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**Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.**



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*We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.*

Dates for your Diary	
Cherry Class (YR) Phonics Workshop online	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm
Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only)	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October am
Flu Vaccination	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
First Day of Term 2	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only)	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November am

**INSET Days**

<b>INSET Days</b> (These days are for training purposes.)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Headteacher's News**

It is becoming increasingly likely, looking at the rising confirmed COVID cases across the UK and the handful of schools affected in our locality, that our school may well get a confirmed case and consequently we need to be prepared in case we have to shut a bubble. Rest assured, our first port of call is always to consult the Local Authority and Public Health South West to get expert advice and to agree the actions needed.

**What if a bubble has to shut?**

If we get a confirmed case then the children in that bubble would have to self-isolate for two weeks. Only the people who have had direct contact with the person tested positive would need to stay at home.

In the event of not being able to come to school, we will use a new blog and contact email address to send work similar to the method used during lockdown. The situation is slightly different from March as the teachers won't need to teach other bubbles so will probably have greater capacity. Also, as there are likely to be fewer children in one family trying to share one laptop, we are currently working on how we can live stream some of the lessons during the day; it is our hope that this will be able to be part of our lockdown offer.

**What can parents and carers do to help keep our community as safe as we can?**

- Stick as closely to your drop off and pick up times as you can (otherwise the playground becomes congested).
- Keep 2m away from other parents and carers (even if you are good friends) as social contact is how the virus is transferred.
- In busy areas (just outside the doors and gates), please stand back as much as you can rather than crowding round.
- If you have older siblings joining you at pick up, ask them to join you once you have moved away from any busy area.
- Set off from home as soon as you can and avoid lingering to chat to friends.
- Keep your children close to you on entry and exit.
- Don't send your child into school if they are showing symptoms. Go for a test straight away.
- Stick to the latest government rules for social contact when you are not in school.

Thank you for all of your continued support and the helpful feedback you are giving us when you notice some aspect of our risk management arrangements could be improved. Have a lovely Autumnal weekend.

**Deborah Wood**



Whole School Attendance Target  
**96%**

Current Attendance  
**96.3%**



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

Year R Cherry: Katy D  
Year 1 Oak: Malachi W  
Year 2 Ash: Max K  
Year 3 Lime: Madison H  
Year 4 Maple: Eva R  
Year 5 Sycamore: Summer F  
Year 6 Cedar: Oscar W



**Reading Certificates**

Edie A, Caitlyn J, Leia-Louise P, Marcel Z, Skylar A, Aliana G, Cooper H, Henry B, Lacie M, Ava B, Maisie J, Ruby G-M, Jayden S, Harry Mc, Jack B, Charley D, Emily C, Lucia B, Kai M, Lilly B, Lily-Mai M, Isabel H, Oliver S, Ellie N, Madison H, Ruby M, Oliver A, Mark W



Remember to record those reads each day. The first certificate will be awarded after the first 25 reads.

**Multiplication Masters**

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**Assessment Week**

Next week is our Assessment Week across the school. At this time of year, we carry out a series of tests and screeners so that we can 'Map, Master and Move Forward'.

**YR** have just had their baselines completed in the core areas of the learning so the EYFS team will continue to work on their next steps.

**Y1** will be screened for their phonic knowledge and teacher assessed for Reading, Writing and Maths,

**Y2** will have their first go at 'practice KS1 SAT' papers in Reading, Maths and Spelling. The tests are designed for the end of year outcome so we will expect there to be gaps especially in the areas not yet taught. It does, however, get the children familiar with what the test looks like and provides valuable information for the teacher to plan the 'next steps'.

**Y2** will also be screened for their phonics knowledge ready for December when they will be 'officially' screened as they missed the statutory screening in June. The outcomes of this will be reported to the local authority. The children in **Y3** who didn't achieve 'working at' in phonics when they were in Y1 will also be screened in preparation for a repeat screener in December.

**Y3, Y4 and Y5** are tested three times during the year using NFER tests in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. The outcomes are used to plan each child's 'next steps' and to allow teachers and parents/carers to know where their child is in terms of age-related expectations (i.e. are they performing average, below average or above average). The results are used to track progress across KS2 so we can ensure that every child makes at least good progress.

**Y6** will have their first go at a suite of 'practice KS2 SAT' papers in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. The tests are designed for the end of year outcome so we will expect there to be gaps especially in the areas not yet taught. It does, however, help the children develop test technique; understand the need for speed and stamina; and know the importance of checking answers. As with the other tests, it also provides valuable gaps analysis information for the teachers to plan the 'next steps'.

