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'We take pride in our diverse, creative school family.'

Diary Dates

Year 5 to Kings Oak Open Day
Drumming Showcase (parents/carers of drummers invited)*
Shuffle Up Morning (children to spend morning with new teacher except Y4)
Year 6 Transition to SBL
Scooter Training – Year 2
Shuffle Up Morning for current Y4
Governors' Day (our Governors spend time in classes)
Y2 Circus Fantastic visiting
Year 3 WOW Event
Non school uniform day (in return for a bottle for the school fair)
Summer Fair
KS2 Performance
Reception visit to Bitton Railway (info will follow soon)
Y6 Leavers' Party
Y2 visiting Kingswood Library
Reports Home
Music and Dance Festival (all choir members)
Carnival Parade and Dance Show (weather permitting) Parents Welcome
Drop In Evening for Parents
Leavers' Breakfast (Parents and Children)
Leavers' Assembly

Monday 27th June
Wednesday 29th June 2:30pm **date change***
Thursday 30th June
Friday 1st July
Friday 1st July
Friday 1st July
Monday 4th July
Tuesday 5th July 1:15pm
Tuesday 5th July 3pm
Friday 8th July
Saturday 9th July
Tuesday 12th/Wednesday 13th July
Wednesday 13th July
Friday 15th July
Friday 15th July 10am
Monday 18th July
Monday 18th July evening
Tuesday 19th July afternoon
Tuesday 19th July 3:15 – 5:00
Friday 22nd July 8.15am
Friday 22nd July 9.00- 10:00

INSET Days

Thursday 1st September & Friday 2nd September 2016
Monday 26th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Headteacher's News

This week was Sports Day and it didn't rain! Although it was a bit wet underfoot we managed to go ahead with the set day as planned. The children did themselves credit. We had many, many incidents of children helping others to complete races they were struggling in; congratulating others who had just won races; looking after others who found not winning difficult; and generally not giving up. I realise that taking time off work is very difficult for many of you so do hope that having Infants and KS1 at the same time helped. We have a few tweaks to make for next year including setting out the race order for the audience so everyone knows what is coming up and providing tea and coffee for those who would appreciate a cuppa. If you have any comments on what went well and what would be even better next time, do let us know. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank Mr Bennett for all of the hard work he put into organising his very first Sports Day event.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Leia-Louise & Caitlyn
Year 1 Oak: Haydn
Year 2 Ash: Charlie
Year 3 Lime: Mira
Year 4 Maple: James
Year 5 Sycamore: The Whole Class
Year 6 Cedar: Chanel



This week's Multiplication Certificates:

John, Dean, Brooke, Preston, Julian, Sam

Attendance

YR Cherry 96.3%
Y1 Oak 95.9 %
Y2 Ash 95.7%
Y3 Lime 96.1%
Y4 Maple 96.3%
Y5 Sycamore 96%
Y6 Cedar 96.4%

Total 96.1%



Reading Certificates

10 Weeks (50+ reads): Rosie, Alesha, Ruby, Lacey

20 Weeks (100+ reads): Harry

30 Weeks (150 + reads): Megan

Dinner Money

As we are fast approaching the end of the school year, can all parents/carers please ensure all dinner money is paid up to date before we break up.

Staffing for 2016-7

We have now finalised our class teachers for next year. Sadly, some of our current teachers are leaving. Mr Bennett is moving to Qatar to teach, Mr Houston is joining a 2-form entry school nearer to his home in Bristol and Miss Turner is coming to the end of her year's contract. Mrs Parker and Mrs Castle will still be teaching around and about but not attached to one class. We therefore have 4 new teachers joining us who we believe will make excellent contributions to the School. We are therefore really excited about our teaching and support staff team for next year. The class teachers for next year are listed at the bottom of the newsletter with some information about them and a photograph. We hope you and your children enjoy finding out a little bit more about their new teacher.

Next week, the children will also spend the morning with their new teachers.

Pop in to say Hello

All of the new teachers will also be available at the end the school day next week so you can say a quick hello. Mrs Westcott, Miss Elmore and Miss Insley will be in on Thursday 30th June, Mr Jones on Friday 1st July. You will also get a chance to meet them again in the first week back.

Parking

Each of our children is very precious. We know that you would feel absolutely dreadful should you be the cause of an accident. The zig-zag lines around school are there for a purpose, which is to keep the entrance clear so that everyone can see the children (especially the very little ones) as they come and go. Saving a few minutes by parking illegally is putting our pupils at risk.

Please do not park on the zig-zag lines when dropping off or picking up from school.

