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Newsletter 23 – 13th March 2020

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

Diary Dates

Parents/Carers Consultation Evening Parents/Carers Consultation Evening Year 6 Parents in for Lunch ENVISION Hub Rugby Tournament for Year 5 FoCP Spring Disco - CANCELLED Y5 Visit to We the Curious Year 3 WOW Event – Measuring & Making Food NSPCC Workshops (Voluntary contribution if able) Year R WOW Event Y6 Life Skills visit has been rearranged for 13th July 2020	Monday 16 th March Wednesday 18th March Wednesday 18 th March 12.00 Thursday 19th March Friday 20th March 6.00-7.30pm Wednesday 25th March Wednesday 25 th March @ 2.45pm Thursday 26th March Monday 30 th March @ 2.15pm
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Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

Next week we will be holding our Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evenings. During the meeting, you will be able to find out about the academic and social progress of your child and discuss learning targets for the coming terms. Some of the children took NFER test papers at the end of Term 3 which you will be able to take home with you. Your child's teacher will show you the completed tests so that you can see how they are doing and what areas they were unsure about; the intention is that it will help you to support us in filling any gaps by working on these at home with your child if you are able.

In the current climate, at the moment we are choosing not to postpone the meetings but are taking the following precautions which I ask you all to support and to take seriously:

- Everyone who enters the school will be expected to wash their hands thoroughly as they come in
- The teachers will keep the classroom doors propped open to minimise touching so will meet with you towards the back of the classroom for privacy reasons
- The teachers will be asked not to carry out our normal social niceties like shaking hands
- If you are showing any symptoms of a persistent cough or fever, please do not attend. We will rearrange the meeting for a later date
- Please make sure that if you cough or sneeze you do it into a tissue

(There is more information on the school's current position on Coronavirus below).

Today I received a lovely email from a grandparent who had picked up one of our children yesterday and said how heartening it was, amid all the world events, to hear the children sounding happy singing 'It's my life'.

And finally, if good luck to any of you who are taking part in the Bath Half Marathon this weekend. Do let us know how you get on.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year R Cherry: Elsie J
- Year 1 Oak: Tahlia H
- Year 2 Ash: Demi-Leigh G
- Year 3 Lime: Jessica G
- Year 4 Maple: Mitchell E
- Year 5 Sycamore: Sam K
- Year 6 Cedar: Oskar J

Attendance Total 95.8%

- YR Cherry 95.1%
- Y1 Oak 96.1%
- Y2 Ash 95.4%
- Y3 Lime 96.5%
- Y4 Maple 98.3%
- Y5 Sycamore 92.8%
- Y6 Cedar 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Hannah H, Finley Y, Marcel Z, Brody C-H, Lily C, Ben R, Aniyah-Jayne C, Penny E-G, Ricky C, Ava B, Ben C, Tyler B, Elysia L, Isaac G, Caiden H, Sarah V, Carson H, Harry J, Mitchell H, William F, Kamil S, Dominik Z, Rosie T, Grace S, Samantha P, Bethany B,



Multiplication Masters

Cadi S, Piper Mc



Corona Virus – The School's Position

Our Senior Leadership Team met on Tuesday to review the School's response, and are reviewing our decision at least daily to ensure that we are taking all reasonable steps to protect our children and prepare for any future changes.

School Closure

We are monitoring Public Health England's information daily to ensure we react promptly to any changes. As you will be aware, for the moment the Government has taken the decision that schools should stay open. We are celebrating every day of learning we have whilst at the same time taking steps to prepare for any possible closures. We have prepared "homework packs" for all our pupils to take home which should last for the first three days. In addition, we are currently exploring different ways that we can continue to set work and feedback remotely and online, if necessary. (We will be carrying out a test on Monday to ensure that we have correct email addresses for all parents and carers. If you have changed your email address recently, please let the office know).

We will continue to monitor all school events to consider whether it remains appropriate to continue with them.

In the event of Ill-Health

As you will probably be aware, the Government has asked that anyone who shows any signs of a persistent cough or fever isolates themselves for 7 days. We are asking that all staff or pupils follow these guidelines. If your children show any of the symptoms, however mild, below, please keep them at home:

- A new continuous cough or
- High temperature (this is defined as anything over 38 degrees)

If you need assistance in getting things you need to allow you to stay at home, please do ask the school to see if we can help.

School Hygiene

All pupils and staff have to wash their hands on arrival at school, before break, before they eat lunch and before they go home. All visitors are asked to wash their hands on arrival at school.

We have sourced some softer soap for pupils as the current soap is proving too strong for the regular handwashing; we will use as soon as it arrives.

In the meantime, if your child is suffering from dry/red hands, feel free to send them in to school with a named moisturiser.

Y6 SATS

We are aware of the impact this situation is likely to have on tests and exams. Whilst our immediate concern is the health and safety of pupils and their families, clearly the longer-term impact is a concern too. We have been in contact with NAHT and we are confident that these matters are being raised with government. We will keep you updated with any further information as and when we receive it. Our advice is to continue as normal. Spend time revising as normal.

Thank you all for your help in support in keeping our community as safe as we can.

Holiday Club

Our April holiday club is filling up fast and last term we were fully booked. Please return your forms as soon as possible. Payment can be made nearer the time. If the club has to be cancelled all payments will be refunded.

Basketball Report

Last night Courtney entered its first ever basketball competition. We recently introduced a basketball club after school as the children wanted to take up a new sport. The team battled hard in every match with some really close games. As well as this, we scored some outstanding baskets and strong team work and linked up play helped us to near victories. We will continue to learn new skills in basketball club to progress onto the next basketball competition. Thanks to all the parents and siblings who stayed to watch. As always I was super proud of team Courtney. **Mr Smith**

Team:

Oskar, Henry, Tom, Liam, Dylan, Kieshia, Joe

Crown Value:

We are resilient and persistent in the face of our challenges

Friends of Courtney Primary News

Spring Disco

IMPORTANT - We regret to advise that we have made the decision to postpone the spring disco which was due to take place Friday 20th March due to concerns over the strict hygiene systems we would need to enforce with the coronavirus. We will refund all money early next week.



Mother's Day Hamper

Your child(ren) should have brought home tickets for our amazing Mother's Day Hamper. If there is a special lady in your family that you think deserves a treat, please enter the raffle to win items worth over £250, including a facial, haircut, makeover and photoshoot and a number of luxury pamper items. Tickets are 50p each. Please bring tickets and money to the office.

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](https://www.facebook.com/focpcourtney)

Thank you for the fridge!

Thank you to Harry M's family who have donated a much-needed fridge to our kitchen!

OoSC

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.

