



Curiosity

## Newsletter 17 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

'We set ourselves ambitious targets and dare to have big dreams.'

### Diary Dates

Calculation Information Evening Y5 & Y6

**Year 6 WOW Event**

Year 2 WOW Event – Reach for the Stars!

**Calculation Information Evening Y3 & Y4**

Reception WOW Event

**Year 5 WOW Event – Heart Dissection**

INSET Day working on the School Vision

**Y3 & Y4 WOW Event: Dance Showcase**

Calculation Information Evening Y1 & Y2

**Parents'/Carers' Evening 1**

Parents'/Carers' Evening 2

**Sports Day**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 8.50am**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.45pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 5-6pm**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9:00-9:45am

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9.00-10.00am**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 5-6pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**INSET Days: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Holidays: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb; Mon 26 March – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April; Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**

### Headteacher's News

This week marks one year since our Ofsted inspection and what a very long way we have come! The report talks about the 'green shoots' which were starting to appear from a relatively new staff team; since then we have continued to water and feed these and how far we've grown! The main headlines in our improvement are: in Writing there is an increased quantity, frequency and quality, all stimulated by high-quality texts; Maths lessons have regular Problem Solving and Reasoning; the learning environments are consistent and engaging across school; clear sanctions and rewards set out in our Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Books are monitored weekly; the children have space to raise issues through Bother Boxes and timetabled circle time; the language of learning is consistent across the school so children can recognise pride, resilience and perseverance; and, to cap it all, the children are happy.

None of this has happened quickly or without huge effort and dedication from our whole team, both within school and from you our families who have supported our journey in many different ways.

We will continue to build on our work so far to make Courtney even better but it is important to take a brief moment to recognise our achievements and say 'well done' and thank you.

**Deborah Wood**

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

Year R Cherry: Lilly

Year 1 Oak: Genevieve

Year 2 Ash: Marcel

Year 3 Lime: Bryony

Year 4 Maple: Oscar

Year 5 Sycamore: Lewis

Year 6 Cedar: Lauren



### Attendance Total 96.6%

YR Cherry 96.7%

Y1 Oak 95.1%

Y2 Ash 98.5%

Y3 Lime 97.7%

Y4 Maple 94.6%

Y5 Sycamore 96.7%

Y6 Cedar 97.6%



### Reading Certificates

**Reading 25** – Josh, Madison

**Reading 50** – Alexandria, Marcel, Tyler, Ethan

**Reading 75** – Carson, Jacob, Ivey, Marcel, Poppy

**Reading 100** – Megan, Ivey, Josh, Finley, Ellie

**Reading 125** – George, Eva, William, Harry



## Multiplication Masters

Leia-Louise



## Courtney is recruiting!

We are looking to recruit 3 SEN TAs and 1 Out of School Club Supervisor. More information is on our website on the recruitment page in general information. Please spread the work to anyone who you think might be interested.

## Year 2 WOW Event

"Reach for the stars! On Tuesday 6th February Y2 parents are invited to join the class for a rocket launching mission! We will start at 1:45 in the hall, then from 2:45 onwards we will have a chance to share the children's space stories and art work in the classroom. We hope to see as many of you there as possible"



## Sainburys and Gromit Unleashed 2

We would like to say a big thank you to **Janet Hinchliffe** our Chair of Governors who has procured a £200 donation from Sainburys as part of their scheme to donate to causes supported by their staff. We will be using this money to part-pay for a really exciting summer project. Gromit is coming back to Bristol this summer with some friends including Feathers McGraw and Courtney pupils will be designing one of the Feathers characters. We will keep you updated as to this project and how the remaining part will be funded.



## FOCP Urgent Appeal

The FOCP (formerly known as the PTA) urgently require someone to fill the role of Secretary. This is a voluntary role and includes taking the minutes and distributing them to members, making sure all of the licences are up to date as well as contacting shops and companies etc for raffle donations throughout the year.



The FOCP has already provided a reading caravan, new ipads, sand for the sandpit, toys for the children to play with at lunchtime, toys for the Sensory room, music book stands, presents from Santa, discos, summer and Christmas fairs, a £50 donation to each class for them to use towards the cost of a school trip, thus reducing the cost to parents and the amazing 'Fun Day' for the children and teachers at the end of the school year.

***Without a FOCP none of these things will be possible and the children will miss out.***

We need 1 or 2 people to fill this role. Meetings usually last an hour and take place straight after school, approximately one meeting per term. You are welcome to use the Out of School Club for your children whilst at the meeting for a small charge of 50p (to cover a snack).

If you are interested please speak to either Kath Hodds or Angela Cordey or leave your details with the school office.

Many thanks  
FOCP



**Safer Internet Day 2018** | Tuesday 6 February  
Create, connect and share respect:  
A better internet starts with you  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

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In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2018 this week the whole school will be bringing home homework connected to keeping safe when using the internet. Children in KS1 and KS2 have a 'talking homework' that is designed to be completed with a parent or carer enabling you to have an opportunity to discuss your child's online behaviour and find out how aware they are of safety. During Safer Internet Day your child will have an opportunity to discuss the questionnaire with their classmates and share good ideas and discuss any concerns.

Children in our Reception Class will be thinking about their favourite tablet game in preparation for learning about how to enjoy using the internet. Thank you in advance for your support in this important area of your child's learning.

## **Community News**

### **Job Vacancy – Courtney Ladybirds Pre-School**

Courtney Ladybirds Pre-School have a temporary vacancy for a qualified pre-school practitioner/key person.

They are looking for a fun, motivated person to work within a team of 8 people to support, care and provide early years education for the children at their pre-school.

**Vacancy:**

Qualified level 2 or level 3 pre-school practitioner/key person

**Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays (term time only) 8.45am to 3.15pm Rate of pay: £Neg – depending on experience and qualifications.

**Start date:**

Tuesday 6th February 2018 until approximately the end of June 2018.

Interviews to be held the week commencing 29th January 2018.

Please contact Claire Walker 0117 9353022 or email [courtneyladybirds@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneyladybirds@yahoo.com) for an application form and further information.

Should you be interested or know of anyone that may be interested in the position then please contact the pre-school. Thank you.