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**Newsletter 21 – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

We committ ourselves to ambitious targets at home and at school.

**Diary Dates**

<p>Term Starts for Children  <b>Year 4 Visit to Bristol Zoo</b>  Parents/Carers Consultation Evening  <b>Parents/Carers Consultation Evening</b>  FoCP Spring Disco  <b>Y6 Life Skills visit has been rearranged for 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 6.00-7.30pm</p>
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**Term Dates 2019-20:**

**Term 3 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February;**

**Term 4 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> February – Fri – 3<sup>rd</sup> April;**

**Term 5 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May;**

**Term 6 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February, Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Headteacher’s News**

This week our pupil leaders have had a really positive impact around school, and have developed some of their leadership and presentation skills. Firstly, we have marked Safer Internet Day in school. Our **digital leaders** led two assemblies, one for Key Stage 2 and one for the Infants, during which they talked through online issues at an age-appropriate level. Technological advances in the digital world are swift and we need to educate our young people to be safe in this world which is one that is difficult to keep up with. To help keep your child safe and healthy on line, my top recommendations would be that you:

- Agree a limit of time that your child is online so they have some point in the day when they can switch off from being contacted from the outside world. This is really important for mental health.
- Keep talking to your child about what they are doing online so they are more likely to tell you if there is a problem.
- Monitor what your child is saying and writing in communications to ensure it remains kind, respectful and enjoyable.
- Remove all technology from bedrooms at bedtime so that your child can concentrate on getting a good night’s sleep.

As you are aware we place high value on each child developing their Reading so they can move from “Learning to Read” to “Reading to Learn”. In order to encourage reading our **House Captains** have produced a fantastic A-Z of activities to coincide with national World Book Day. Please look out for the paper copy coming home with your child tonight. On the subject of Reading, I would like to thank Grace and Sammy, two of our **Pupil Librarians**, who have helped run the family library opening after school every Thursday.

And finally, I wish you all a happy and restful half-term holiday.

**Deborah Wood**

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

- Year R Cherry: Freddie S
- Year 1 Oak: Hayden H
- Year 2 Ash: Madison H
- Year 3 Lime: Bradley L
- Year 4 Maple: Sarah V
- Year 5 Sycamore: Harry Mc
- Year 6 Cedar: Archie C

**Attendance Total 95.8%**

- YR Cherry 94.8%
- Y1 Oak 96.0%
- Y2 Ash 95.2%
- Y3 Lime 96.9%
- Y4 Maple 98.7%
- Y5 Sycamore 93.2%
- Y6 Cedar 96.5%



### Reading Certificates

Lili B, Dora B, Chloe N, Henry B, Ava B, Max G-M, Logan D, Tyler B, Hayden H, Kinga S, Aniyah C, Max K, George B, Millie C, Marcel Z, Caiden H, Zena G, Laila H, Zaila H, Hubert K, Ayra B, Iliana B, George B, Kai M, Megan L, Lily B, Kallum G, Isabel H, Finley Y, Shemaiah P, Oscar W, Sam K, Ruby G-M, Caitlyn M, Lacey B, Harry Mc, Jacob F, Lilly B, Ellie N, Oskar J, Ella-Mae L, Kaylee-Rose H, Dylan J.



### Multiplication Masters

Ruby H, Lily Ba, Lacey F, Jayden S, Ricky C, Ivan C, Shemaiah P, Ruby G-M



### Menu Change Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Fantastic!

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we will be running a pancake extravaganza for desert. Pupils can choose from a variety of toppings to go with their sweet pancakes:

- Lemon & sugar
- Strawberries
- Bananas
- Apple & cinnamon



### Friends of Courtney Primary

If you work for a beauty salon (or know someone who does), we would be very grateful for any donations of beauty treatment vouchers such as a manicure, facial or cut and blow dry etc. that could be used for our Mother's Day Raffle. We would also welcome any unwanted gifts that may be suitable.



