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Newsletter 11 – 22nd November 2019

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

Diary Dates

Non Uniform Day – bring a bottle for the bottle stall

FoCP Christmas Fair

KS1 Performance Dress Rehearsal to grandparents

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Christmas Dinner Day

Carols at Courtney

Friday 29th November

Saturday 7th Dec 11.00am–1.00pm

Thursday 12th December @ 2.00pm

Friday 13th December @ 2.00pm

Monday 16th December @ 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th Dec 6.30-8.00pm

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 25th 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

Recently, I have caught a few children having a quick yawn or looking very tired. When I ask them what time they went to bed, some of their responses were times way past my bedtime! I thought it would be worth having a re-look at the sleep guidance from the NHS and share that with you.

4 years: 11 hours 30 mins	8 years: 10 hours 15 mins
5 years: 11 hours	9 years: 10 hours
6 years: 10 hours 45 mins	10 years: 9 hours 45 mins
7 years: 10 hours 30 mins	11 years: 9 hours 30 mins

Having a bedtime routine and a set bedtime can help and can include activities to help wind down, such as a warm bath/shower or reading a story. Sticking to a set pattern each night will help your child to settle before bed and give them the time to calm down before sleeping.

Congratulations to Mrs Caroline Harbury who went to her own graduation this week. Well-earned through a lot of hard work. Learning never stops.

And finally, you may have read in a recent letter that our school library will be open straight after school on Thursdays so that you can come and change books with your child. Entry will be through the library doors. **Deborah Wood**



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year 1 Oak: Lily C
- Year 2 Ash: Lillia B
- Year 3 Lime: Rhys I
- Year 4 Maple: Dominik Z
- Year 5 Sycamore: Logan P
- Year 6 Cedar: Sam W

Attendance Total 95.7%

- YR Cherry 93.0%
- Y1 Oak 96.2%
- Y2 Ash 94.4%
- Y3 Lime 96.6%
- Y4 Maple 99.1%
- Y5 Sycamore 94.4%
- Y6 Cedar 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Ruby H, Lillia B, Ellie N, Lilly B, Megan A, Brody C-H, Kai M, Hayden H, Penny G-E, Nevaeh E, Aniyah C, Sarah V, Piper M, Zaila H, Edie A, Dominik Z, William F, Harry J, Kamil S, Carson H, Jack B, Mark W, Oliver A, Caitlyn M, Olly S, Finley Y, Bethany B

Multiplication Masters

Lacey B, Corey H, Harrison E, Belle-Rose P, Isabel H



Football Competition

The mighty team Courtney had the opportunity to take part in a football competition this week at Mangotsfield Secondary school. Marcel, Harry Mc, Carson H, William F, Mark W, Harry J and Caiden were the players who took on the challenge. Even though the members of the team were from different year groups they gelled really well together and kept up morale on a bitterly cold night. Courtney played a total of three games (W,L,W) and scored a total of 9 goals which was impressive considering the short length of the games. As always, big numbers of Courtney parents came out to

watch the team and cheer them on.

Well done Courtney FC.

Courtney Crown value most shown during the games "We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges".

Athletics

At Courtney athletics team took part in a County level small schools competition. This competition took place indoors at Downend Secondary School. Kiesha B, Ruby G-M, Bryony P, Henry W, Caitlyn M, Ruby M, Liam C, Alex C, Sam K, Shemaiah P, Tom W and Oliver A made up the team. There were various competitive track and field events ranging from and 4x4 obstacle relay to the triple jump.

I was so proud of the team who faced difficult events in a very competitive environment and still came out smiling. Every team member was encouraging and cheering on each other which gave the team an extra boost. We came 3rd, showing how many talented young athletes we have at Courtney. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came along and supported the team along the way.



Courtney Crown Value most shown "We celebrate our achievements and are proud of our efforts".

Chris Smith, Sports Coach

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!

Wheelbarrows and wheelbarrow handlers needed! Wednesday 27th November 1-3pm

We are looking to empty the large reception sandpit of sand next Wednesday as the first stage in a programme to redevelop the whole outside play area. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this rather large task! If you are able to lend us 1 or 2 hours of your time and/or a wheelbarrow and spade, we would be really, really grateful. Please contact the office if you can help.



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Your Contact Information

Every couple of years we ask all parents/carers to update their contact information to make sure we can reach you all as effectively as possible. We have now sent home a print out of the information that we have about you. Please can we ask you to review the information, make any amendments and return to the office/send in with your child by **Friday 29th November**.

OoSC - 25th – 29th November

We will be starting our Christmas preparations every night next week with Christmas card making, Christmas list writing and letters to Santa!



Supporting Bristol University Research

We have been asked by one of our NHS Speech and Language Therapists to support some research being conducted by the University of Bristol. They are hoping to develop a computer program to assess children's speech. If your child meets the criteria we will be sending home a letter (apologies in advance for the length!) and a short consent form and questionnaire for you to complete. Your child will then complete two short activities with our NHS Speech and Language Therapist where they will be asked to look at some pictures. The letter says this will take around 60mins, but I have been assured that it actually only takes about 15 minutes. Participation is voluntary, but we would really appreciate your support with what could be the development of a really useful tool for use in school.

