

Courthouse Green News



'Doing our best to be our best'

Friday 25th November 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

As part of my role, I review the teaching and learning within school to ensure that your child is making the best progress that they can. Looking at their work in their books is extremely pleasing - all across the school it is clear to see children making good progress!

We have also been talking to your children about their learning, they tell us that they love our new curriculum and the theme work that they are doing which is great to hear. We thank all of you for the support that you give at home with their homework and also in your support for all the visits the children are going on - it is helping them to make better progress!

Bedtime stories

This week saw our youngest children return to school, slippers on feet, teddies in hand to enjoy a story and a biscuit before bed time.

We were delighted with the huge turnoutthe children really enjoyed the session and their Mums and Dads joined us in the hall to talk about the importance of reading. The event was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Christmas Fair - Thursday 15th December 2011

We hope that our Christmas Fair is as big a success this year as it was last year. This event is to raise funds for the children of **COURTHOUSE GREEN**. I know that we have asked you for lots of help and support this term but this really will be the last time Please can the children wear non uniform on **Friday 2nd December** and in return for this treat could they please donate a bottle to our bottle stall. The bottle could be pop, shampoo, wine, beer, ketchup.....



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Children in Need



We raised a massive £584 for Children in Need which was amazing! Thank you to everyone for their support. The disco was a lovely event, organised for us by our Parents Group. The children had a really good time and raised a lot of money for a good cause. Our School Council also did a fantastic job by organising games and events for the children to take part in during their lunch time and raised £223.

Ways to get in touch with parents

As soon as the first flake of snow appears in the sky, one of your and my biggest concerns is whether or not school can remain open. Whilst Mercia radio does an excellent jobwe have decided to use our own systems.....

We now have 3 new ways that we will contact you in the case of an emergency.....

1. Text message service (please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number)
2. Face Book - we have our own Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Courthouse-Green-Primary-School/284443551596588>
3. School Website www.courthousegreen.org

School Gates – Opening Closing Times

I would like to update you on the gate opening /closing times.

GATES – SEWALL HIGHWAY – CLOSE 8.30 A.M. / OPEN 9.00 A.M. / CLOSE 3.00 P.M./OPEN 3.30 P.M.

INTERNAL SIDE GATE (BY NETBALL COURT) - CLOSE 9.05 A.M. / OPEN 3.10 P.M.

HEDDLE GROVE - CLOSE 9.10 A.M. / OPEN 3.05 P.M. / CLOSE 3.30 P.M.

We understand it can be difficult if you wish to use the Heddle Grove gates and they are locked but by locking our external gates early it is easier to prevent unauthorised access to the site.

While you are waiting for children to come out of school at the end of the day, please could you avoid trying to catch your child's attention through the classroom windows. This can be very disruptive while the teacher is preparing to release the class. Thank you.

School Car Park

The Car Park Barrier will remain closed when there is a function on at school such as discos, parents evenings etc. It has been necessary to take this decision because of the huge number of parents trying to drive in and park which causes traffic chaos both in the car park and also on the main road. There simply is not enough room in the car park for the sheer volume of cars.

We will continue to let parents drive in during the school day if children are poorly and need to be collected, and for After School Clubs and Wraparound. We would very much appreciate your support with this, so that we can avoid accidents to both pedestrians and vehicles.

Sickness

We have had quite a number of cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth and also Sickness at school. Hand, Foot and Mouth involves an itchy rash which clears up on its own and is not serious. Many illnesses are unpleasant for the children and are spread more easily when children forget to wash their hands after going to the toilet. Please remind your child to wash their hands when at school.