Friends of Courtney Primary School have a new Facebook page to keep you up to date on all the latest events happening, please like us at @focpcourtney

### OoSC



### Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Fun!

OoSC will be making pancakes on the first day back, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Book your places now before they get filled up.



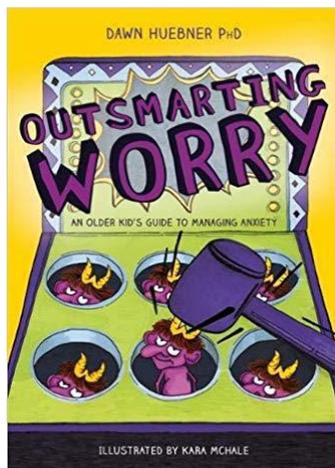
The following activities will be taking in place in club each week:

**Monday** - Junk modelling masterpieces!

**Wednesday** – Arts and craft workshop

**Thursday** – Cooking creativity

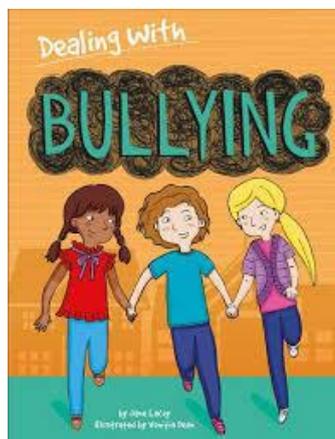
OoSC are also happy to enable any children in club to do their homework any day of the week.



**Outsmarting Worry by Dawn Huebner, illustrated by Kara McHale**

**ISBN:** 9781785927829 **Format:** Paperback **Publication date:** October 2017 **Age range:** 9+ **Extent:** 112 pages **Other format:** ebook 9781784507022

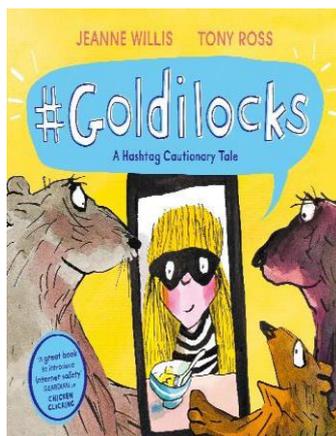
Worry has a way of growing, shifting from not-a-big-deal to a VERY BIG DEAL in the blink of an eye. This big-deal Worry is tricky, luring children into behaviours that keep the anxiety cycle going. Children often find it hard to fight back against worry, but not anymore. *Outsmarting Worry* teaches 9-13-year olds and the adults who care about them a specific set of skills that makes it easier to face - and overcome - worries and fears. Smart, practical, proven techniques are presented in language immediately accessible to children with an emphasis on shifting from knowing to doing, from worried to happy and free.



**Dealing With Bullying by Jane Lacey, illustrated by Venitia Dean**

**ISBN:** 9781445157498 **Format:** Paperback **Publication date:** January 2019 **Age range:** 7+ **Extent:** 32 pages

This book teaches readers how to deal with bullies and make sure they don't give in to peer pressure to bully others. It features seven stories from children who have a range of bullying problems from a girl who is being left out by her friends to a boy bullied for the way he speaks. It features both verbal and physical bullying. The stories help readers understand and empathise with characters, while also offering practical advice that readers can use in their everyday lives. The end of the book features a short playscript to act out and discuss.



**#Goldilocks by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross**

**ISBN:** PB – 9781783448784 HB 9781783448784 **Format:** Paperback and Hardback **Publication date:** February 2019 **Age range:** 3+ **Extent:** 304 pages

Everyone loves Goldilocks' hilarious online videos, but in her quest to get more likes, more laughs and more hits, she tries something a little more daring: stealing porridge #pipinghot, breaking chairs #fun, and using someone else's bed #sleep. What will Daddy Bear do when he sees that online?

A hilarious cautionary tale for a new generation of internet-users from the prize-winning partnership of Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross, the third of its kind following *Chicken Clicking* and *Troll Stinks*.