



Newsletter 8 – 9th November 2018

*'We are proud of our similarities and difference
 and understand the rights of others.'*

Diary Dates

<p><i>Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 1</i> Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 2 <i>Children In Need – wear spots for Pudsey</i> Prospective Parents Open Morning <i>Reading Workshop for EYFS Parents with Mrs Matthews (see below)</i> Bring a Bottle Day for Xmas Fayre <i>FOCP Christmas Fair</i> Y4 WOW Event – Class Assembly: Bones and Bodies <i>Infant Production Dress Rehearsal to school and grandparents</i> Infant Production to Parents & Carers <i>Infant Production to Parents & Carers</i> School Christmas Dinner</p>	<p><i>Tuesday 13th November until 7.00pm</i> Thursday 15th November until 7.00pm <i>Friday 16th November</i> Wednesday 21st November 9.30am <i>Thursday 22nd November 8:50am</i> Friday 23rd November <i>Saturday 1st December 11am-1.00pm</i> Monday 10th December 2.45-3.10pm <i>Friday 14th December 2pm</i> Monday 17th December 2pm <i>Tuesday 18th December 6pm</i> Wednesday 19th December</p>
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INSET Days 2018-19:

Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

This week we have continued our whole school focus on remembering World War 1 and Armistice Day. In the last week of term, the children worked together in their Houses to make some clay poppies. We had a number of visitors including Cherry Hubbard who has been co-ordinating a South Gloucestershire project who said: *"Thank you so much for an amazing day! It was a real treat to see the whole school, children and staff, so enthusiastically engaged with the learning resources and a real pleasure for me to work with all the groups. There were some really thought provoking and difficult to answer questions (for me) from every class as they were really engaged. It was also good to see the loans boxes working so well too."*

On Tuesday, the whole school walked to Holy Trinity Church, Kingswood to share a service. We took our poppies, sang, read some poetry and listened to our lovely school choir. A huge thank you to Mrs Elmore for organising the whole event and for inspiring us all. You will see the outcomes of the children's work in our entrance hall when you come for parents' evening next week.

And finally, thank you for all of your donations to the foodbank; they were collected this week and I am certain will be put to good use. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year 1 Oak: Ellie N and Lily-Mai M
- Year 2 Ash: Eva R and Megan A
- Year 3 Lime: William F and All of Lime class
- Year 4 Maple: Ruby M and Haydn C
- Year 5 Sycamore: Alexander C and Kaylee-Rose H
- Year 6 Cedar: Logan O and Harvey M



Attendance Total 97.2%

- YR Cherry 95.8%
- Y1 Oak 96.3%
- Y2 Ash 97.2%
- Y3 Lime 98.2%
- Y4 Maple 97.4%
- Y5 Sycamore 97.9%
- Y6 Cedar 97.1%



Reading Certificates

Aiden H, Ella H, Archie B, Ivey C, Alicja J, Jessica L, Sarah V, Carson H, Bryony P, Ivan C, Oscar W, Harry J, Dean H, Mia M, Preston W, William M, Finlay B, Finley Y, Cadi S, Madison H, Madison P-W, Caitlyn M, Sam K, Katie D, Dylan J, Lily B, Ethan H, Archie L, Ellie N, Lily-Mai M, Sam P, Rhylee M, Kaylee-Rose H, Shayla B, Kamil S, Dominik Z, William F, Jessica G, George B, Eva R, Mia F, Ben C, Alicja J, Rhys I, Peter M, Beatrice S, Ruby G-M, Jack B, Harry Mc, Oliver A, Megan W, Logan O'D, Megan A.



Sparkling Starts

YR – Festivals and Celebrations

Y1 & Y2 – What Does Christmas Look Like?

Y3 & Y4 – Why Do We Need Bones?

Y5 & Y6 – Animal Kingdom

World War One Letter Writing

My dear Mother,

I received that letter from last week and I hope that you are okay. We're just in our special place that the enemies won't find us here. Tomorrow is fighting time but don't worry I'm doing just fine. Yesterday I did twenty rounds! I really miss you Mother. I'm eating plenty of food and just hanging out with my gang really. Just remember if I was there right now I would be the one helping not this other stranger! You know summer's coming don't you? Please can you get me a refreshing drink in the mail? I've been trading with my boys. I've got loads of chocolate. I love chocolate. I could tell you more but it won't do. Don't worry Mum. I'll be home soon (hopefully). But at the same time I don't want to leave my friends. Remember I'm okay! Well anyway, I must close now. Bye Mummy

Your loving son, Alfred (aka Ruby M in Y4)

Parents and Carers Consultation Evenings

For those of you new to Courtney, this is how our consultation evenings work:

- You have all been given a 10 minute slot to meet with your child's class teacher. We recommend that you arrive slightly earlier than your slot so that you have time to look through your child's work (which will be outside the classroom) before your meeting. There will also be time afterwards to continue looking should you wish.
- We usually leave it up to you to decide if you want your child with you at the meeting but the teacher may ask your child to leave if they want to talk to you without them there.
- You will be able to take away with you targets for Reading, Writing and Maths. These will be personalised for your child based on the 'next steps' identified by the teacher.

