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We bravely face our challenges to help us learn and grow.

Diary Dates

Year 6 Residential Visit FoCP Summer Fair Y5 Visit – We The Curious Shuffle Up Morning Courtney K Colour Run Sports Day and Family Picnic (from about 9:30am) RISE Music and Dance Festival KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal to School and Grandparents KS2 Evening Production KS2 Evening Production FoCP Fun Afternoon Book Sharing and Profile Afternoon (details to follow) Leavers' Breakfast with Parents + Leavers' Assembly End of School Year	Week beg: 17th June Saturday 22 nd June Monday 24th June Tuesday 25 th June Thursday 27th June Wednesday 3 rd July (NB Date Change) Tuesday 16th July (evening) Tuesday 16 th July 1:30pm Wednesday 17th July Thursday 18 th July Thursday 18th July 1.10-3.00pm Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23rd July 8:15am Tuesday 23 rd July
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Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 1 Wed 4th September – Thurs 24th October;

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

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

Term 4 Tues 23rd February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 2nd September, Tues 3rd September, Fri 25th October, Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

Thank you for attending our very first school Art Exhibition this week. The children's work looked amazing! Some of the feedback we got was that the Art Exhibition was lovely but the framed prints were a bit expensive. Personally, I would have liked the work to be up longer so that we could all appreciate it before the prints got taken home. Do let us know if you have a view to share to help us to improve. We will be sending the original artwork home soon.

Again, can I raise the profile of Attendance (see p2). There is **no** good time for a child to miss school! They are either:

- Starting new learning
- Consolidating learning
- Taking summative tests to inform next steps
- Having learning gaps filled from said tests
- Starting transition work for the following year (Term 6)
- Establishing routines and basic skills for the year ahead (September Term)

For those children with poor attendance - some of it health-related and unavoidable, some of it holidays – the progress gap between them and their peers is really noticeable. The dedicated and hard-working teachers at Courtney feel they cannot do the best for some children as they miss so many days unnecessarily. Every day counts.

The children are due back to school on **Wednesday 4th September**. Please support your child's learning and wellbeing by making sure that they do not miss the crucial first few days back after the Summer holiday.

And finally, I hope that our Year Six class have a change in the weather next week as they are off to the Brecon Beacons for a week under canvas. Otherwise, I suspect that there will be a lot of added water activities! **D Wood**



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: George B & Mohamad F
 Year 1 Oak: Skyla P
 Year 2 Ash: Genevieve C-H
 Year 3 Lime: Zena G
 Year 4 Maple: Haydn C
 Year 5 Sycamore: Archie C
 Year 6 Cedar: Lily-Mae H



Attendance Total 96.3%

YR Cherry 93.6%
 Y1 Oak 96.5%
 Y2 Ash 96.8%
 Y3 Lime 97.4%
 Y4 Maple 97.1%
 Y5 Sycamore 96.6%
 Y6 Cedar 96.1%



Multiplication Masters

Ella-Mae W, Bella-Rose P, Lily-Mae D



Reading Certificates

Ruby H, Kallum G, Finley Y, Lilly B, Kamil S, Marcel Z, Jessica C, Oscar E, Cole A, Samantha P, Shayla B, Millie C, Megan L, Romeo D, Lily C, Elliot M, George B, Leia-Louise P, William F, Freya M, Dominik Z, Mya K, Shaya B, Connor R, Caitlin C, Logan O, Jack B, Katie D, Harry M, Mark W, Beatrice S, Aiden H



