

# COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 1

17.11.23

The start of the second half of the Autumn Term has been busy at Courtwood. This week we enjoyed welcoming our mums, nans and aunts into school for breakfast. It was a lovely way to start the day. Thank you to the teachers for making it such a lovely event for our families to enjoy. We look forward to doing the same for our dads, uncles and grandads in the Spring Term!

### Staffing

At Courtwood we are very lucky to have an incredible team of adults who work across the school to support our children. Recently, we have been sad to say goodbye to both Miss Grzesik and Mrs Brooke, we wish them both well for the future. This week we have welcomed Miss Shute into the Year 3 Team and next week we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lambert into the Year 4 Team.

### PTFA Christmas Fair

The PTFA are busy getting ready for the Winter Fair which is on **Saturday 9th December, 12pm — 4pm**. If you are able to help either before or on the day, please either email the school office or complete the Google Form via the following link [Helping hands/Volunteers](#). This year the PTFA are looking to support the school in raising money for the new Music Room and educational workshops across the school.

### Music Room

This year we have welcomed the Croydon Music Service into Courtwood. Miss Slade is now teaching our children from Reception through to Year 6. This will enable our children to develop a love of music alongside their talent as musicians. Singing assemblies have restarted and it has been wonderful listening to the children's voices coming from the hall. Rehearsals have now begun for Christmas!

### Music Room

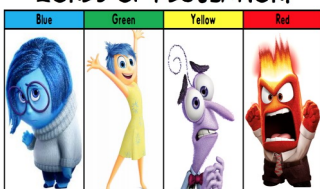
Our Music Room is now complete and we are now working through the final snagging list. We are excited for the handover and are very much looking forward to having a bespoke space for Music and Drama.

### Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday, children arrived wearing odd socks and Courtwood welcomed the Anti-Bullying Alliance into school to support us in promoting a clear and important message on anti-bullying. Our children in EYFS and KS1 participated in an interactive theatre show in which the children were taught the importance of their individual voices and reaching out to stop bullying. Our KS2 classes participated in individual class workshops in which they explored different scenarios to develop a clear understanding of what bullying is and how it is different from an argument. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the day.



### ZONES OF REGULATION!



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This year we have launched [Zones of Regulation](#) across our mainstream classes. Through this approach we are developing our children's self awareness alongside their social and emotional skills, supporting the children to self regulate. Look out for further parent information and workshops in the future. Click on the image to find out more information!

### Winter Uniform & Coats

The weather now is truly autumnal and the temperature has dropped. **Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their winter uniform and a warm winter coat.**



NEW

**A great start for babies and young children in Croydon**

We are pleased to inform you that we will be partnering with HENRY to bring you *Healthy Families: Brighter Futures*. This is an 8-week parenting program starting in January. This program is tailored to support families with children aged between 0-7 years old. The HENRY program focuses on promoting a healthy and positive approach to parenting, covering topics such as nutrition, exercise, and overall well-being for families. We believe that this program will offer valuable insights and practical strategies to enhance the well-being of both parents and children. All participants will receive a free toolbox, book and certificate at the end of the course. We invite you to attend our coffee afternoon on Thursday November 30th, starting at 2:30pm to find out more. Please email the office to confirm your attendance.

### General Reminders

There will be **no after school clubs running on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November** due to Parents Evening.

There will be no after school clubs running on **Wednesday 29th November** due to staff INSET.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you leave an answerphone message at the school office by 8:30am each morning.

Our lost property is overflowing daily with unclaimed clothing. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

### Year 5 Trip to Trinity

This week, 12 members of the Year 5 went to Trinity School for a Chemistry session. The children learnt about how to be safe in the Science Lab and how to operate a Bunsen burner before carrying out several experiments observing different chemical reactions, including water and calcium; alkaline and acid and calcium carbonate and hydrochloric acid. This short visit has given the children an even greater enthusiasm for Science I'm sure we have several future scientists in the making!

### Uniform

It has been noticed that variations on the uniform have begun to creep in., specifically school jumpers. **All children are required to come into school wearing the correct uniform.**

### PE Uniform

It has been noticed that black leggings have been worn by some children for PE lessons.. These are not part of the school uniform. **Please ensure your child wears either bottle green shorts or track suit trousers for PE as requested.**

**Spot checks will be carried out over the next few weeks and letters will be sent home with children where the correct uniform is not being worn.**

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 21st Nov:** School Photographs

**Tuesday 21st Nov:** Parents Eve (4pm –7:30pm)

**Wednesday 22nd Nov:** Parents Eve (3:30pm—6pm)

**Friday 24th Nov:** Whole School Mufti Day

**Please provide a new/unopened bottle for the tombola at the Winter Fair in exchange for wearing mufti clothes.**