PTA Summer Fayre 9th July

We still desperately need helpers to man some of the stalls at the Summer Fayre. Can you spare an hour to help set up on Friday 8th July at 1.15pm, or man a stall for an hour on Saturday 9th July? Please contact the office if you are able to lend a hand. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Free School Uniform for Pupils entitled to Free School Meals

We would like to confirm that the school is happy to pay for 4 items of school uniform for children starting the school in Reception (or if they join in any other year) if they are in receipt of Free School Meals. (2 polo shirts, a sweatshirt or cardigan and fleece). The school will also contribute up to £10 a year towards new items of uniform for any Free School Meal child already in the school.

We also have a selection of second hand uniform which we are happy to offer free to any Pupil Premium children. Please contact the office if you would like to take advantage of this policy.

Wrong Trousers' Day

Today we raised an amazing £143.30 for the Grand Appeal at the Bristol Children's Hospital, well done everyone.

<p>Year 1 Oak Class Teacher: Miss Insley Teaching Assistant: Mrs Ireland + Mrs Harbury</p> 	<p>It is my dream to work in a school like Courtney and I am incredibly excited to join the teaching team in such a lovely school. I am very much a home-bird, having grown up, worked and then studied in the local area. Although I spend a lot of my free-time playing and coaching a local netball club, I love all sports and will no doubt begin the school year inspired following the Olympic Games in Rio. Other things I love to do include: watching Disney films; spending time with friends and family; singing; and eating nice food! I am so looking forward to getting to know the personalities in my new class and actively participating in Courtney's school community.</p>
<p>Year 2 Elm Class Teacher: Miss Elmore Teaching Assistant: Mrs Radford + Mrs Smith and Mrs Edwards</p> 	<p>I am very excited to be joining Courtney Primary School as a Year 2 teacher and I cannot wait to meet my new class. Having moved to the area in August from Hertfordshire, I have settled into life in the South West and am looking forward to becoming an active member of the school community.</p> <p>I am an avid lover of world travel and have spent time exploring South East Asia and America - this summer I will be inter-railing around Europe. My other hobbies include country walks, theatre and cookery.</p>
<p>Year 3 Lime Class Teacher: Miss Brown & Mrs Gee Teaching Assistant: Mrs Matthews</p>  	<p>I am looking forward to another exciting and action-packed year at Courtney working with Mrs Gee and moving up with my class. This will be my 10th year! I am also pleased to have a new challenge professionally as I am returning to university to study for my SENCo qualification. Before this though I am looking forward to a relaxing summer of reading, fresh air and catching up with friends.</p> <p>I have been teaching at Courtney since 1997 and for the last nine years I have been Deputy Headteacher; I have stayed at Courtney for so long because the community reminds so much of where I grew up near Manchester, and I feel at 'home' here. I have taught in all year groups but I am really pleased to be with year 3 again and working with Miss Brown. I am particularly excited to be teaching a new curriculum, making use of our outside space and immersing ourselves in some terrific books. I became a mum fairly recently to Wilf, who is now 18 months. He has 14 cousins, who all live in the north of the country so we spend our time visiting them. I also like to cook, travel and go to see bands play live, either locally or at music festivals.</p>

Year 4 Maple Class

Teacher: **Mr Cant**

Teaching Assistant: Mr Smith



I am looking forward to returning to teach in Year 4, where I have taught previously (for 4 years) and cannot wait to work with the children. I am part of the Senior Leadership Team and also lead English across the school. Currently, I live in the northern part of Bristol with my wife and two sons; I also have a teenage daughter who is at University in Ireland. In school I particularly enjoy teaching Maths, English, P.E and Art. Away from work, I enjoy spending time with my family, riding my bike, cooking, camping and watching films.

Year 5 Sycamore Class

Teacher: **Mr Jones**

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Morch



I am extremely excited to be joining the team at Courtney and working with Year 5 again from September. After completing my first year of teaching in Kent, I will be moving back to Bristol over the coming months. I am a true believer in continued learning outside of the classroom; I enjoy travelling around the world, learning from other cultures and pride myself in being self-taught in sign language. Other interests include Lego, musical theatre and anything Harry Potter! I'm very sporty and am looking forward to leading PE and meeting the different sports personalities at Courtney!

Year 6 Cedar Class

Teacher: **Mrs Westcott**

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Reardon



I am joining Courtney from Crossways School in Thornbury where I currently teach Y3. I love teaching Y6 and have many years' experience with this year group. This term I have already been working with the teachers at Courtney on planning to make better use of our locality and outdoors in our revised curriculum. Maths is my specialism and I am taking over the subject leadership from Miss Brown to allow her to concentrate on other things. Being a mum, I spend most of my spare time on 'child-friendly' activities involving the outdoors. I am looking forward to becoming part of the Senior Leadership Team so may also meet some parents and children in that capacity.