Courtney K Colour Run – Thursday 27th June

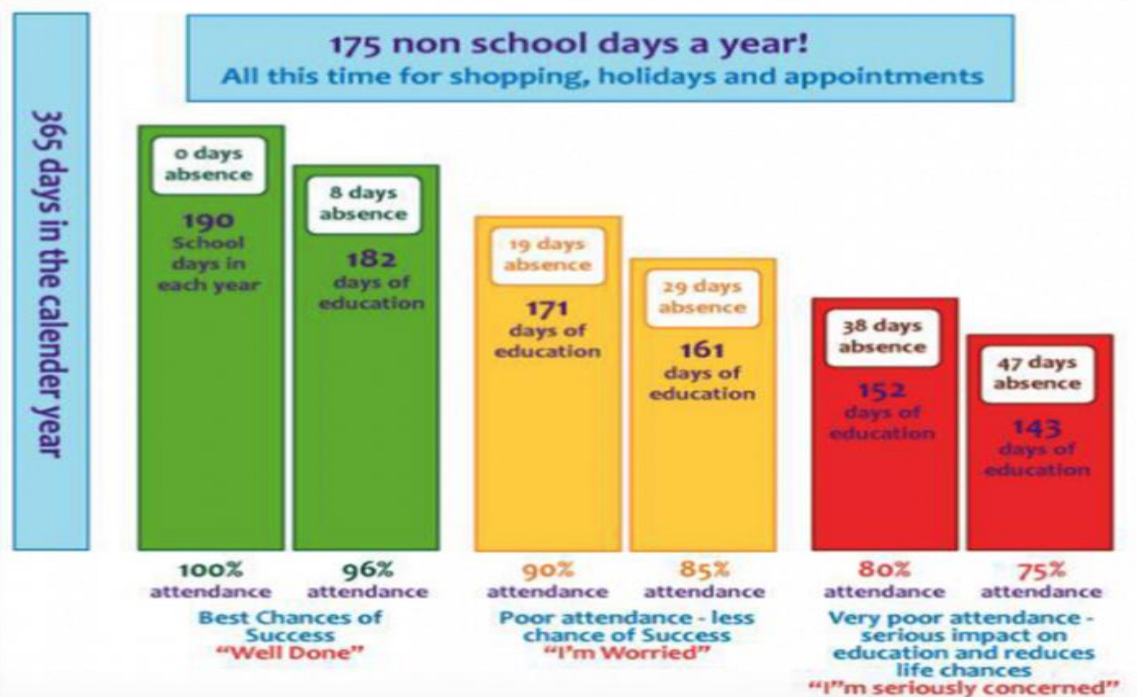
We are so sad that we had to postpone the Courtney K Colour Run yesterday. Please note the new date of 27th June, all timing remain the same.

Attendance and Holidays

We are having an increasing number of requests for holidays in term time. **One quarter** of our pupils have had a holiday request made for them this year. Some classes are having different children missing each week and are having to use teacher time and teaching assistant time to help the children catch up on their return. This does not seem fair to those who are in every day.

We do not authorise any holidays because, whilst we are fully aware of the cost-saving, the children already have at least 12 weeks off school for holidays as it is.

Every day really does count. It only takes 8 days of absence in the year to dip to the 96% expected.



NB Please can we remind you that if you take a holiday for more than five days then we will send your details to the Local Authority who will send you a fine. The current rate is £60 per child per parent.

FoCP

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Fayre, the sign-up sheet is outside the Key Stage 2 entrance. Please add your name if you can help for one or two hours – you may even team up with someone else if you wish, and just do half an hour each. We will not be able to go ahead without your help so please sign up if you can help. Thank you.

Art Exhibition

The artwork produced at the end of last term was sent away to be printed and framed. All of the children enjoyed looking at each other's finished pictures which were so varied. There were even a few that the teachers produced! The company who created the exhibition were very complimentary about the enthusiasm, respect and behaviour shown by our children.



Community News

Summer holidays!

Although many families look forward to the long school holidays with excitement, there are others who dread them as the lack of routine and positive things to occupy their children take their toll. Here are some suggestions:

Holiday clubs and activities for families www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/south-gloucestershire/places-to-go

Blue Peter Badges

Children can still get these and they entitle them to free entry into many theme parks, country parks and learning venues. See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>