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Diary Dates

Children Back to School

Year 5 and 6 WOW event 1 – fluency maths and guided reading focus

Year 5 and 6 WOW event 2 – *Mayan curriculum and Safer Internet Day (e-safety workshop recap)*

Monday 6th January

Monday 13th January 8:40-9:40 (after drop off)

Tuesday 11th February 8:40-9:00 (after drop off)

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 2 Mon 4th November – Fri 21st Dec;

Term 3 Mon 6th January – Fri 14th February;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

What another busy and successful term we have had. We have continued to work hard on our Reading and our Mathematics so that more of your children are reaching either 'expected' or 'greater depth' standards. Thank you so much for all of the work many of you are doing at home with reinforcing the basics. We are finding that the overlearning and repetition we are doing in school and at home is having an impact across the curriculum.

As always, the end of the Christmas term has been especially busy with the Nativity, the Hippodrome Visit, Carols at Courtney, Parties, Christmas Dinner and the Talent Show all being packed into the last week.

We say goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Judith Searle has been a lunchbreak supervisor at Courtney for an impressive 17 years and is now retiring. Mrs Kath Hodds has been employed in various roles and will be especially missed in her voluntary capacity as Eco Club Leader. We thank them both and wish them well.

And finally, after two long terms, we hand over your tired children ready for more excitement over the festive period. I hope you all manage to get the perfect mix of celebration and relaxation. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year 1 Oak: Aniyah C
- Year 2 Ash: Lily-Mae D
- Year 3 Lime: Iveen C
- Year 4 Maple: Sarah V
- Year 5 Sycamore: Oliver A
- Year 6 Cedar: Harrison W



Attendance Total 95.8%

- YR Cherry 93.8%
- Y1 Oak 95.8%
- Y2 Ash 95.0%
- Y3 Lime 97.2%
- Y4 Maple 98.6%
- Y5 Sycamore 93.8%
- Y6 Cedar 96.9%



Reading Certificates

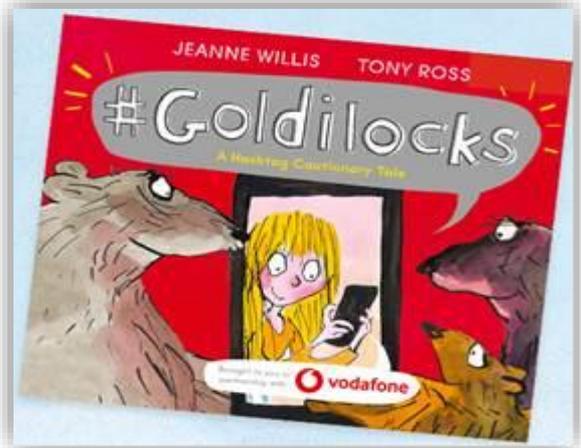
Haydn C, Dylan J, Madison P-W, Oscar W, Madison H, Lily C, Laila-Mai H, Leia-Louise P, Alex P, Elliott M, Ruby M, Oliver A, Harry Mc, Aiden H, Ellie N, Caitlyn J, Edie A, Megan A, Brody C-H, Jack B, George B, Harry J, Kamil S, William M, Carson H, Hayden H, Kinga S, Eva R,



Carols at Courtney - A Lovely Email we received

We just wanted to say how fantastic the choir were on Wednesday. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support the children but especially Miss Inman, you could see how proud she was of all of the children and the whole performance was amazing. It takes a huge amount of work and lots of organising to put on a performance like that and I know everyone appreciated this. Christmas is a wonderful time and it's events like this that make it so special. Hope you all have a well earned break and best wishes for 2020. Mr & Mrs Bamfield

The Digital Leaders did a special assembly for KS2 children on the theme of social media use. The children shared an updated version of a traditional tale, #Goldilocks. Goldilocks loved taking photos to upload to her social media account, but didn't really think through the consequences! The Digital Leaders checked the children's understanding of the key messages from the story with a quiz afterwards. They were very pleased to find that the vast majority of the children knew how to keep themselves safe online. If you'd like to read the story yourself or read it again with your child go to: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks> where you can download it for free.



If your child has asked for a phone, tablet or games console for Christmas, you may wish to check out <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/parental-controls-and-filtering> for advice on how to set up parental controls and filtering.



Ethan's Fundraising

Over the past few months, Ethan in Y6 has been growing his hair in order to raise money. These are his words: *"My name is Ethan Hollingdrake and I am 11 years old. I have decided to shave my hair on 20th December to raise money in memory of Sorayah, for Children's Hospice South West.*

Sorayah was in my class when she was diagnosed with cancer. Although she had treatment, Sorayah sadly passed away in 2018. Sorayah was very brave and will be remembered by all of us. The money we raise will be used by the Children's Hospice South West to take care of other brave children like Sorayah."

If you feel able to support him, please follow the link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/SorayahJadeStokes>

Breakfast with Father Christmas

This morning the children at Breakfast club were very lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas and his smiley Elves. Thank you to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Hodds for all their hard work.



Friends of Courtney Primary

The Friends of Courtney Primary School would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Our next meeting will be Friday 10th January 2020 at 3.15pm in the group room. All welcome if you would like more information please email chairfocp@gmail.com

Recruiting!

From January, we will have the following vacancies:

- Lunchbreak supervisor Wednesdays 11.45 – 13.15
- Afterschool Club Assistant Tuesdays 15.00 – 17.55
- Breakfast Club Assistant Mondays 07.30 – 08.55

Please see the recruitment section of our website (found under the 'General Information' tab for more information, including how to apply.)