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Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.

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Newsletter 14 – 12th December 2019

We celebrate our similarities and differences and respect the rights of others.

Diary Dates

KS1 Performance

Choir Trip to Hippodrome

Christmas Dinner Day

Carols at Courtney

Children Back to School

Monday 16th December @ 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th December @6.00pm

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th Dec 6.30-8.00pm

Monday 6th January

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 2 Mon 4th November – Fri 21st Dec;

Term 3 Mon 6th January – Fri 14th February;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

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

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

This week, I would like to celebrate the strength of the Creative Arts here at Courtney. With ever increasing academic demands, we strongly believe that the creative aspect of our curriculum should not get squeezed out. Whilst appreciating that everything we do is a team effort, I would like to single out two members of staff whose influence and talent have had a significant impact this term. The first is Miss Sarah Inman who has inspired children throughout the school to sing – including our Infant children who have started to perform their Nativity Play to large audiences. Those of you who are lucky enough to have a ticket for next week's Carols at Courtney are in for a treat when you will hear, amongst other things, the wonderful results of KS2 choir practices. The second teacher I would like to single out is Mrs Lucy Nicholls who has inspired children both in her class but also in her Art Club. The photographs are of The Lucky Owl by George in Y3; and individual and group art produced by the Art Club.



A successful community is made up of diverse people with diverse skills, talent and interests. We are very lucky to have such a team.

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This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year 1 Oak: Willow B
- Year 2 Ash: Cadi S
- Year 3 Lime: Kane F
- Year 4 Maple: Freya M
- Year 5 Sycamore: Dylan J
- Year 6 Cedar: Ethan H

Attendance Total 95.5%

- YR Cherry 93.6%
- Y1 Oak 95.3%
- Y2 Ash 94.1%
- Y3 Lime 97.1%
- Y4 Maple 98.6%
- Y5 Sycamore 93.8%
- Y6 Cedar 96.8%



Reading Certificates

Ava S, Carmen C, Ben C, Renne J, Dominik Z, William F, Lilly B, Caiden H, Isaac G, Bella-Rose P, Kallum G, Lily-Mai M, George B, Lucia B, Isabel H, Jessica L, Rosie T, Alexander C



Multiplication Masters

Jessica L, Lily Ba



Class Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties will be taking place on the following dates. Can all children wear school uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch, thank you.

EYFS/KS1 – Thursday 19th December

Years 3 & 4 – Tuesday 17th December

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 23rd December 7.45am – 3.00pm

We are planning lots of Christmassy fun including making Christmas cakes and decorations. Please return completed forms to the office as quickly as possible as places are filling up fast!

Ethan's Fundraising

Over the past few months, Ethan in Y6 has been growing his hair in order to raise money. These are his words: *"My name is Ethan Hollingdrake and I am 11 years old. I have decided to shave my hair on 20th December to raise money in memory of Sorayah, for Children's Hospice South West.*

Sorayah was in my class when she was diagnosed with cancer. Although she had treatment, Sorayah sadly passed away in 2018. Sorayah was very brave and will be remembered by all of us. The money we raise will be used by the Children's Hospice South West to take care of other brave children like Sorayah."

If you feel able to support him, please follow the link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/SorayahJadeStokes>

OoSC Activities

On Friday 20th December breakfast club will be having a Christmas themed breakfast with Santa. Children will need to be in by 8.15am and spaces are limited so please use the booking system.

Afterschool club will be making Christmas decorations all week. Send your child in for lots of Christmassy fun!



Friends of Courtney Primary Fair

Thanks to all those who came to this year's Christmas Fair and those who helped out before or on the day. We are pleased to confirm that we made around £1500.



Thank you message from Miss Park

Thank you so much to those of you who visited my Pituitary tombola on Saturday at the school fair. My daughter Isabella couldn't believe we raised £62!

My sincere thanks also for all of the generous contributions today and for raising over £45.00 for the charity Help Homeless Bristol. It is really appreciated.

Recruiting!

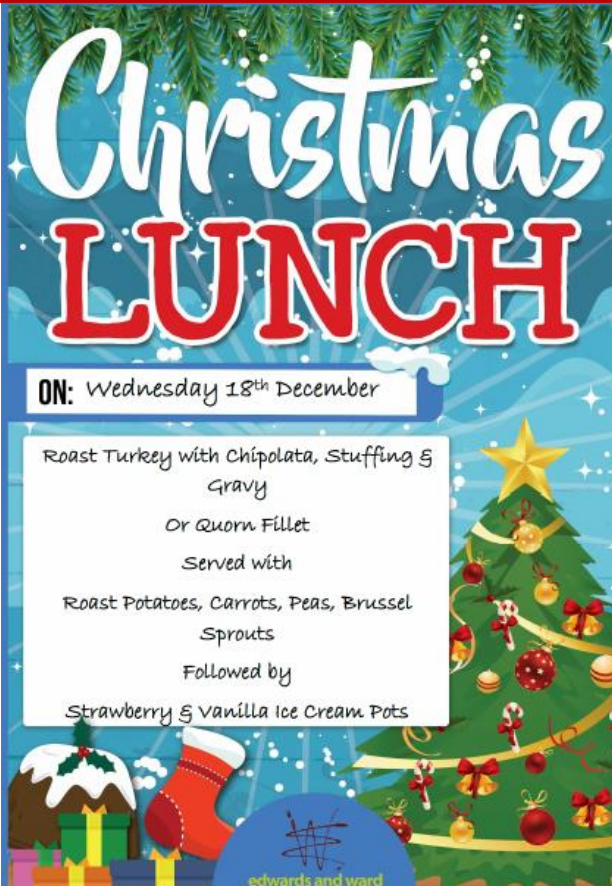
From January, we will have the following vacancies:

Lunchbreak supervisor Wednesdays 11.45 – 13.15

Afterschool Club Assistant Tuesdays 15.00 – 17.55

Breakfast Club Assistant Mondays 07.30 – 08.55

Please see the recruitment section of our website (found under the 'General Information' tab for more information, including how to apply.)



Christmas Lunch Menu

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December.