We are all looking forward to meeting with you.

Reading Workshop for Reception Parents

On Thursday 22nd November at 8:50am, Mrs Matthews our Family Link Worker will be running an informal workshop in the hall on Reading. During the workshop she will explain how our reading scheme and reading reward schemes work; discuss ways in which you can support your child with reading; and introduce some fun activities to do.

The first part will be adults only (younger siblings can be brought) and afterwards your child will join you to make something together. Tea and coffee will be provided. You will also be given a free book from The Reading Trust! It should be informative, enjoyable and a good chance to make friends with other parents and carers.

A message from Mrs Elmore

A huge thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers who came along to Tuesday's church service - it wouldn't have been possible without you!

Well done to all of our brave readers - you did an amazing job. Finally, thank you as well to all of our Courtney pupils - you did yourselves, the school and your families proud on the day.

Mrs Elmore

Accident

Thank you to those of you who both helped with the accident on Thursday, either by assisting or by keeping clear. We are really fortunate to have a number of medical experts amongst our community who always seem to be in the right place when they're most needed! The lady in question has contacted school today to thank everyone who came to her aid.

Reading Reward Scheme – reminder for all parents/carers

"Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out"

Our reading reward scheme is called 'Reading 25s'.

Every day that your child reads outside of school (listened to and recorded by a parent/carer) counts towards a certificate. Reminder: this scheme counts the **number of days** read not the number of reads within day. When your child has 25 reads, a certificate will be given in assembly and your child's next goal will be 50 reads. The certificates will ascend in multiples of 25. Reading books from home or the library also contribute towards the certificates. Please ensure your child has a balanced reading diet of books from home and those sent home from school.

How you could record your child's reads:

Date	Book title and page number	Comments	
4.9.17	Superheroes	Great reading. (Signed parent/carer)	1
5.9.17	My life as a Victorian Maid	Good reading, you used the contents page well. (Signed parent/carer)	2
6.9.17	Reptiles	Interesting facts about reptiles! (Signed parent/carer)	3
When your child reaches a 25 milestone, please indicate in the same way.			
3.10.17	My life at sea	Very good reading. (Signed parent/carer)	25

Tesco Bag for Life

We are delighted to be taking part in the Tesco Bag for Life scheme. Between 1st November and 31st December you will be able to put tokens in our boxes at the following stores:

Bristol Soundwell Express, Bristol Bell Hill Express, Bristol East Extra, Bristol Staple Hill Super store, Fishponds Express, Kingswood Bristol Express, Mangotsfield Express, Redfield Metro, Staple Hill Metro and Warmley Express.

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Welcome back for the Christmas half term. An exciting time for everyone.

Our programme for next week is:

Monday – Making Reindeer food

Tuesday – Kindness cards

Wednesday – Bingo night

Thursday – Junk modelling for recycle day

Friday – Free play

Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club. Hope you all have an amazing half term.



Eco Club News



The winner of our competition to design a new logo for Eco club is William F, well done.

The selling of the pumpkins raised over £35.



This is the pumpkin carved by Liam in Year 6.



Well done to Mrs Hodds who has achieved Level 5 in the RHS School Gardening Awards.

Children In Need (Message from the House Captains and Deputies)

As a school we are raising money on Friday 16th November for Children in Need as they deserve a better life to avoid other obstacles in life. We will be selling badges and bands for £1.00. On the 16th children can come to school dressed up if they donate £1.



Please find below details of a fundraising event to raise money for Sorayah's charity.

RayahBeans Christmas Fundraiser
21st December 6pm till late
Downend Cricket Club

Free Entry (donations welcome)

Disco
Raffle
Tombola
Christmas Fancy Dress
Glitter Tattoos
Christmas Stalls
Sweet Cones

LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES FOR THE KIDS

LET'S KILL CANCER TOGETHER
visit @RayahBeans on facebook for more
info on children's cancer awareness

Raffle tickets will be available from the school office over the next couple of weeks to go towards the charity being set up in Sorayah's name. Tickets will be £1 per ticket or £5 per strip.

Community News

Seen through the eyes of a child – We will remember them

Formal opening
Saturday
10th November, 1pm

Poppy Peace Garden
10th to 25th November
at Holy Trinity Kingswood
created by local school children to
commemorate the WW1 centenary

Picture: Jacquie Owen