Eco Club

Eco club will be selling tickets for a raffle to be drawn at the Christmas fair to win a fairy house built by Donna Bracey. Tickets are £1 per strip.



Friends of Courtney Primary News

We have 5 elf bags left at £5 each.

Please email Chairfocp@gmail.com

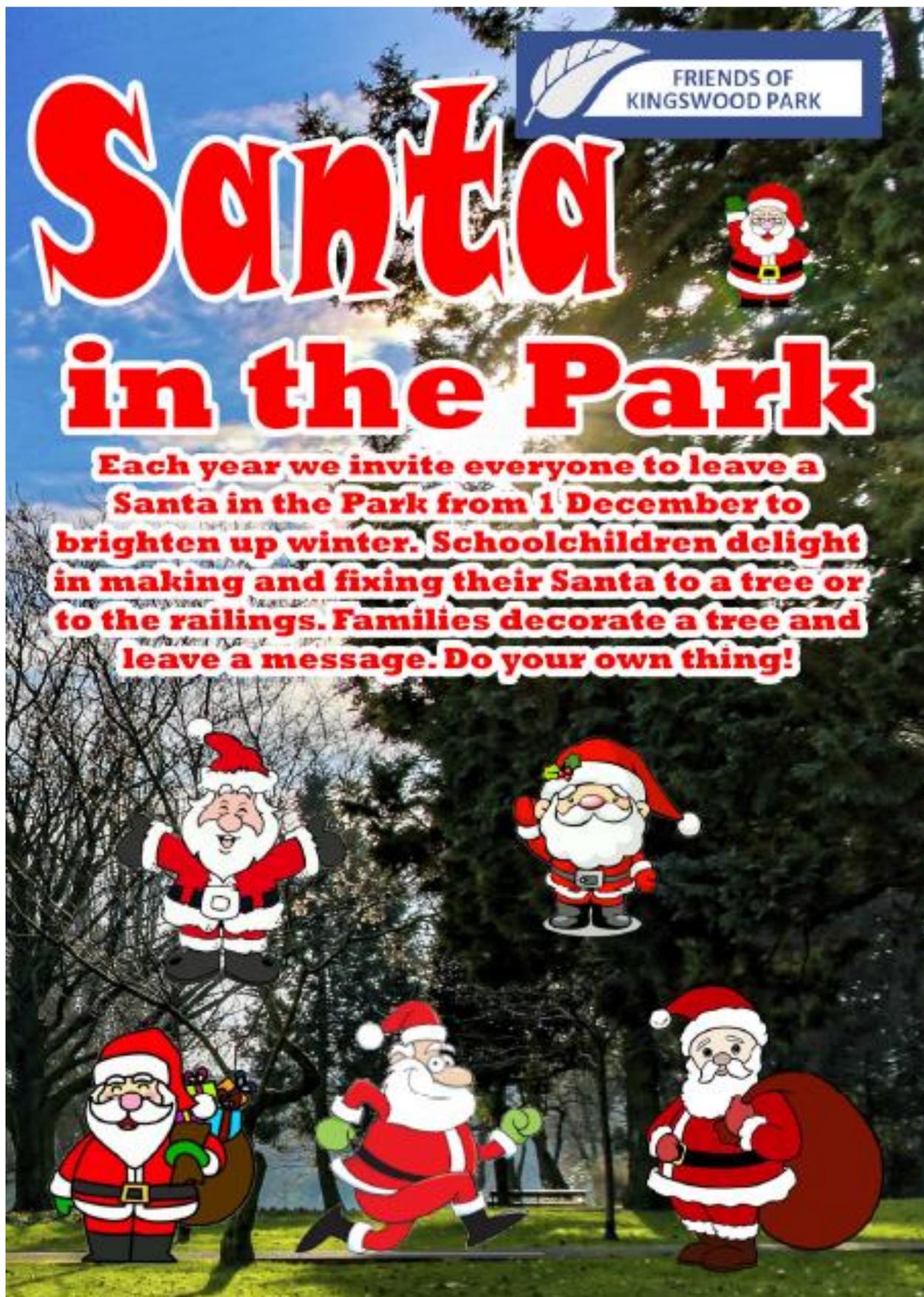
Christmas Fair Saturday 11am to 1pm

We are still looking for 1 or 2 helpers. If you can help for an hour or so on the day, please let the office know. You should have received some Family/Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets this week. The winner will be drawn at 12.45pm in the hall during the Christmas Fair. If you would like more tickets, please let the office know.

Two toy hampers are going on sale on Monday in the playground, £1 per ticket.

Reminder: next Friday is non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle to go on the Bottle Stall at the Christmas fair'



A festive poster for 'Santa in the Park' at Kingswood Park. The background is a photograph of a park with trees and a blue sky. At the top right, a blue banner with a leaf icon contains the text 'FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD PARK'. The main title 'Santa in the Park' is written in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the title, a paragraph of text in red with a white outline describes the event: 'Each year we invite everyone to leave a Santa in the Park from 1 December to brighten up winter. Schoolchildren delight in making and fixing their Santa to a tree or to the railings. Families decorate a tree and leave a message. Do your own thing!'. The bottom of the poster features five cartoon illustrations of Santa Claus in various poses: one waving, one with a holly leaf on his hat, one carrying a sack of gifts, one running with a ball, and one holding a large sack.