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Newsletter 9 – 13th November 2020

We respect the rights of others through understanding similarities and differences.

Dates for your Diary	
Anti-Bullying Week	Week beginning 16 th November
Odd Socks Day (please bring in a coin)	Monday 16 th November
Y5 Virtual Pedestrian Training	Friday 20 th November
Food Collection for RESOUND centre	until December 3rd

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)

Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Headteacher's News

As the number of positive Covid cases have steeply increased in the local area recently – 50% of South Gloucestershire schools have had partial closure - **we are strongly suggesting that all adults without an underlying medical condition wear a face mask on school grounds at drop off and pick up times from Monday.** This is in line with many other of the South Gloucestershire schools and is one action we can easily take in order to help slow down the rate of transmission. We will not be enforcing the wearing of face masks but do urge you to do your bit to help keep our community safe.

At this time of year I usually write to say how nice it was to see you at parents' and carers' evening but as these meetings were carried out via a phone call, the school remained unusually very empty; I do hope that you still managed to get out of it what you needed to and now know how you can best support your child at home. You should by now have received personal targets for your child and also some of you will have received test papers the children sat to help you understand the learning gaps. Do let us know if this hasn't happened. If you haven't managed to talk with your child's teacher yet, we will be in touch soon to arrange a convenient time.

And finally, tomorrow is the start of Diwali, the festival of lights. Happy Diwali.

Deborah Wood

Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Current Attendance

96.3%



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Millie B
Year 1 Oak: Evanna L
Year 2 Ash: Penny EG
Year 3 Lime: Jessica L
Year 4 Maple: Jessica G
Year 5 Sycamore: Jess C
Year 6 Cedar: Olivia L



Reading Certificates

Tahlia H, Max K, Fletcher A, Lucia B, Emily C, Charley D, Peter M, Millie C, Brody CH, Lily C, George B, Megan A, Caitlyn J, Harry Mc, Jack B, Madison PW, Ruby M, Lilly Bu, Kallum G, Demi-Leigh G, Ellie N, Maya G, Zach H, Darcey F, Evanna L, Chloe N, Maximillion Z, Max K, Malachi W, Isabel S



Multiplication Masters

Zaila H, Leia-Louise P



Odd Socks Day

At Courtney we are committed to providing a school where children are proud to be who they are and feel safe and happy. Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week, where the theme is "United Against Bullying".

In order to help mark the occasion, on Monday 16th November we would like children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks in order to celebrate what makes us all unique! The brighter and wackier the better! The NSPCC have prepared a special online assembly for schools to watch, which sensitively focuses on the issue of bullying.

We will be covering anti-bullying in our PSHE lessons and in circle time.

We ask that if you are able you kindly send in a small voluntary monetary contribution that we can collect and donate to the NSPCC to help them continue the fabulous work they do. We will be sharing the money donated between the NSPCC and Children in Need.



School Meals New, Improved Menu

We hope your child is enjoying the new menu. We have had some great feedback!!

If you would like a paper copy of the menu, they are available from the front of the office or can be sent home with your child on request.



Clothes Recycling Bin

Please be aware that the clothes recycling bin in the playground is closed until further notice. Can we ask that you do not bring any clothes into school, thank you

We are recruiting!

After School Club Supervisor
Monday - Thursday 3.00pm - 5.55pm
£6,439 pa (Hay11 point5)

We are looking for an Afterschool Supervisor to work Monday - Thursday afternoon managing our Afterschool Club, continuing the club's growth and development.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and energetic. They should be able to work as part of a team but can also take the initiative and lead others. The successful candidate will also need to be able to develop positive relationships with children, colleagues and parents.

Courtney Primary is a friendly and welcoming school with children who want to learn. We are fortunate to be able to work in a bright, modern building with wonderful grounds and views.

The post is term time only (38 weeks a year) and is currently fixed term as it is dependent on sufficient pupil numbers in the 20/21 academic year. The aspiration is that this role will be extended annually.

We are able to offer 'virtual' visits of the school. Please telephone the school office on 01454 866670 or email office@courtneyps.org.uk to make an appointment to visit.

For more information, visit the "Recruitment" page of our website, in the "General Information" tab where you will find more information about the school and the role and an application form.

Closing Date: Friday 27th November 2020 3pm

Interviews: Thursday 24th November 2020

Start Date: Wednesday 6th January 2021

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

Resound Food Bank

Just a reminder that we are collecting items for the food bank until 3rd December. A list of the foods required is listed below, thank you.



General Items

- ✓ Minced beef & onion
- ✓ Tinned mushrooms
- ✓ Tinned potatoes
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Angel Delight
- ✓ Fruit juice (Long life)
- ✓ Sponge puddings
- ✓ Milk (Long life)
- ✓ Toilet rolls
- ✓ Tinned fruit (all types & sizes)

Christmas Items

- ✓ Small boxes of chocolates for adults
- ✓ Yule Logs
- ✓ Christmas cake slices
- ✓ Large tins salmon
- ✓ Large tins ham
- ✓ Christmas chocolates/biscuits
- ✓ Christmas pudding
- ✓ Custard (tins or sachets)
- ✓ Crisps/Nuts/Cheese Crackers
- ✓ Christmas crackers
- ✓ Chocolate bars/sweets for children
- ✓ **Small**, quality, toiletry gift packs for ladies and men
- ✓ **Small** family games

Barnardo's

There are a range of links to various aspects of emotional wellbeing such as strategies to support: anxiety, working from home, alleviating boredom.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/emotional-wellbeing>



FOCP News

Virtual Halloween Balloon Race

Thank you to everyone who bought a balloon in the Virtual Balloon Race. Congratulations to 'Flash' for being the FOCP bought balloon that travelled furthest and winning the £25 top prize money.

	#1 Flash: travelled 1,837.66km
	#2 Forget me not: travelled 1,611.00km
	#3 Nanny Tina: travelled 1,603.55km
	#4 Balloon: travelled 1,447.09km
	#5 Balloon: travelled 1,386.69km

Sadly no one from Courtney won any of the national prizes. Better luck next time!

Amazon Smile



You can now support Friends of Courtney Primary when buying from Amazon. By shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk, they will donate to FOCP at no cost to you. Just follow this link to set up an AmazonSmile account or, if you have one already, link it to Courtney Primary School Parent Teacher Association:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1042399-0>

Once you have set it up, there is no difference to using the smile.amazon website and you can still use Amazon Prime.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Friends of Courtney Primary with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focourtneyprimary/?invite=NMY3IB%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt



FOCP Meeting

The next FOCP meeting will be 7pm – 8pm on **Thursday 19th November** and will be via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing future events/activities, so please bring your ideas with you! Please email chairfocp@gmail.com if you would like to attend. You will then be sent the meeting details nearer the time.

