



Newsletter 24 – 17th March 2017

'We take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing even when it's difficult.'

Diary Dates

<p>Y3 Trip to Roman Baths Autism Awareness Week Year 1 and 2 WOW Event Reception WOW Event Y5 Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Y3 WOW Event – Art Activity Parents'/Carers' Evening (1 of 2) Y6 WOW Event (Science Experiments) Y5 WOW Event (Creating a Heart) Parents'/Carers' Evening (2 of 2)</p>	<p>Friday 24th March Week beg: 27th March Wednesday 29th March 2.00pm Wednesday 29th March 9.00am Monday 3rd April Monday 3rd April 2.45pm Tuesday 4th April 3.30-7.00pm Wednesday 5th April 1.00-2.45pm Wednesday 5th April 9.00-10.30am Thursday 6th April 3.30-7.00pm</p>
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INSET Days

- Friday 1st September 2017
- Monday 30th October 2017
- Tuesday 31st October 2017
- Monday 18th December 2017
- Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's News

Unfortunately, this week Mrs Gee and I have had to spend six of our working days dealing with the consequences of online behaviour by some of our children outside school. Not only is this an expensive use of tax payers money, it has caused great upset between children and parents and took us away from our core purpose of providing the best teaching and learning we can at Courtney.

Can I just remind you all, once again, that the age limit for most of the websites is well above primary age for a reason, and that the children are not mature enough, nor emotionally equipped, to be able to handle what comes up. If your child is communicating with others online, please could I urge you to ensure that they, ideally, do it in your presence but that you also monitor very regularly what they are doing.

In contrast, in the middle of the week when were finally able to refocus on the children in school, it was an absolute joy to share in some of the achievements making our children proud. We witnessed many small but important steps, for example, Haydn's being able to halve. Similarly, watching the older children playing old-fashioned games together at dinnertime was a lovely reminder of just how young they are and how they can so easily miss the joys of their primary childhood if they get drawn into the relentless and unhealthy demands of online social interaction.

Looking forward to the disco tonight.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year R Cherry: Rheo and Carmen
- Year 1 Oak: Piper
- Year 2 Ash: Aiden & the whole class
- Year 3 Lime: Tom
- Year 4 Maple: Mira
- Year 5 Sycamore: Lauren
- Year 6 Cedar: Kayleigh



Attendance Total 96.0%

- YR Cherry 95.6%
- Y1 Oak 94.1%
- Y2 Ash 97.0%
- Y3 Lime 96.2%
- Y4 Maple 96.5%
- Y5 Sycamore 96.7%
- Y6 Cedar 95.9%



Reading Certificates

Reading 10: Dylan, George, Bethany, Sam, Olivia

Reading 20: Genevieve, Renee, Freya, Lucie-Jo



Multiplication Masters

Marcel, Freya, Bryony, Megan, Ruby, Kieshia, Oscar, Shayla, Hari-Deep, Mira, Logan, Issy

School Uniform

Just a quick reminder that our school uniform is black shoes, black boots, black sandals or black trainers; we are starting to get an assorted array of footwear. Now the weather is warming up, if you are buying summer sandals could you please buy ones which cover the feet well and are therefore safe.



Easter Decorating

There is an Easter Egg decorating competition in school (decorate a blank egg on a sheet of paper however you like – felts/paints/collage). Each entry costs 20p per sheet and all the money goes to the PTA. Sheets are available from school council members in your child's class.

PTA Upcoming Events

Uniform Sale – there will be a Nearly New Uniform on Thursday 6th April from 3.30pm in the IT Suite.

Children's Book Sale – the PTA are going to hold a second hand book sale shortly. If you have any unwanted reading books suitable for children under 12, please could you hand them into the office or a member of the PTA.

Parents Evening Online

All parents should now have received a text and email with a link allowing them to book their parents evening slots online. If you haven't received this link or if you have any difficulties booking the slots please contact the office who will be able to help.

Our Eco Clubbers were in the news!

Our Eco Clubbers were the lucky recipients of a donation from Santander Bank. Members of the bank brought the donations to school last Friday and a reporter attended to witness the happy exchange. We then featured in Monday night's Evening Post! Have a read of the article below and next time you are in school, look out for the beautiful new bench by our immaculately kept veg. patch!



Pupils set to spring into action

YOUNGSTERS at a Kingswood primary school will be getting busy in the garden this spring with a set of new tools.

Students who are members of the gardening club at Courtney

Primary School wrote to local businesses asking for help to buy new tools and equipment.

Staff at the Kingswood branch of Santander stepped in to help, holding a raffle for a Valentines hamper,

a dress down day and a cake sale, raising £200.

The money was used to buy four bags of compost, four spades, a new wooden bench, forks and secateurs and tunnel nets.