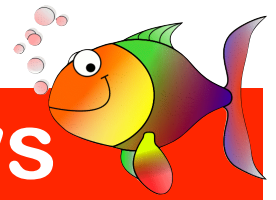


# Courthouse Green News



'Doing our best to be our best'

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## Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a happy half term holiday and that you and your children managed to enjoy the dry weather that we had. It was lovely to see the children return to school so full of enthusiasm this week and I am very pleased to see how well rested they are. As it is now getting colder and damper please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm waterproof coat.

As you can see, Wates our builders were very busy over the holiday they have now:

- turfed the football pitch at the front of school and will soon be turfing the pitch at the rear
- finished the canopies for the reception and nursery areas
- nearly finished all of the fencing around the outside of school
- finished laying the tarmac on the netball courts
- replaced the school gates and installed the bollards at the front of school and the bike racks at the side

Wates expect to re-open the Heddle Grove entrance to school by Friday 19th November, they have already removed all of their cabins from the rear of school and will be laying more tarmac shortly.

## Parking

I am really pleased to see the improvement in the parking on Sewall Highway, the new bollards are making the pavements much safer for our children and parents seem to be parking with greater care - THANK YOU! We were joined this week by Coventry and Warwickshire Radio who were keen to see how the children were brought to school. They were impressed that so many of the children walked to school.

## Children in Need - Friday 19th December

Spots! Spots! Spots!!! Spots is the theme this year for Children in Need. We will be holding our fundraiser for this event in school. We would like children to come in their own 'spotty' clothes and to bring a silver coin to pay for this privilege. During the day the children will have the opportunity to buy special biscuits and to pay for their face to be painted. I am sure that we will all have a lot of fun and at the same time raise some money for this very worthy cause.



Have a safe  
Bonfire night



## Fruit Bar

Just to remind parents that this is open daily at break time for children in KS2. Children should bring a 20p coin for each piece of fruit that they want them to buy. We will no longer be able to give out change at fruit time.





## Attendance Challenge:

Just to remind everyone that we are still working hard towards our attendance challenge of **95%**. I have been really delighted that our attendance rate has improved so much - thank you for your support. We need to keep working together during the cold and wet weather to keep our attendance up. Try to encourage your child to come to school even if they do have a cough or a cold.

## Mrs Reeves

I am delighted to say tell you that Mrs Reeves (Y6) is going to have a baby. Whilst we will be very sad to lose her from school we are all delighted for her and her family.

I will write to Mrs Reeves class later this term to tell them who will be taking over from her.



## Class Assemblies

**The assembly will start at 9.05am**

**Miss Pennicott's class - Wed 10th Nov**

**Mrs Horrock's class - Wed 17th Nov**

**Mrs Thompson's class - Wed 24th Nov**

**Mr Dickson's class - Wed 1st Dec**

**Award Assembly - Wed 8th Dec**

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th December 9.00am and 6.00pm KS1 Play

Thursday 16th December 9.00am Carol Concert

Thursday 16th December 3.15pm School closes for Christmas

## Language of Learning

We are trying to encourage the children to think at the end of each lesson what it is they have learned. Not only does this help to keep them focused on their learning but it helps them to feel part of the learning process. Please encourage them to tell you about their learning.

## How we teach reading at Courthouse Green

At Courthouse Green, we want all our children to be able to read with confidence, fluency and understanding. To achieve this, we teach children to read through our Read Write Inc programme and further develop their reading skills through Guided Reading sessions where the children work on a focused reading activity with an adult at least once a week.

### Individual Reading

All children have their own individual reading book either from our book banded reading scheme or our fiction library and it is expected that they take these books home regularly to read with an adult.

### Why is it important to read with your child at home?

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day.

### Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- As you read together, talk to your child about what they are reading.
- Visit the library as often as possible, so children have access to lots of books at home.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Buy dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, creepy crawlies, horses or football.
- Reading is not just about reading books; also encourage your child to read non-fiction texts e.g. Horrible Histories, recipes, comics, annuals, biographies of famous people. Encourage them to find information on the internet or in information books.
- Show your children that you love reading too by reading yourself.
- Praise children for their reading successes.

If you are interested in finding out more about supporting your child with their reading, visit this website:

[www.readingforlife.org.uk/parents](http://www.readingforlife.org.uk/parents)