



**Headteacher: Mrs Deborah Wood**  
**Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.**



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**Newsletter 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

We respect the rights of others through understanding similarities and differences.

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Food Collection for RESOUND centre	until December 3rd

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

**Headteacher's News**

This week I wanted to give you an update on our home learning provision. If there is a need for us to close a bubble in the near future, we will continue to use the blog system and the class email that we all became familiar with in the first lockdown in order to communicate with the children. As with everything we do at school, we reflect on the impact of our provision, collect ideas from the wider community and then improve our practice to make it even better. The improvements we will be making initially, is the introduction of daily meetings with the class so that we can make sure the children are up and ready to engage in their learning and that they have the opportunity to interact with each other and the teacher and we can check on wellbeing.

The next step we are now working on, led by Mr Green who has expertise in the area, is developing the school's use of Google Classrooms which will allow us to: differentiate the learning for groups or individual learners as appropriate; more easily upload videos; set an expectation of work to be submitted to keep the children on track; allow us to monitor hand-in rates; and allow the teachers to give personalised feedback on each child's 'next steps' (as is the normal practice when they are at school). We intend to roll it out initially as the format for delivering homework so that you and the children can familiarise yourselves with logging on from home and we can iron out any glitches. Watch this space!

If there is an aspect of home-learning that you think would be useful for us to add to our provision, please do let us know so that we can consider it within the bigger picture.

Thank you to our school community who have embraced the wearing of masks at drop off and pick up as recommended. Experiencing the community working well together is so reassuring, especially with positive Covid cases and bubble closures so high in our locality at the moment.

And finally, the end of my term as Headteacher of Courtney in four weeks' is starting to become a reality as I start my 'last time' events. This week saw my last full governing body meeting and my last report to governors. I have started the handover process, remotely of course, to Ms Georgina Scott who will be taking up her post in these extraordinary times; it reminds me of what a complex and interconnected the world of school is. **Deborah Wood**



Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Current Attendance

96.4%



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

- Year R Cherry: Georgia F
- Year 1 Oak: Maisie J
- Year 2 Ash: Aniyah C
- Year 3 Lime: Lily B
- Year 4 Maple: Iyla-Rae S
- Year 5 Sycamore: Mitchell E
- Year 6 Cedar: Jack B



**Reading Certificates**

Jenson W, Nevaeh E, Jasmine B, William C, Kai M, Megan L, Hayden H, Penny EG, Nancy H, Dora B, Lili B, Maisie J, Cooper H, Elsie J, Aliana G, Henry B, Jack C, Charlie C, Dani C, Skylar A, Carson H, Dominik Z, Harry J, Kamil S, William F, Molly M, Edie A, Caiden H, Freya M, Oliver A, Dylan J, Caitlyn M, Ruby M, Bryony P, Liam B, George B, Corey H, Eva R, Harrison E



**Multiplication Masters**

Emily C, Hubert K, Arya B, Hayden H, Kinga S, Willow B, Lily C, Alex P, Kamil S, Mia F, Carmen C, Indy Mc, Lily C, Millie C, Megan A, Brody CH, Iyla-Rae S



**Resound Food Bank**

Just a reminder that we are collecting items for the food bank until 3<sup>rd</sup> December. A list of the foods required is listed below, thank you.



**General Items**

- ✓ Minced beef & onion
- ✓ Tinned mushrooms
- ✓ Tinned potatoes
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Angel Delight
- ✓ Fruit juice (Long life)
- ✓ Sponge puddings
- ✓ Milk (Long life)
- ✓ Toilet rolls
- ✓ Tinned fruit (all types & sizes)

**Christmas Items**

- ✓ Small boxes of chocolates for adults
- ✓ Yule Logs
- ✓ Christmas cake slices
- ✓ Large tins salmon
- ✓ Large tins ham
- ✓ Christmas chocolates/biscuits
- ✓ Christmas pudding
- ✓ Custard (tins or sachets)
- ✓ Crisps/Nuts/Cheese Crackers
- ✓ Christmas crackers
- ✓ Chocolate bars/sweets for children
- ✓ **Small**, quality, toiletry gift packs for ladies and men
- ✓ **Small** family games

**We are recruiting!**

**After School Club Supervisor**  
**Monday - Thursday 3.00pm - 5.55pm**  
£6,439 pa (Hay11 point5)

We are looking for an Afterschool Supervisor to work Monday - Thursday afternoon managing our Afterschool Club, continuing the club's growth and development.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and energetic. They should be able to work as part of a team but can also take the initiative and lead others. The successful candidate will also need to be able to develop positive relationships with children, colleagues and parents.

Courtney Primary is a friendly and welcoming school with children who want to learn. We are fortunate to be able to work in a bright, modern building with wonderful grounds and views.

The post is term time only (38 weeks a year) and is currently fixed term as it is dependent on sufficient pupil numbers in the 20/21 academic year. The aspiration is that this role will be extended annually.

We are able to offer 'virtual' visits of the school. Please telephone the school office on 01454 866670 or email [office@courtneyps.org.uk](mailto:office@courtneyps.org.uk) to make an appointment to visit.

For more information, visit the "Recruitment" page of our website, in the "General Information" tab where you will find more information about the school and the role and an application form.

**Closing Date: Friday 27th November 2020 3pm**

**Interviews: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Start Date: Wednesday 6th January 2021**

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

## FOCP News

Around this time of year, we would usually be sending raffle tickets home to win a **Christmas Hamper**. However, we decided to change things a little this year and include the hamper as first prize to our Christmas Shopping Virtual Balloon Race. Please see the details below.

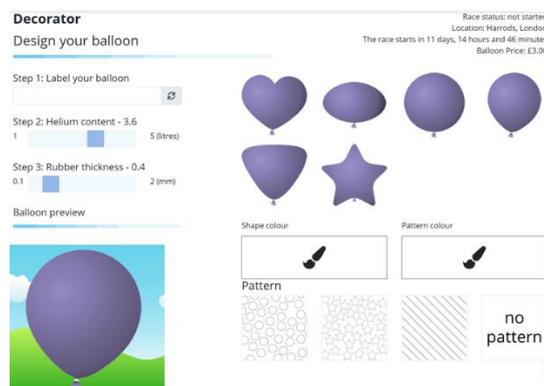
### **Christmas Shopping Virtual Balloon Race / Win a Christmas Hamper!!**

The virtual balloon race launches from Harrod's London on 1st December and runs for 7 days. To enter the race (for a chance to win the hamper), simply create an account (if you didn't take part in the Halloween race before) and buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1126>

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 (or even teachers)!

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



Once the race starts, you can track your balloon on google maps via this link:

<https://ecoracing.co/race/view/14>

National prizes for the race are:

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

The FOCP balloon that travels furthest will win the **Christmas** hamper! Runners up will win a chocolate selection box.

Once the race starts, you can track your balloon(s) via your own online dashboard.



Please ensure you follow the link below to buy your virtual balloon online:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1126>

