



**Newsletter 33 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
 ‘We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks’

**Diary Dates**

<p><b>Science Week</b>          Non school uniform day - bring a bottle for the Summer Fair</p> <p><b>Sports Day &amp; Family Picnic</b>          Summer Fair</p> <p><b>Y3/4 Class Assembly</b>          Year 1 &amp; 2 Visit to Longleat</p> <p><b>KS2 Production for Grandparents</b>          KS2 Evening Production</p> <p><b>KS2 Evening Production</b>          Y6 Leaver's Party</p> <p><b>Fun Day for teachers and children</b>          Y6 Leavers' Breakfast with Parents &amp; Leavers' Assembly</p>	<p><b>w/beg 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>          Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</p> <p><b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>          Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 11am-1pm</p> <p><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July @ 2.30pm</b>          Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 8.45am to 4.00pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm</b>          Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6pm</b>          Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 6.00-9.00pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July pm</b>          Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July am</p>
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**Holidays:** Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

**INSET Days 2018-19:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Headteacher's News**

How time flies! This week we had the first 'stay and play' for our new Reception class children. They always look so tiny - some of them are only three years old at the moment. Looking back on the current Cherry class, they have come on so well in their first year at Courtney in all areas of their learning.

**Then:** When Ofsted visited about eighteen months ago, they said that in EYFS we needed to challenge our higher able children, be sharper with our assessments and design more exciting learning activities.

**Now:** We now provide an improved range of activities that excite the children and reflect their interests; we use our adults well so that they support and scaffold learning in child- initiated opportunities; our book-based work is stimulating and links with the whole school sequence; and we now use assessments more tightly so that learning is personalised. As a result we have a greater proportion of children working at exceeding levels in the prime areas of reading, writing and mathematics, and the local authority advisors who visit our school all judge our practice as good. Not only that, in Cherry class, we have a lovely group of happy children who have grown in confidence, have super learning behavior and are kind to each other. I couldn't be prouder.

Thank you so very much for the amazing amount of money raised at our sponsored Courtney K event. It was a great whole school team effort. Already the 'Playground Improvement Team' have had some markings drafted and we are hopeful that they could be in place for our current Y6 to use before they leave.

Courtney will be taking part in the South Gloucestershire Schools' Festival of Youth Sport for the first time this year with our Rugby team. Thanks to Mrs Parfrey, we have a new school banner with which to proudly parade. Our school has been given Poland as our link country. Powodzenia, Courtney.

And finally, Happy Eid to all those in our community who have come to the end of their period of fasting.

**Deborah Wood**

**This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:**

- Year R Cherry: Bella-Rose P and Cadi S
- Year 1 Oak: Bradley L
- Year 2 Ash: Dominik Z
- Year 3 Lime: Ivan C
- Year 4 Maple: Josh B
- Year 5 Sycamore: Isobelle H
- Year 6 Cedar: Kian M



**Attendance Total 96.0%**

- YR Cherry 95.8%
- Y1 Oak 93.9%
- Y2 Ash 97.5%
- Y3 Lime 97.0%
- Y4 Maple 94.5%
- Y5 Sycamore 96.2%
- Y6 Cedar 97.5%



## Reading Certificates

These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:

Harry J, Isobelle H, Finley Y, Peter M, Hannah H, Haydn C, Jessica G, Caitlin C, Imogen C, Katie D, Jack B, Isabel H, Zaila H, William F, William M



## Multiplication Masters

Aiden H, Shemaiah P, Madison P, George G, Oskar J, Ethan H, Piper M, Edie A



## Science Week

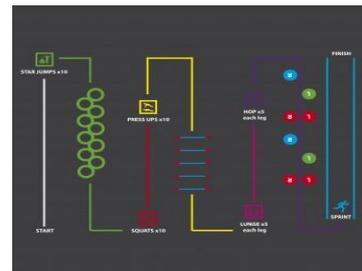
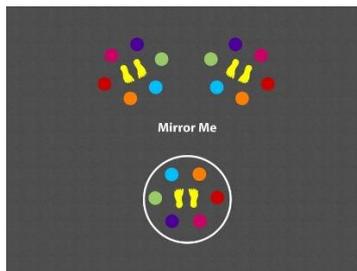
All parents are invited in school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. A timetable of the day's events will be posted on the entrance door and Reception from Monday morning. You will need to know what House your child is in.

Mia F in Y1 won the Pamper hamper

## Courtney K Challenge – Money Raised – FINAL TOTAL

The total has increased since last week. It is now a stonking £2,343. Thank you again.

We are planning to get some amazing, creative playground markings which will get the whole school community active (a dance game, hopscotch, jumping target and adventure trail) with the money. With a fair wind (and fair weather) these might be in by the end of term. Here are a few examples of what we are looking at:



If you are still collecting sponsorship money, don't worry it is not too late to hand in!!!

## Scooter Talent

Well done to Dylan J who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in an U12s scooter competition even though he was the youngest in the group.

## Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Events for next week are as follows:

Monday – making slime

Tuesday – National Watch Day – Watch Face biscuit decorating

Wednesday – Free play

Thursday – Scooter, Bike, Skates, Skateboard evening – bring your own transport and **helmets MUST be worn**

Friday – World Rainforest Day – Courtney Rainforest building.



### Attendance

Thank you to all of you who are getting your children in to school every day, only missing the occasional day through unavoidable illness. Impressively, we still have some children who are on track for 100% attendance at the end of this academic year!

Please could we remind you all not to book holidays in school term time. We all know that they are more expensive in school holiday time (all the staff are in the same boat) but it is really noticeable how much important learning a child misses with a week's holiday absence.

It is really, really important that your child is in school for the first day back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The first few days back after the Summer holiday set the ground rules, allow the teacher to get to know each child and the learning ethos for the rest of the year is established.

Just a reminder, we do not authorise holidays and any over 5 days will be sent to the Local Authority who may issue a fine.

### FOCP News

#### Reminder –

The sign up sheet for our Summer Fayre is now outside the KS2 doors. Please sign up as without your help the fayre cannot go ahead.

