



### Newsletter 3 – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

'We are resilient and proud of our efforts.'

#### Diary Dates

Prospective Parents Open Day

**Parent Consultation Meeting (Behaviour focus)**

Year 4 WOW Event – Stone Age Wall building

**Halloween School Disco**

School Photos

**Prospective Parents Open Evening**

Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 1

**Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 2**

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9:00 am**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2-3.00pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 6.00-7.30pm**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 6.00pm**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November until 7.00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November until 7.00pm**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.30am

#### INSET Days 2018-19:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Headteacher's News

For the past week, we have been emptying the last boxes and furniture from our old ICT Suite and, in the process, discovered what an extraordinarily large space it is (and we've already created a group room from the original design). Then... two men arrived with several plastic-wrapped bulky packages which turned out to be the first component parts of our **brand new library**. Boy, are we all excited!

Tuesday was Election Day. The development of our pupils as leaders is very important to us at Courtney. This week, the democratic process was in full swing as every child in Year 6 presented their 'pitch' as to why they should be voted for as House Captain for 2018-19. The votes were counted and verified and now the candidates have a nervous wait until the announcement of who has been selected by their peers. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself forward for these sorts of positions so congratulations to each of them and especially to those who had to dig deep.

And finally, just to let you know, we have moved our Parents' Evenings to the second week of Term 2. This is so that we will be able to share our first collection of data with you and give you accurate targets to work on with at home with your child.

**Deborah Wood**

#### This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Lillia B

Year 2 Ash: Jessica G

Year 3 Lime: Libby J

Year 4 Maple: Katie D

Year 5 Sycamore: Bethany B

Year 6 Cedar: Archie O



#### Attendance Total 96.9%

Y1 Oak 99.0%

Y2 Ash 94.0%

Y3 Lime 99.2%

Y4 Maple 96.8%

Y5 Sycamore 97.8%

Y6 Cedar 96.1%



#### Multiplication Masters

Carmen C



#### Reading Certificates



### Flu Vaccinations YR – Y5

Flu vaccination forms are coming home today for children in YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5. Please note that **all forms** must be completed and returned to school by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.

### Helper Wanted

We need an adult to help in Knitting Club every Wednesday from 12.30-1.00pm. Please call the Office if you are interested, thank you

### Raffle

Kath H and Rachel A are raffling off a Paint Your Own Gromit, with all proceeds going to the Bristol Children's Hospital. Tickets are £1 per strip and are on sale every morning in the playground.

### 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.

### Maple Class Learners

To start off their topic, the children had the experience of 'cave drawing'.



### Oak Class Learners

Year 1 have been doing some super learning this week.



## Open Day for Prospective Parents

We have now set our open days for perspective parents and pupils for our September 2019 intake. The dates are on the website. We also have some fabulous flyers advertising our school. If you have a child who could start in reception next year, or know someone who does and would like a flyer, they are available from the office.



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Join us on our Open Days to see what we can offer.

**Saturday 6th October 2018 10am**  
**Tuesday 23rd October 2018 6.00pm**  
**Wednesday 21st November 2018 9.30am**

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.  
If you cannot make these dates, please contact us.





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**Our 2018 Results**

- Increasing proportion of EYFS children 'exceeding' in Reading, Writing and Number.
- KS1 Sets above average for 'Reading, Writing and Mathematics Combined' at both expected and greater depth.
- 100% of our pupils met the phonics threshold by end of KS1.
- Attainment in Writing at KS2 well above national average.

**July 2018 Parent Survey:**  
100% thought their child was:

- happy at school
- well looked after
- well taught and making good progress at school

"Courtney is a lovely school and all the staff are approachable and friendly." (Y1 parent)

"Both my children have BRILLIANT TEACHERS and have made fantastic progress." (YR & Y2 parent)

"A fantastic school with a friendly feel to it." (Y4 parent)



## General Reminders

### Pick Up Time After School

Please could we politely remind you that the Trim Trail is open for use but adults need to supervise. Because of the after-school clubs and Oosc, we do need to lock the gate at 3:30pm. If Cyril, our lollypop man, is standing by the gate, it means he needs to lock up (which he helps us out by volunteering to do) so could you help make his job easier by leaving promptly.

Also please remember to notify the Office of any medical changes to your child or any changes to your contact details.

### Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Another busy and fun week at OoSC. Please note next week's activities, especially Tuesday when our children are invited to bring a bicycle, scooter, or skates for a night of wheels fun.

#### Our programme for next week is as follows:

Monday – Make a Pet  
Tuesday – Wheels Night – bike, scooter & skateboard  
Wednesday – Roleplay/Dressing Up  
Thursday – Chocolate Bark  
Friday – Free Play

**Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club**



## Community News

**Courtney Ladybirds Pre-School** have spaces available for all children aged 2, 3 and 4. They also accept funding from the Government for 15 and 40 hours and the 2 year grant. If you would like to visit them please call them on 0117 9353022.