your creative pieces with us everyone, we're enjoying seeing all of your hard work.



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