



Newsletter 10 – 23rd November 2018

*'We are proud of our similarities and difference
 and understand the rights of others.'*

Diary Dates

<p>Y1 & Y2 WOW Event FOCP Christmas Fair Year 6 WOW Event Year 3 WOW Event Y4 WOW Event – Class Assembly: Bones and Bodies YR WOW Event Infant Production Dress Rehearsal to school and grandparents Infant Production to Parents & Carers Infant Production to Parents & Carers School Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>Tuesday 27th November 9:00am Saturday 1st December 11am-1.00pm Monday 3rd December 9.10am Friday 7th December 1.15-1.45pm Monday 10th December 2.45-3.10pm Tuesday 11th December 2.30pm Friday 14th December 2pm Monday 17th December 2pm Tuesday 18th December 6pm Wednesday 19th December</p>
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INSET Days 2018-19: Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

Have you got some time which you could dedicate to Courtney?

Firstly, we have a number of vacancies for our Governing Body. The role involves attending six Full Governing Body evening meetings a year; attending Resources or Curriculum Committee meetings as requested; and coming into school from time to time to find out what progress the school is making in our School Improvement and Development Plan. If you are interested, or know someone who would have suitable skills or expertise to offer, please get in touch with our Chair of Governors, Janet Hinchliffe via the school office.

Our second area of need involves our new school library. We are going to be allowing the children to borrow books very soon with the intention of setting up an electronic borrowing system. In order for this to work, we would like to get together some volunteer 'librarians' to help small groups of children with book choice, scan books going in and out etc. We would need a regular commitment each week (It can be from 1 hour to a whole morning or afternoon) so that we can timetable classes to change their books.

We have great aspirations for Courtney but can only do it with some voluntary help. If you are interested in finding out more, or in volunteering, please let the office staff know and someone will be in touch. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year 1 Oak: Lily B
- Year 2 Ash: Ivey C
- Year 3 Lime: William M
- Year 4 Maple: Liam B
- Year 5 Sycamore: Ethan H
- Year 6 Cedar: Izzy H



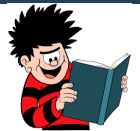
Attendance Total 97.1%

- YR Cherry 95.3%
- Y1 Oak 96.9%
- Y2 Ash 96.1%
- Y3 Lime 98.5%
- Y4 Maple 97.7%
- Y5 Sycamore 98.0%
- Y6 Cedar 96.9%



Reading Certificates

Poppy S, Kallum G, Elliot M, Evelyn F, Eva R, Kyle K-S, Edie A, Harry J, George B, Skyla P, Dominik Z, William F, Evie S, Shemaiah P, Haydn C, Jack B, Beatrice S, Bryony P, Aiden H, Ruby M, Ricky C, Alexander C, Cole A, Charlie G



Multiplication Masters

Lily C, Eva R, Marcel Z



Y6 and Reception Buddies - Reading Together



On Tuesday, the Y6 class joined the reception children to look at books together. Cherry classroom was very full but all of the children found cosy places to sit near each other and share a book or two. Afterwards, Y6 helped the reception children find their tuck money and took them out to play. Children from both classes said how much they enjoyed spending time together. There will be more opportunities for the buddies to get together later in the year.

School Council Share Anti-Bullying Advice

On Wednesday, the school council performed an assembly to the whole school to share our child-friendly version of the anti-bullying policy. We talked about what sort of behaviour would be considered bullying and we reminded the school that a good way to recognise bullying is to remember STOP - Several Times On Purpose. We explained what Mrs Wood and Mr Thomas do if bullying is reported to them. Finally, we reminded everyone that we want every pupil to be happy and if they have any concerns about someone else or themselves being bullied then they should tell an adult.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking on the yellow zig zags outside school on Courtney Road and Gages Road. For the safety of our children and the children at Ladybirds Preschool; please can you ensure you park legally and safely. Please also be aware it is illegal to park in the loading bay; this needs to be kept clear for our deliveries and coaches bringing the children back from swimming/trips.

School Funding Concerns

We hope you have been able to see the Schools Series on BBC, which is certainly highlighting the real impact of funding on our schools. Please could you read the article from the Bristol Post.

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/letter-south-goucestershire-heads-funding-2217157>

Currently South Glos have a forecast deficit of £12million largely due to the significant increase in spending to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The council are investigating ways in which schools can pay back the SEND deficit. If you are interested in having your say over funding for SEND, there is consultation document on the South Glos website.

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti>

With increased overheads already, the Governing Body have not accepted any of the three suggested options arguing that any claw back would have a significant impact on the education provision at Courtney.

We would like to reassure you that as a school we are working tirelessly to streamline our expenditure and meet our reduced income with the smallest impact on our children. Every year this becomes harder but we are determined to provide a high quality education to all our children.

Recruitment – After School Club Supervisor

Sadly, the fabulous Mrs Bernard has decided to hang up her After School Club boots at Christmas and devote more time to her growing family. She will be missed as she has provided huge levels of enthusiasm and dedication to the club.


We are now recruiting for an After School Club Supervisor to work 3pm – 6pm Monday Friday. Full details of the post and requirements are on the website. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please direct them to the website.

Friends of Courtney Primary News

The FoCP have a limited number of 'Elf on the Shelf' bags for sale @ £7 each. Please see Kath in the playground if you are interested.

There are still a number of stalls that need covering at the School Fayre on Saturday 1st Dec from 11am -1pm. If you can spare 30 minutes to help please sign up on the sheet outside KS2 doors.

We are also after new or nearly new items for the tombola, especially the children's tombola.



Mr Smith has limited spaces available in his club, if you are interested please complete a form and hand it in to the office as soon as possible.

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Our programme for next week is:

- Monday – Making playdough
- Tuesday – Face painting
- Wednesday – Free play
- Thursday – Christmas Card making
- Friday – Stick painting

Advance notice (OoSC)

Monday 17th December The Out of School Club are visiting a local Elderly Persons Residence to sing carols, and take some gifts made by our children. We very much hope that you will support this visit by allowing your children to come with us. We should be back at school by 5:15 but will remain open until 5:45 as usual.

Tuesday 18th December a return visit from Kidztime Magic Show 4:30 to 5:30 – this will be a very popular night so book early.

Thursday 20th December – Film night – another popular one so book early.

Friday 21st December Christmas Party Time – fancy dress optional.

Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club. Hope you all have an amazing half term.



Art and Craft Supplies

We are always grateful for any donations of art/craft supplies, we are especially after the cellophane wrappers from Quality Street sweets etc and old newspapers (please ensure the content is suitable). Thank you.



Children in Need

The children raised an incredible £336.41 for Children in Need last Friday, well done everyone.