

COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 2

1.12.23

As we enter into December, Christmas preparations are well under way! Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children are rehearsing ahead of their performances and the sound of singing is ringing through the school. Next week the decorations will go up around the school and we will look forward to our **Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday and the **PTFA Fair** on Saturday—We will look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

National Expectation for whole school attendance is currently **95.2%**. Courtwood is currently below national expectation.

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| Whole School | 94.5% | Year 3 | 94.7% |
| Reception | 95.6% | Year 4 | 95.4% |
| Year 1 | 94.4% | Year 5 | 93.7% |
| Year 2 | 96% | Year 6 | 92% |

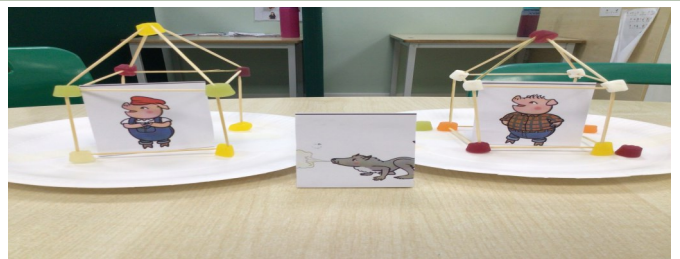
PTFA Winter Fair

The PTFA are busily working to get everything ready for the Winter Fair which is on **Saturday 9th December, 12pm — 4pm**. If you are able to help either, please either email the school office or complete the Google Form via the following link [Helping hands/Volunteers](#).

Can you help?

Holly Class

Holly Class have been reading the traditional story, *The Three Little Pigs* this week. Children used cocktail sticks and sweets to make a structure to stand on it's own for the pigs' houses. Do you think the big bad wolf could blow the houses down?



12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips for Children with New Devices

The Christmas season has finally arrived, children have been writing their Christmas lists and the Christmas shopping has begun! Many children, like my own, will be requesting and hoping for a mobile phone or a smart device. Whilst owning a mobile phone or device can be fun, it is important children know how to use it safely and responsibly. By following the link you will be able to access safety tips, so you can make sure that the device is set up securely, ensuring personal information is kept private and children can enjoy using your phone or device in the healthiest and safest way possible!



ZONES OF REGULATION!



Zones of Regulation — How are you feeling today? - Click on the [link](#)

Feelings are complicated. They come in different sizes, intensities, and levels of energy that are unique within our brains and bodies. To make them easier to talk about, think about, and regulate, *The Zones of Regulation* organises our feelings, states of alertness, and energy levels into four coloured Zones – **Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red.**

Winter Uniform & Coats

As the temperature has dropped, all children must come to school wearing winter uniform and bring with them a warm winter coat school each day.

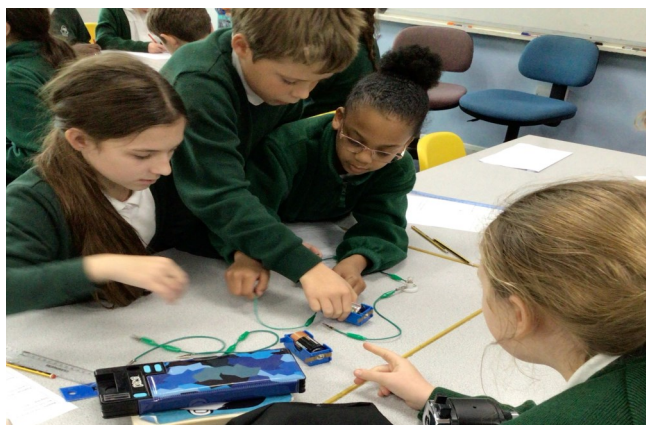


Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a parent governor vacancy, if you are interested in the role please come and speak with me and I would be happy to explain the role to you. Otherwise, please look out for the letter in January with

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed investigating the effects of voltage on a bulb within a circuit this week!



General Reminders

- **As the temperature has dropped, all children must bring a warm winter coat with them to school each day.**
- If your child is absent from school, please leave an answerphone message or email the school office by 8.30am each morning.
- Please can we ask that you do not call and instead leave a message as this time of day is extremely busy for the office.
- Please can we ask that you notify the school office by lunchtime, if you have made alternative arrangements for the collection of your child —where possible, please do this as early as is an extremely busy time and your call may not be answered.



NEW

A great start for babies and young children in Croydon

This Thursday, our school buzzed with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee as parents gathered for the HENRY Coffee Afternoon. This event provided opportunity for parents to learn more about the HENRY program and, if interested, sign up for the 8-week programme, starting in January. We were thrilled to have numerous parents expressing their interest and enthusiasm by registering and look forward to its launch in the new year. **If you were unable to attend the coffee afternoon but would still like to join the program then it's not too late! Please email the office to express your interest.**

Red Gates—'Sing & Sign' Trip

This week a small group of Courtwood pupils were invited to a 'Sing and Sign' session at Red Gates Primary school. The children were joined by pupils from other SEP schools and enjoyed the opportunity to come together to sing and learn some simple signs. The children loved listening to the piano and singing along to some well-known Christmas songs. It was a wonderful way to kick start the festive season. The children have another session next week and are already looking forward to it. Thank you to our friends at Red Gates for having us!

Important Dates

- Tuesday 5th Dec:** Year 4 Italian Day
- Wednesday 6th Dec:** School Photo Orders Deadline
- Friday 8th Dec:** Whole School Christmas Jumper Day
- Saturday 9th Dec:** PTFA Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 12th Dec:** Reception Nativity 9.45am (2 seats per family)
- Wednesday 13th Dec:** Year 1 & 2 Nativity 9.45am & 6pm (Tickets Allocated)
- Thursday 14th Dec:** Year 1 & 2 optional late start, arrival to school by 10am
- Monday 18th Dec:** Year 1 & 2 Christingle
- Wednesday 20th Dec:** Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Friday 22nd Dec:** Break up 2pm