



Newsletter 2 – 14th September 2018

'We are resilient and proud of our efforts.'

Diary Dates

Enrichment Clubs Start

Football Match (home)

Football Tournament (Mangotsfield Secondary)

Parent Consultation Meeting (Behaviour focus)

Halloween School Disco

School Photo's

Monday 17th September

Tuesday 18th September 3:30pm

Wednesday 19th Sept 3:45–5:30pm

Thursday 11th October 9:00 am

Friday 19th October 6.00–7.30pm

Monday 22nd October

INSET Days 2018-19:

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October 2018 and Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

It is already the end of week two! I carried out an informal 'Learning Walk' with Janet Hinchliffe, our Chair of Governors, when she visited this week. She commented on how impressed she was with the developing learning environment, the learning atmosphere and calmness throughout the school. Our new members of staff have settled in really well and are adapting well to our Courtney way of doing things.

Next week our new enrichment clubs start and, as a result, we have to ask parents to clear the playground promptly so the gates can be shut at 3.30pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

And finally, this year we are introducing 'Consultation Mornings' at which we will invite parents and carers to come and meet with members of the Leadership Team and discuss areas of school improvement. In response to some of the comments on our Parent Survey, the first one will be on Behaviour with Mr Thomas and myself on Thursday 11th October at 9am. If you are not able to attend, we welcome written contributions. Refreshments will be provided.

Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Poppy S

Year 2 Ash: Jacob F

Year 3 Lime: Caitlyn J

Year 4 Maple: Ricky C

Year 5 Sycamore: Sam W

Year 6 Cedar: Mya K



Attendance Total 97.3%

Y1 Oak 98.9%

Y2 Ash 94.6%

Y3 Lime 98.7%

Y4 Maple 98.4%

Y5 Sycamore 96.7%

Y6 Cedar 97.6%



Multiplication Masters

Rheo F



Reading Certificates

Carson H, Sarah V



Crown Values Review

This year, we have made a few tweaks to our Crown Values so that they fit Courtney and reflect the British Values we also promote. The main amendments are: assertiveness, the rights of others and respect for each other. Our aim is for children to be able to stand up for themselves but do so in a way which is respectful – an important life skill.



Gardening Champion

Many of you already know Kath Hodds who works tirelessly to develop our school allotment and Eco Club. In order to make Courtney even better, she has been working her way through the RHS School Gardening Awards and now reached Level Four. As a reward, she has earned the school £150 worth of seeds!



Level Five involves working with the community; Kath has already started on projects at Courtney involving Ladybirds Pre-School. Well done, Kath and thank you.

School Kitchen Award

This week Environmental Health came into school to inspect our school kitchen. They always come in unannounced. They awarded us 5 stars, the highest possible. Well done to Jacqui and Donna.



Earrings

A little reminder: Children either need to remove their earrings for PE if they are happy to, if not they must cover them with tape, e.g. Micropore.

Wanted

We are after some old hand or bath towels, that we can use to dry off the outside play equipment, thank you.

FURNITURE LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

Due to our conversion of the ICT Suite to a library, we now have some furniture we cannot use and unfortunately have no room to store. We are therefore looking to give away the items of furniture below to anyone who is able to collect it and who is willing to give a small donation to our library fund.

Please contact the office if you are interested in any of the items.

2 sets of shelves with 2 compartments can be put on a wall or have free standing (attachment to wall advised)



2 long wooden tables on metal legs.



Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

This week saw our first Teddy Bears Picnic. We all enjoyed it and everyone went home with a certificate after the Parade. Thanks to Mrs Belton and Mr Smith who were our judges. Please remember to look on the board/newsletter for the activities planned for the following week as some children came without bears.

Our programme for next week is as follows:

Monday – Gifts of candle holders for the elderly

Tuesday – Race Night

Wednesday – Bottom playground activities

Thursday – Cookery (chocolate bark)

Friday – Free play

Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club





Courtney Primary School – Reading Spine 2018-19



“Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out”

Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS						
Year 1						
Year 2						
Year 3						
Year 4						
Year 5						
Year 6						

Autism South West

Speaker Series – Event 1

Keynote Speaker Lynn McCann

Thursday 27 September 2018

St Mary's Primary School, Thornbury BS35 1HJ

- Event open to any professionals and parents
- Afternoon workshop - 1.30pm - 3.30pm Supporting autistic pupils with their writing
- Evening workshop - 6pm - 8pm Autism and anxiety/mental health

Cost

Professionals £40 per workshop, £60 for both
Parents £20 per workshop, £30 for both.



Further information available at: ststraining@southglos.gov.uk or telephone 01454 868165

Places for this speaker series event are now available to book at <http://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/cpd> Ref CONF/18/583

Keynote Speaker

Lynn is a national trainer and consultant in autism and has a wealth of experience in autism education. She is the author of several books for teachers about supporting autistic pupils in school and is a teacher, SENCo and early years' lecturer and has worked in both mainstream and specialist settings. Lynn also writes regularly for the TES blog and contributes articles to national SEND publications. Her website is: www.reachoutasc.com and resources will be available to purchase at the event.

Additional dates for this series include:

Event 2 - 15th November 2018 (evening), keynote speaker Dean Beadle at BAWA, Filton
Event 3 - 24th January 2019 (evening), keynote speaker Robyn Steward at BAWA, Filton

Between workshops the venue will be open and drinks will be available. You are welcome to stay and network if you are attending both sessions. Alternatively Thornbury Town Centre is not far away.