



Teamwork

Newsletter 3 – 23rd September 2016

'We work well together and on our own.'

Diary Dates

Year 4 Scooter Training
 Home and School Association AGM All VERY welcome
 Year 6 Sevington Victorian School Trip
 Year 5 - @ Bristol School Trip
 Break Up for Half Term
 Year 4 Safer, Fitter, Greener Road Safety
 Reception Class – Phonics Evening
 Cedar Class Assembly (parents welcome)
 Parents'/Carers' Evening
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 Individual pupil photos
 Out of School Club Logo Competition Ends
 Reception Class – WOW Event

Tuesday 27th September (pm)
 Tuesday 27th September 3:20
 Friday 14th October
 Tuesday 18th October
 Thursday 20th October
 Monday 3rd October
 Thursday 6th October 6.00pm
 Friday 7th October 2:40pm
 Thursday 13th October 3:45-7pm
 Monday 17th October 3:45-7pm
 Monday 17th October am
 Tuesday 18th October
 Wednesday 19th October 9.15am

INSET Days

Monday 26th September 2016

Friday 21st October 2016

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Headteacher's News

It has been election time this week. Democracy in action! The Year 6 children all pitched to the younger children in their Houses in a bid to become the new House Captains or Deputy House Captains. Congratulations to:

Squirrel; Gracie (Captain), **Abbie** (Deputy Captain)

Deer: Megan (Captain), **Emrys** (Deputy Captain)

Badger: Olivia (Captain), **Jacob** (Deputy Captain)

Hedgehog: Haydn (Captain), **Lucy-Jo** (Deputy Captain)

Fox: Cameron (Captain), **Millie** (Deputy Captain)

Otter: Trenae (Captain), **Rozie** (Deputy Captain)

Well done to every single one of Cedar class. It is a nerve-wracking thing to do but they all felt the fear but did it anyway which shows that their work on a Growth Mindset is paying dividends. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry:
 Year 1 Oak: Leia-Louise
 Year 2 Ash: George
 Year 3 Lime: Ruby
 Year 4 Maple: Harvey & Logan
 Year 5 Sycamore: Evie
 Year 6 Cedar: Rozalia



Attendance

YR Cherry – great start!
 Y1 Oak 97.8%
 Y2 Ash 94.3%
 Y3 Lime 98.4%
 Y4 Maple 97.8%
 Y5 Sycamore 93.8%
 Y6 Cedar 97.8%



Total 96.6%

Multiplication Masters

Oskar

Before and After School Reminder

Just a reminder mainly for our new parents, the children should all stay on the lower playground first thing in the morning.

Both before and after school, there should be no-one on the grass or in the woodland.

For insurance and safety reasons, play equipment, eg the slide and the swing, should only be used during the school day under staff supervision.

Also please do not let any children open the guinea pig cages.

Paying for School Visits



The teachers at Courtney strive to make the children's learning as meaningful and exciting as they can. As part of this, they organise visits to provide extra stimulus and expertise. On the letters for each trip we put that payment is a 'voluntary contribution' but definitely with the expectation that every family will pay. We never make a profit from school visits – the price we give is the cost of the coach (which is always expensive) plus entrance fees and costs for workshops. We never overcharge paying families to subsidise families who haven't paid; the overall cost is always divided equally between the number of children. Any shortfall is met with our limited school funds; which is why we **will** cancel any visit which will cost the school too much money. We do, therefore, hope that you will support your child by paying for these trips. Of course, if you are genuinely experiencing financial hardship, then please do contact school to discuss options.

Competition Time

We would like a logo for our new Out of School Club so we can use it on our Newsletter and any other paperwork given out. Get your design heads on. The winning logo will be announced at the end of term so get your entries in by **Tuesday 18th October.**



Home and School Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting

We would love to see our PTA membership grow this year. Are you free to come to the AGM at 3:20pm on Tuesday 27th September? If so, we would love to see you. We will be voting for the new Chairperson and for the Treasurer. If you aren't able to come but would love to be on the committee or on the volunteer list, please drop a line to the school Office who will pass on your details. Being on the committee is a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun and a great way to 'give something back'. You will also develop skills which would look good on a CV.


**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

School Census Day

On 6th October, the school will be required to complete a census providing lots of information about our children. The information will affect our funding for the coming year. Consequently, we are really keen to make sure our records are as accurate as possible. Please could you help us by:

1. Returning your Data Collection Sheets with any amendments.
2. Let us know if you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals and we can help you to apply.
3. Let us know if your child is adopted or you are a service family.

We will treat any information provided in the strictest of confidence. Thank you for your support!

School Census Day and Dinners!



As part of the Census on **Thursday 6th October**, we have to provide details of how many children are eating School Dinners. This will have an impact on our funding for the coming year. Consequently, we would be really grateful if you could support the school by encouraging your child to have a school dinner on this day. To help with this, we have changed the menu so that it will be **Fish and Chips**. We are also running a competition, 4 random food trays will have winning tickets on the bottom of them which allow the winners to claim some special prizes!