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**Newsletter 8 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We are confident and aspirational.

## Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

What a busy week we have had in school. Our children have been working hard building confidence and taking risks. Y4 have been busy making bread following instructions and were confidently able to tell me the process of 'proving' their dough. Y2 have been excited about their new class text with one child excitedly ordering their own copy and Y5 have been working with Ms Britt and Mr Mason our sports coaches to build on their gymnastics skills successfully executing forward rolls and 3 point balances and jumps.

### COVID update

On the 27<sup>th</sup> January the government announced in England, face coverings are no longer required by law.

The government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet.

From **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January** we are **no longer asking you to wear masks at drop off or pick**. Our staff will be choosing whether they wear masks in school.

We have kept the wearing of face coverings in communal areas due to an increased number of COVID-19 cases. Whilst our number have been considerably lower than other schools, they are still higher than we have been used to so wanted to reduce risk of transmission during this spike.

Please respect staffs decisions to continue to wear masks in continuing to keep both themselves and our community safe. If we see an increase in numbers or bubbles closures, we will need to revise practice accordingly.

We appreciate all of your continued support with this and understanding at a time when we had all thought we would no longer need to think about mask wearing.

### Plan B measures for England to end next week

Restrictions introduced in December to deal with Omicron will cease on 26 Jan



Face masks no longer compulsory in indoor public spaces **from 27 Jan** or for secondary pupils in classrooms from **Thurs 20 Jan**



Guidance to work from home **has ended**



Covid passes - proof of full vaccination or recent negative test - will no longer be mandatory for entry to nightclubs and other large venues

### Measures still in place



The legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid will remain for now



Thank you!

### **Reading volunteers**

Thank you to all who have volunteered your services in supporting us as a school. We are always very grateful to the time offered by our community in working and supporting us. We are pleased to share we have 3 new reading volunteers from our community who will be coming into school to listen to readers. Keep your eyes peeled as you may see some different adult names in reading records.

### **Library**

Mrs Hall has been working hard to get the library back up and running with our children and librarians. We hope that as guidance continues from the government to reduce restrictions and cases remain low we can once again open our library doors to our parent and carer community.

### **Picture reading**

This weekend whilst getting outdoors and braving the cold (the rain is forecast for Sunday) how about encouraging your child/children to read by modelling reading yourself. Many of our children talk about parents and carers reading for work with a few saying they see you reading for pleasure. We are asking and encouraging you to take a picture of you reading with your child so that we can celebrate our community reading together. We are hoping to see lots of pictures of you reading and would particularly welcome the men (grandad, uncle, brother, dad, the dog) in our children's lives to encourage some of our boys to read for pleasure more. Please send these to: [office@courteyps.org.uk](mailto:office@courteyps.org.uk)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards,  
Georgina Scott

### **Diary Events**

*Break Up*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022*

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

Year 1 Oak: Tate W  
Year 2 Ash: Freddie S and Dora B  
Year 3 Lime: Emily C  
Year 4 Maple: Jazaa J and Isis C  
Year 5 Sycamore: Renee J  
Year 6 Cedar: Caitlyn J and Laila-Mai H



### **Reading Certificates**

Amelia W, Edith H, Matilda B, Leo H  
Maya G, Amelia LP, Zach H, Jenson W, Theo H, Esmail R  
Madison H, Isabel H, Bella P, Jazaa J  
Indy Mc, Jacob F, Millie C, Elliot M, Lily C, George B, Archie E, Carmen C, Bradley L, Jess G, Brody CH  
Marcel Z, Isaac G, Laila H, Sarah V



## Multiplication Masters

Ellis P, Jacob F

### Dress to Express

The week beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> is Children's Mental Health week! This year's theme is **Growing Together**. *Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.*

At Courtney we will of course be highlighting its' importance and addressing the theme through assembly and lessons. We have been kindly given some age appropriate resources from Beth Bond (our education mental health practitioner) to help us inform children sensitively about the LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender questioning +) community. We will also be re-connecting with our **zones of regulation** helping us and our friends to be in a happy place, ready to learn. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, children are invited to come to school in an outfit of their choice. If you wish to send in a voluntary monetary donation for the charity Place2Be's then please do.



### Out of School Club

Plan for week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January: Chinese New Year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Chinese Lanterns	Year of the Tiger Crafts Make your own toasties	Paper Fortune Cookies and Spring Rolls	Dragon Puppets and Dragon Dancing

**Breakfast club reminder** – if you require your child to have a breakfast they must be at club by 8.15am at the latest.

You can book your child into Club via the Arbor system or by calling the School Office.

### Last Day of School Year

Please be advised that due to the extra bank holiday falling in May half, we will be breaking up from school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July **NOT** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July,

### FOCP News

Wanting to offload any unwanted Christmas items??? FOCP can help. We will accept any kind donations which can then be used for future events/raffles/prizes!

Volunteers WANTED! Please come and join our enthusiastic team. We have meetings throughout the year and everyone is welcome! If you can spare any free time to help out with events and fun fundraising activities, email us at: [chairfocp@gmail.com](mailto:chairfocp@gmail.com). Without your help we won't be able to support Courtney Primary!



Help get 2022 off to a great start for Friends of Courtney Primary by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we'll get a bonus £5 donation when you do! Sign up today - this will make a BIG difference to us this year: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=47DMKE&char=249775&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_source=refsharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=47DMKE&char=249775&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox)

FoCP are asking for feedback on the events we have organised over the last year. Please could you click on the link below to a short survey

[Copy of Friend Of Courtney Primary](#)

Many thanks

**FoCP**





**The Dog House is back!**

Looking for your perfect pooch?

If you can offer a lifelong home to a rescue dog, Channel 4 want to hear from you! Apply here:

<https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>

*The Dog House* is set at the animal charity Wood Green in Cambridgeshire and has been described as both 'charming' and 'compassionate'. The programme follows prospective owners as they are matched with a rescue dog, specially selected by the expert team of matchmakers at Wood Green. In previous series we have found there are many reasons that people might wish to bring a dog into their lives; loneliness, extra company for a child, to encourage exercise or to live in the moment more! We tell the story of both humans and dogs, as they prepare to meet each other for the first time.

We've begun our search for individuals, friends, couples and families who could offer a rescue dog a loving home and share their story with us as part of our next series and we'd love your help to reach as many dog-lovers as possible! We're casting our net far and wide to find potential dog-rescuers! We want to hear from anyone who is seriously considering rescuing a dog and is up for talking to us about why they need a dog in their life.

We would be incredibly grateful if you could share one of our flyers attached with your teaching staff and if appropriate, your pupils' parents or guardians. Any help would be hugely appreciated.

Our new series is currently airing on Channel 4 on Thursdays at 8pm. You can follow this link to watch: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-dog-house>

If you would like to chat this through in any more detail or have any other questions, you can reach us on email here: [thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk](mailto:thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk)

Kindest Regards,  
The Dog House Team