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We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

Dates for your Diary	
Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only)	Saturday 17 th October am
Flu Vaccination	Wednesday 21 st October
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 23 rd October
FoCP Virtual Halloween Balloon Race (see below)	Saturday 31 st October
First Day of Term 2	Tuesday 3 rd November
Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only)	Saturday 14 th November am

INSET Days

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Headteacher's News

Earlier this week, I received an email from one of our parents to say how pleased she was with the members of staff she'd had dealings with. I passed on the message to the staff involved and it was such a boost to them. It made me reflect on just how very well we have all done as a school community to support and communicate with each other, most notably since March. We have many, many things to be thankful for and it is important that we regularly remind ourselves of what is going well for each of us in these challenging times. Each of us manages our own Wellbeing in different ways and this is being made especially tricky as the Covid restrictions seem certainly to be with us for a while longer yet. If you are struggling, please do let us know and we will do all that we can to help or to point you in the direction of some help. If you are interested in finding out a little more on what support is out there to help you and your family stay healthy and safe, I would recommend that you look at the website #southglosconnect where there are some useful links. This page <https://afaeducation.org/news/covid-19-support-for-parent-carers-and-children-young-people/> has some helpful resources ranging from interactive books to help children explore their emotions to a site designed to support family wellbeing.

And finally, please could I ask you to make sure that you follow the government rules at the moment and not to mix your families unnecessarily with play dates, sleepovers etc. We want to stay open! Stay safe. **Deborah Wood**

Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Current Attendance

96.4%



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Thaddaeus A
Year 1 Oak: Nancy H
Year 2 Ash: Charley D
Year 3 Lime: Ellie N
Year 4 Maple: Ivey C
Year 5 Sycamore: Leia-Louise P
Year 6 Cedar: Logan P



Reading Certificates

Evanna L, Jack C, Lili B, Charlie C, Tyler B, Isabel S, Malachi W, Joey H, Elliot M, Rhys I, Ellis P, Harrison E, Ivey C, Ben C Mia F, Megan A, Lily C, Brody C-H, Millie C, Jessica G, Peter M, Megan L, Demi-Leigh G, Jessica L, Kalum G, Sarah V, Isaac G



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

Multiplication Masters

Hubert K, Hayden H, Hannah H, Mia F, Bradley L, Ivey C, Millie C, Brody C-H, Elliot M, Lily C, Harrison E, Peter M, Megan A, George B, Jacob F, Eva R,



Holiday Club

Mr Smith's holiday club is filling up fast! It is running on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October. 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 - Book to guarantee a space!

Due to more limited staffing, we can only offer a maximum of 13 spaces each evening for the next few weeks. On some evenings we are close to 13 children. Please make sure that you have booked your child on via Arbor to guarantee a space. If your child is not booked in and there are too many children, we will not be able to accommodate them.

If you are experiencing difficulties in booking via Arbor, please call the office. We will be able to make the booking for you and resend instructions on booking online.

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Mac & Cheese with Garlic Bread (hot school meal option)
Chickpea Curry with Bulgar Wheat (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Sweetcorn & Peppers, Green Beans
Arctic Roll

Tuesday

Chicken Meatballs, Mash & Gravy (hot school meal option)
Honey & Ginger Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Garden Peas, Broccoli
Raspberry Oat Slice

Wednesday

Beef Cottage Pie & Gravy (hot school meal option)
Veggie Chilli & Rice (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Mixed Salad, Super Greens
St Clements Sponge with Custard

Thursday:

Roast Turkey & Stuffing with Gravy & Roast Potatoes (hot school meal option)
Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Carrots, Shredded Cabbage
Peach Crumble with Custard

Friday

Battered Cod with Chips & Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)
Spring Vegetable Pasta & Garlic Bread (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Carrot Cookie

School Visits for 2021 Reception Starters

We have one more Open Morning left for those families who want to have a look round Courtney before making their decision on where to send their child in September 2021.

It will take place on:

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 and 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 (FoCP)

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual AGM last week. We are pleased to confirm that the elected committee members are as follows:

Chair – Lynne Mahony

Secretary – Kirsty Hughes

Treasurer – Rachel Andrews

We are currently planning some exciting activities for Christmas (as well as our Virtual Halloween Balloon Race). If you have any ideas you think might be suitable, please email chairfocp@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting in early November.

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 **31st 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).

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Thank you for reading and good luck!