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Newsletter 11 – 27th November 2020

We respect the rights of others through understanding similarities and differences.

Dates for your Diary	
Food Collection for RESOUND centre	until December 3rd
Christmas Dinner for KS2 (KS1 bring in packed lunch)	Tuesday 15 th December
Christmas Dinner for KS1 (KS2 bring in packed lunch)	Wednesday 16 th December

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)	
Monday 4 th January 2021	Tuesday 5 th January 2021

Headteacher's News

It is unusual to be saying goodbyes and hellos in the middle of a term but as November comes to a close we are saying goodbye to Geoff Smith, our site manager, and to Claire Scammell, Y1's teaching assistant.

Geoff has had a 30 year association with Courtney and has contributed in a myriad of ways, initially voluntarily and then as a paid employee. In 1990, when his daughter started in Reception, Geoff heard readers, helped develop some early construction skills and taught the children how to program one of the first computerised devices 'Roamer' with basic commands. From there, he went on to run cycle proficiency (some 300 children passed their Road Safety through his tuition), has helped on numerous residential trips and PTA events and was a governor for an impressive 19 years. For the past 10 ½ years, since the opening of the new building, Geoff has been the school's site manager. On behalf of our community, I wish to thank him for all that he has done for the children of Courtney and wish him a long and happy retirement. He will be missed.

On the other end of the time scale, we are saying goodbye to Claire Scammell, who has only been at Courtney for a few months. Within that time she has worked tirelessly on teaching and learning in Year 1, has quickly developed strong relationships with staff, children and parents and made a real difference to the provision in Oak class. We wish her the very best for her future and thank her for the hard work she has put in.

With all the leaving, there is one person joining our team. Look out for Mr Paul Redmond who is taking on the role as site manager. I know that you'll give him a warm, socially distanced welcome.

Deborah Wood

Whole School Attendance Target 96%	Current Attendance 96.2%	
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This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Esmail R
Year 1 Oak: Skylar A
Year 2 Ash: Jasmine B
Year 3 Lime: Oliver S
Year 4 Maple: Ellis P
Year 5 Sycamore: Caitlyn J
Year 6 Cedar: Amy P



Reading Certificates

Lily C, Marcel Z, William M, Jessica C, Leia-Louise P, Isaac G, Lily Bu, Isabel H, Lily-Mai M, Jessica L, Oliver S, Ava S, Ozzie F, Charley CH, Darcie B, Esmail R, George B, Millicent B, Amelia LP



Multiplication Masters

Ben R, Lucia B, Evie E, Charley D, Jasmine B, Freddie SI, Aniyah C, Edie A, Isaac G



Festive Cheer

We are keen to give the children the opportunity to have the much loved school Christmas dinner. This year, this requires a little more co-ordination to keep everyone safe! You should now have received a letter home with the details. We will be splitting the meal over 2 days:



Tuesday 15th December KS2, children can wear Christmas Jumpers

Wednesday 16th December KS1, children can wear Christmas Jumpers

On the day your child isn't having a Christmas meal, they will be having a packed lunch in their classroom. Children may either bring in a packed lunch or pre-order a school packed lunch.

Please email/text the office by **10th December** confirming

- If your child is having a Christmas dinner
- If your child would like a school packed lunch on the day they are not having Christmas dinner.

Resound Food Bank

Just a reminder that next week is your last opportunity to donate items for the food bank. A list of the foods required is listed below. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



General Items

- ✓ Minced beef & onion
- ✓ Tinned mushrooms
- ✓ Tinned potatoes
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Angel Delight
- ✓ Fruit juice (Long life)
- ✓ Sponge puddings
- ✓ Milk (Long life)
- ✓ Toilet rolls
- ✓ Tinned fruit (all types & sizes)

Christmas Items

- ✓ Small boxes of chocolates for adults
- ✓ Yule Logs
- ✓ Christmas cake slices
- ✓ Large tins salmon
- ✓ Large tins ham
- ✓ Christmas chocolates/biscuits
- ✓ Christmas pudding
- ✓ Custard (tins or sachets)
- ✓ Crisps/Nuts/Cheese Crackers
- ✓ Christmas crackers
- ✓ Chocolate bars/sweets for children
- ✓ **Small**, quality, toiletry gift packs for ladies and men
- ✓ **Small** family games

Parking Safely

Our Local Road Safety Team have asked to circulate this really important reminder about safety. Please park considerately for the safety of our children.



Menu w/c 30th November

Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Jacket Wedges (v)
Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Apple Crumble with Custard
Fruit, Yogurt

Tuesday

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake
Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Strawberry Mousse
Fruit, Yogurt

Wednesday

Roast of the Day with Gravy with Roast Potatoes
Cheese & Onion Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Strawberry Jelly and Peach slices (v)
Fruit, Yogurt

Thursday

Mince Beef and Onion Pie with Mash
Cheesy Broccoli Pasta (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Sultana Sponge & Lemon Syrup
Fruit, Yogurt

Friday

Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Veggie Burger with Chips and Tomato Sauce(v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Vanilla Iced Shortbread
Fruit, Yogurt

Win a Christmas Hamper!!

Normally we would send tickets home for a chance to win the FOCP Christmas Hamper, including wine, chocolates, treats, toys and crackers,. This year, for a bit of fun, we are combining the Christmas Hamper with a virtual balloon race. The race starts at 12pm on Tuesday 1st December and runs for 7 days.



As the children have missed out on so much this year, we really want to make some happy memories so money raised will go towards an online pantomime (see below for further details) and a Christmas party, including a Christmas present. Your support means that we can fund these amazing fun activities.

To enter the race (and for a chance to win the hamper), simply create an account and buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1126>

Each balloon costs £3, and because they are virtual, they are 100% eco-friendly. You can buy one balloon per family or as many balloons as you like to compete against other family members and friends (or even teachers)! Once purchased, you can decorate/customise your own balloon, changing parameters such as helium content, shape and colour. Once the race starts, you can track your balloon on google maps via this link:

<https://ecoracing.co/race/view/14>

National prizes for the race are:

£500 Cash

Apple iPad

10 winners of £10 Book Tokens

The FOCP balloon that travels furthest will win the FOCP Christmas Hamper! Runners up will win a chocolate selection box. We will contact the winner and runners up once the race has ended to arrange collection of their prizes.

Jack and the Beanstalk Online Panto



FOCP have arranged an online pantomime, created by Blue Peter's Peter Duncan. Children will be able to watch in their class bubbles during the last couple of weeks of term but should anyone be self-isolating, they won't miss out and will be able to watch the panto at home.

We promise you boos, cheers, 'he's behind yous'...
oh no he isn't!, a sing-a-long songsheet plus all
the classic panto antics that we love.