



Newsletter 24 – 29th March 2019
'We are resilient and proud of our efforts.'

Diary Dates

STEM Week: (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). All WOW Events. Tag Rugby Festival Y3&Y4 Break Up KS2 SATs Week	Week Beginning 1st April Wednesday 3 rd April pm Friday 5th April Week beginning 13 th May
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INSET DAYS 2019-10

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 25th October, Friday 14th February, Monday 20th July

Headteacher's News

At Courtney, we very much value the wider curriculum and provide regular opportunities for children to perform in front of an audience. Oak Class' assembly on Monday filled us all with joy as the children's confidence, nurtured by Miss Inman's creativity, shone through. Well done.

Some of you will have noticed that the INSET Days for 2019-20 have now been set. We are letting you know about these well in advance so that you can use the dates when planning your holidays and therefore not organise holidays that result in missed school. Holidays taken in term time often leads to valuable teacher and teaching assistant time being unnecessarily diverted to provide 'catch ups'; they often lead to gaps developing; and they often disrupt the friendships and learning behaviours. To help your child do well in school, please arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays – this includes having 'long weekends'. We understand the cost implications but every day in school really does matter.

And finally, the cleaners and teachers mostly stopped work this morning to witness the arrival of our eighth and final chick. Lots of awe and wonder! Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Arya B
Year 1 Oak: Jessica L & The whole class
Year 2 Ash: Megan W
Year 3 Lime: Laila-Mai H & Leia-Louise P
Year 4 Maple: Caitlyn M
Year 5 Sycamore: Cole A
Year 6 Cedar: Lily-Mae H



Attendance Total 96.9%

YR Cherry 94.2%
Y1 Oak 96.9%
Y2 Ash 97.5%
Y3 Lime 98.1%
Y4 Maple 97.8%
Y5 Sycamore 96.9%
Y6 Cedar 96.9%



Multiplication Masters

Jessica C, Freya M



Reading Certificates

Emily C, Tahlia H, Kinga S, George B, Hannah H, Eva R, Megan W, Marcel Z, William F, Dominik Z, Caitlyn M, Oscar W, Ruby M, Bryony P, Beatrice S, Alexander C, William M, Issy H, Lily-Mae H, Ella H, Isaac C



South Glos Term Dates 2019/20

Term 1 – Monday 2 Sept 2019 to Friday 25 Oct 2019
Term 3 – Monday 6 Jan 2020 to Friday 14 Feb 2020
Term 5 – Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 2 – Monday 4 Nov 2019 to Friday 20 Dec 2019
Term 4 – Monday 24 Feb 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020
Term 6 – Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020

Grow a Pound – Fundraising for The Children’s Hospice, South West

Over the Easter holidays, the school council would like children to borrow a pound from their parents/carers and use it to raise more money. The money raised will go to The Children’s Hospice, South West, which provides care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families across the South West.



Example activities:

- buy a sponge and wash cars for a fee
- make friendship bracelets to sell
- make drawings to sell
- buy cake ingredients and sell the cakes
- sort out some old toys and sell them at a car boot sale

Safety first: Please ensure your child is supervised while undertaking any of these activities.

Look out for further information in the letter next week. The money will need to be brought into school by **Friday 3rd May**.

Happy fundraising!

From the School Council **Written by Eva (Y2) and Bethany (Y5), School Council members**

DT Egg-stravaganza!

As we approach Easter, children in all classes will be egg-sploring ways of transporting eggs. They will be developing their design and technology skills to create cars, balloon rockets and other vehicles with the aim of safely transporting an egg from one place to another. There will also be challenges to see which vehicles are fastest, travel furthest and are safest.

To ensure we have enough resources, there are some **items we would like the children to bring in**. You don't need to buy anything - your recycling will do. In particular, we would like small cardboard boxes, card tubes (not toilet rolls), plastic bottle tops, yoghurt pots, cereal boxes and egg boxes.

In addition to the eggs we are transporting, we also have, in EYFS, six recently hatched chicks. All children will be able to visit the classroom to see the chicks.

The Ministry of Defence will be visiting Y5 and Y6 on Tuesday 2nd April to help the children design, create and test egg parachutes. Hopefully they will land them all safely!

As well as the design and technology challenges, the children will be linking their writing and mathematics to our egg theme.

We will be inviting parents in on **Friday 5th April at 2:45** to see the results of all the projects in the classrooms.

This will be the WOW events for all classes this term. We are looking forward to an egg-siting week!

We are sure it will be cracking!

EFYS Chicks

This week staff and pupils have been fascinated by the wonder of new life as we watched 8 chicks hatch. What a way to get us in the mood for Easter.



OoS Club are Recruiting

We are looking for an After School Club Supervisor for 2 afternoons a week. We are looking for someone who loves working with children, is enthusiastic and full of energy and creativity! If you are interested, or you know someone who is, please have a look on our website or the website Eteach: www.eteach.com for details of the post and how to apply.



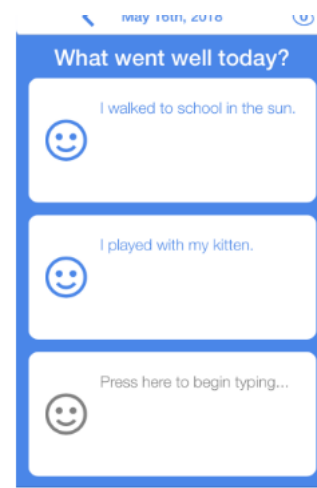
Wellbeing Apps for Children

Three Good Things, £free, Apple

Evidence suggests that if you write three good things down every day, your happiness and positivity increase. This simple little app is a great way for your child to record what they're grateful for.

Each day, the app prompts them to think about what went well, with three boxes to type their comments in. They can add them all at once at the end of the day, or as they happen. They get to level up for recording their thoughts on streaks of consecutive days, and can look back at their history to remind themselves of the things they're thankful for.

Over time, the app will train your child to look for things to appreciate and make the practice of gratitude a habit.



Community News



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Spring Programme 2019

Courses for Parents

Course Name	Venue	Date/Time	Cost
Understanding & Managing Behaviour	TBA	8 th April 10-1pm	£20.00
Parental Stress in Autism	TBA	15 th May 10-1pm	£20.00
ADHD & Executive Functioning	TBA	12 th June 10-1pm	£20.00

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