Some children absolutely love tests but some will need reassurance – we provide a lot in school but please do let us know if an extra bit of TLC is needed. There are a number of access arrangements we make for children who need it, for example, scribing for comprehension tests, rest breaks and reading for maths tests. For a handful of children with SEND across the school, the tests for their age group won't be appropriate so, for those, teachers will take a personalised approach.

Towards the start of Term 2, we will be holding remote 'parents' evenings as we did just before lockdown. At this meeting, the assessment data for your child will be shared, together with the gaps.

**Holiday Club**

Mr Smith will be running his holiday club on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The closing date for forms to be handed in is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Forms were sent home with children earlier in the week, if you require a form please let the office know.

### Part-time Site Manager Wanted!!

Our Site Manager, Mr Smith, is retiring in November after an impressive 19 years' service to Courtney. His input will be missed and we hope he will maintain contact with the school.

We are therefore recruiting for a part-time Site Manager:

**Monday - Friday 3.15 - 6.15 (15 hrs pw)**  
**£7,829—£7,986pa**

#### We are Looking for someone who:

- Has good all round DIY skills
- Is a good problem solver (solutions focused!)
- Able to work independently
- Is organised and hardworking.

#### Key Duties include:

- Locking up daily and potentially responding to emergencies outside normal working hours.
- Keeping the school in a good state of repair.
- Health & Safety checks including alarm systems, legionella and playground equipment.
- Overall responsibility for the school's heating system.
- Identifying defects and assisting with rectifying them.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please take a look at the recruitment page of our website, this will give you the job description, our school prospectus and details on how to apply:

<http://www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/recruitment/170238>

#### OoSC

This week OoSC will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Higgs who has taken the decision to spend more time in the afternoons with her family. Her smiley face, calm demeanour and humour will be missed. However, we are pleased that it is not a proper goodbye as she is still very much part of the school team and will continue to work in the kitchen.

At the moment, we will be covering Michelle's absence with current staff. We will be monitoring our numbers and if these increase, we will look to recruit. Watch this space....

#### Next Week's Menu

##### Monday

Cheese & Onion Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes (hot school meal option)  
Vegetable Keema Curry with Rice (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Mixed Salad & Roasted Courgettes  
Caramelised Apple Crumble with Custard

##### Tuesday

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread (hot school meal option)  
Stir Fry Noodles & Crispy Vegetables (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Rainbow Vegetables, Green Beans  
Coconut Jam Slice

##### Wednesday

Fish Pie with Rosti Potato Topping (hot school meal option)  
Veggie Burger with Jacket Wedges & Tomato Sauce (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Broccoli, Peas & Sweetcorn  
Butterscotch Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard

##### Thursday:

Gammon with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (hot school meal option)  
Veggie Sausages with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Shredded Cabbage, Carrots  
Flapjack

##### Friday

MSC Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)  
Tomato & Basil Pasta with Fresh Bread (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Baked Beans, Garden Peas  
Strawberry Jelly & Peach Slices

### School Visits for 2021 Reception Starters

We have arranged two socially distanced open mornings for parents and their children due to start school next September. We know what an important decision this is for parents and we wanted to give them the best feel for the school whilst still ensuring the safety of our school community.

Visits will take place on:

**Saturday 17th October 10am – 12 noon**

**Saturday 14th November 10am – 12 noon**

Visits will be via timed appointment only.

A list of names and contact details will be kept for Track and Trace purposes

There will be a one-way system in place.

Staff will be available but will be positioned outside (weather permitting) or in larger well-ventilated areas.

### Friends of Courtney Primary News

## Virtual Halloween Balloon Race

Due to the current school restrictions, all of our normal events have had to be cancelled. We have been looking at other ways to continue to have fun and laughter, but also help us raise essential funds for the school to benefit all children.

To enter the race, simply buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/745>

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!

Once purchased, you can decorate/customise your own balloon, changing parameters such as helium content, shape and colour.

The race starts on 31<sup>st</sup> October and runs for 7 days. It is a combined event with other national charities. National prizes for the race are:

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. 10 winners of £10 Book Tokens

However, by supporting the Friends Of Courtney Primary in the race, we will be giving £25 to the FOCP balloon that travels furthest and £10 to the second furthest balloon.

You can track the progress of your balloon and others from your own online dashboard

Balloons are subject to a simulated flight pattern based on your balloon's individual flight parameters plus the real weather conditions at the actual time, such as the prevailing wind speed and current temperature.

Please ensure you follow the link below to buy your balloons (or from the ecoracing home page, click on Buy / Gift Balloons and select Friends of Courtney Primary - Halloween Race).

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/745>

Thank you for reading and good luck!