



Teamwork

Newsletter 1 – 9th September 2016
'We work well together and on our own.'
Diary Dates

Year 3 Scooter Training
 Year 5 - @ Bristol School Trip
 Break Up for Half Term
 Year 4 Safer, Fitter, Greener Road Safety
 Reception Class – Phonic's Evening
 Reception Class – WOW Event
 Individual School Photos

Monday 19th September (pm)
 Tuesday 18th October
 Thursday 20th October
 Monday 3rd October
 Thursday 6th October 6.00pm
 Wednesday 19th October 9.15am
 Friday 4th November

INSET Days
Monday 26th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Headteacher's News

This week has seen the start to our new clubs. Our new members of staff have all brought new enthusiasms and skills to Courtney and we are thrilled to see the children taking advantage of the opportunities offered: Mr Jones is teaching sign language; Miss Insley, a netball coach, is running netball club; Miss Elmore, a journalist in a past life, is running a Film Club; and Mrs Westcott has started a KS1 choir. This is on top of the clubs from existing staff members. One of our main focuses again this year is Reading and promoting a reading culture in our school community. Please could you support your child as they work towards their **'5 times a week'** reading certificate. And finally, we do have a number of followers on Twitter. Please do consider joining so you can keep in touch with what's happening in school.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry:
 Year 1 Oak: Dominik
 Year 2 Ash: Dylan
 Year 3 Lime: Kieshia
 Year 4 Maple: Ebony
 Year 5 Sycamore: Freya
 Year 6 Cedar: Chelsea-Jo



Attendance

YR Cherry – great start!
 Y1 Oak 98.2%
 Y2 Ash 93.3%
 Y3 Lime 98.3%
 Y4 Maple 98.4%
 Y5 Sycamore 91.4%
 Y6 Cedar 97.8%
Total 96.2%



Healthy Snacks

In order to encourage the children to adopt healthy eating habits and to minimise the 'treat' times, we restrict the morning snack to fruit or toast. No child is allowed to eat chocolate or crisp-type items during morning playtime.

Social Media

Every family which joins us here at Courtney are asked to sign an agreement to say that they will not mention other children or adults by name when using social media sites. Please can we remind you to do this and advise that it is usually best to leave it to us at school to sort out any issues which occur in school. We always do our best to find positive solutions.



We just wanted to remind you that Courtney is part of an Alliance of schools which work together to improve outcomes for all of our children. Our RISE Alliance partners are: Redfield Edge, Cadbury Heath, Longwell Green and New Horizons.

Treasurer for the PTA

Our home-school association will be meeting again very soon. The members of the PTA will be voting for a new Chairperson and a new Treasurer. We are in the fortunate position of having a couple of people interested in the role of Chair but so far no budding Treasurer has come forward. Could it be you? If you are interested please have a quick word with Mrs Matthews or Mrs Mottram (Caitlin and William's mum) who has been Treasurer last year. New PTA members are ALWAYS very welcome.



**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

Parent Survey

Thank you very much to all of you who completed our Parent Survey at the end of last year. We have used your responses to add to our School Development Plan. You can find the results are on our website.

http://courtney.eschools.co.uk/website/parent_survey/227499

What are you missing on Twitter? @CourtneyPrimary



Data Collection

Thank you to the masses of parents who have returned the Data Collection sheets already. If you haven't done so, please do complete and return them by **Friday 23rd September**. It is really important that the Office has the most up to date information about your child and particularly the most up to date Emergency Contacts.

Does your child qualify for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

Please think about whether your child might be entitled to Free School Meals. Even if they are in Key Stage 1 and their meals are free anyway, there is benefit to your child and the school by applying as the school will receive an additional £1,300 per pupil which can be used for vital extra resources to enable learning.

You may be entitled to Pupil Premium if:

- You have a low household income
- You receive particular benefits
- Your child is adopted
- You are a Forces family.

If you think you may be entitled, please contact the office and we can help with your application. Please be assured that we will treat any information you provide in confidence.

Your Child's Medical Information

Inhalers and Medicines

Please can you make sure any inhalers or medications kept in school are in date. Please pop into the office to complete the relevant forms if your child requires medication to be given during the school day.

Health Care Plans

If your child has a Health or Asthma Care Plan and their medical needs change at all, please tell the office staff so our school records can be updated and staff informed.

Reception Class – Dates for Your Diary

Phonics Evening – Thursday 6th October

Please come along to find out about our phonics programme and how to support your child with early reading and writing. A letter will follow.

WOW Event – Wednesday 19th October

Parents and Carers are invited to our first WOW event! Please come along to see what your child has been up to in their first term at school.

Early Years Provision for 2 – 4 year olds
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See our website for more information or Call/email to arrange a visit

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Website: www.courtneyladybirds.co.uk

Ofsted inspection rated – Good

