



**Newsletter 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016**  
*'We are resilient and celebrate our efforts.'*

**Diary Dates**

**Resilience**

<p>Infant Nativity Afternoon Performance  <b>Infant Nativity Evening Performance</b>          Infant Nativity Evening Performance  <b>Non-Uniform Day for Tombola bottle donation</b>          PTA Christmas Fayre  <b>Year 6 WOW Event – Victorian Christmas</b>          Carols by Candlelight  <b>School Christmas Dinner</b>          Break Up  <b>Year 6 Life Skills Centre</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm  <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm</b>          Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm  <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>          Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am-1pm  <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December pm</b>          Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm  <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>          Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b></p>
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**INSET Days**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**Headteacher's News**

Part way through last year, we launched our Reading 5s as part of South Gloucestershire's 'Year of Reading'. Four children were awarded a certificate for reading 5 times a week for 10 times in the first trawl; this year, I am thrilled to announce that we have 45 children who have already reached their first Reading 5s certificate. Thank you to each of you who have supported our initiative. Each and every time you listen to your child read or ask him or her questions about their reading, you are not only creating good habits and a love of good stories but also helping with your child's success right across the curriculum.

Now the festive season is upon us, could I remind you all about the Acceptable Use Agreement you signed when your child started school. At Courtney you are allowed to use cameras and videos to record the special events with the proviso that:

1. You please concentrate on your own child.
2. If there are other children in any photograph or on any video then permission MUST be agreed by the other parent before they are shared on any social media.

The best policy is to keep them for your own personal use.

And finally, in the last week of term we will be holding a Talent Show. Unfortunately, parents/carers are not invited but we would like you to get thinking caps on and encourage your child to think of a possible act. **Deborah Wood**

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

- Year 1 Oak: Sarah
- Year 2 Ash: Harry
- Year 3 Lime: Carmel
- Year 4 Maple: Preston
- Year 5 Sycamore: Hari-Deep
- Year 6 Cedar: Sebastien



**Attendance Total 95.9%**

- YR Cherry 96.1%
- Y1 Oak 95.0%
- Y2 Ash 96.6%
- Y3 Lime 95.8%
- Y4 Maple 96.5%
- Y5 Sycamore 96.2%
- Y6 Cedar 95.0%



**Reading Certificates**

Genevieve, Jacob, Corey, Bradley, Eva, Gracie, William, William, Liam, Dylan, Ivy, Liam, Samantha



## Multiplication Masters

Mira, William, Leia-Louise, Evie, Piper, Tyler

## Attendance

Please could we remind parents and carers that 'Every Day Counts'. If your child is not at school then we can't teach them. Good attendance is vital to your child's academic and social success at school. Our target of **96% attendance** if met, still equates to almost 1/2 day missed every two weeks.

Even more disruptive of learning is the number of **broken weeks** your child may have. Missing odd days here and there several times a term has a really negative impact on progress. To give your child the best start in life, please can we remind you to make medical appointments out of school time if at all possible and to make sure that holidays are taken in holiday time.

## Out of School Club (OoSC) Hot Breakfast 9<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec the OoSC will be serving its monthly hot breakfast. Please book your child in to Breakfast Club (either online via School Money or with the office) for this special monthly treat of bacon or sausage butties!

## Governor Vacancies

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that have expressed an interest in joining our Governing Body, if there is anyone else who would be interested in becoming a Governor can you please let the Headteacher or the Office know by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Janet Hinchliffe**

## Caravan Library

As we mentioned previously, the school has acquired an amazing caravan which will be a quiet reading space that the children can use at playtime. To date most of the outside painting has been completed and we are hoping to have it ready for the children to use by February 2017. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help with painting/carpentry etc please contact the office. Here are a few pictures showing the great artwork that has been done so far.

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items to **Cash 4 Clothes**, we made a brilliant **£103.50** which will go towards resources for our fabulous new Caravan.



## Knitting Club

We are looking for a couple more helpers for our Knitting club which takes place every Wednesday between 12.30-1pm. Please contact the office if you are interested.