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Newsletter 6 – 11th October 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

Year 1 & 2 WOW Event Open Evening for Prospective Parents EYFS Parents Phonics talk Halloween Disco Open Morning for Prospective Parents Year 5 & 6 WOW Event Year 3 Visit to Earth Science Centre Year 1 and 2 Visit to Puzzlewood Year 3 & 4 WOW Event Parents/Carers Consultation Meeting Parents/Carers Consultation Meeting FoCP Christmas Fair	Tuesday 15th Oct @ 9.00-9.30am Tuesday 15 th October @ 6.00pm Wednesday 16th Oct 2.00-3.00pm Friday 18 th October 6.00-7.30pm Saturday 19th October 10.00am Monday 21 st October 2.00pm Tuesday 22nd October Tuesday 22 nd October Wednesday 23rd Oct @ 2.45pm Thursday 7 th November 4.00-7pm Tuesday 12th November 4.00-7pm Saturday 7 th Dec 11.00am-1.00pm
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Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 1 Wed 4th September – Thurs 24th October;

Term 2 Mon 4th November – Fri 21st Dec;

Term 3 Mon 6th January – Fri 14th February;

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 2nd September, Tues 3rd September, Fri 25th October, Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

One of the targets of Courtney's School Improvement Plan this year is to increase the proportion of children achieving their age-expected standard in maths at the end of each year. From analysing our data, we have targeted the following areas:

- Basic number recall (number bonds to ten and multiplication facts)
- Using our maths right across the curriculum to keep new learning fresh and relevant
- Revisiting new learning more than once in the year so that it becomes embedded e.g. area and perimeter

How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to go onto Times Table Rock Stars (especially KS2) for 10 mins at least 3 times a week.
- Use car journeys, walking to school to practise number bonds, facts
- Squeeze all of the maths you can out of everyday activities e.g. reading a scale if cooking or making a drink
- Give your child space to do their homework and go through it with them once they have done all they can.

Feedback to the teacher in the comment section how they got on.

At the moment, we are testing the children's maths from Y2-Y6 in order to identify any gaps and who needs to accelerate their learning. We will be trialling later-than-usual- parents/carers evenings this year, so that the teachers can share these outcomes with you and provide you with more accurate areas in which you can support at home.

Have a good weekend.

Deborah Wood



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Romeo R & Fletcher A
Year 2 Ash: Jessica L
Year 3 Lime: Millie C
Year 4 Maple: Isaac G
Year 5 Sycamore: Ricky C
Year 6 Cedar: Rosie T

Attendance Total 97.1%

YR Cherry 96.6%
Y1 Oak 96.0%
Y2 Ash 93.9%
Y3 Lime 97.4%
Y4 Maple 99.7%
Y5 Sycamore 95.5%
Y6 Cedar 98.1%



Multiplication Masters

Lily-Mae D, Lilly B, Peter M, Elliot M, Kane F, Millie C.



Reading Certificates

Rosie T, Ella-Mae L, Ivan C, Oliver A, Jack B, Aiden H, Ruby M, Caitlyn M, Mark W, Corey H, Millie C, Brody C-H, Zaila H, Caitlyn J, Edie A, Caiden H, Lily C, Jessica G, Hayden H.

KS1 Multiskills

A massive well done to the KS1 Multi Skills team (Max K, Lily-Mai M, Lily-Mae D, Isabel H and Fletcher A). The children took part in a circuit of sporting challenges. These challenges ranged from target throw to new aged curling. Courtney came a mighty 3rd place out of 10 teams. All children involved showed great determination and were resilient in the face of all challenges, they did Courtney Proud!

Voluntary Roles in School

A huge thank you to the large group of people who are working voluntarily at Courtney at the moment. A successful school is not only built around paid staff but also relies hugely on volunteers who give their time and commitment to making a difference. Currently, we are looking for people in the following areas:



Governors

This is a crucial, and very responsible, role. The Board of Governors are legally responsible for many aspects of the school and their role is to provide challenge and support to the leadership in order that the school is as effective as it can be. We are looking for anyone who thinks they might be able to contribute and have time to dedicate. This does not need to be anyone already associated with the school. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our Chair of Governors Richard Morgan via the school office.

Friends of Courtney Primary (FoCP)

We currently have an enthusiastic and dedicated chair and vice-chair who are keen to do all that they can to make our children's experience the best that it can be by funding items beyond the reach of our very tight school budget. They are always looking for volunteers even if it's to be on a list of people they can contact if they need a stall holder or help for preparing an event.

Readers

Hearing each child read and changing reading books regularly is always a challenge for teachers and teaching assistants. Can you dedicate a morning or afternoon a week to hearing children read? If you can, please contact the school office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning and to those who bought cakes after school. We raised an amazing £96.05 for Macmillan.

A big thank you to FoCP

This week, class 3 have been enjoying getting used to their fabulous new touch screen which was funded by the FOCP. It replaced a faded and dull white board and by contrast is bright, interactive and makes learning lots of fun. Thank you again to the FOCP for their incredible support of the school and the wonderful impact they have on our children's learning.



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Halloween Disco Friday 18th October 6-7.30pm

Tickets are currently on sale for the Halloween disco each morning and afternoon outside the school library. Tickets are £2 per child or £5 for 3 or more siblings. No mobile phones allowed.

Children must bring their ticket to the disco in order to be admitted. One parent per reception child may attend for free. Sorry, no scary clown outfits allowed!

We still need a couple more volunteers to help during the evening. Please can you let the office know or email Lynne at chairfocp@gmail.com if you are available for an hour or two.

Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December 11am-1pm

If you have any unwanted items/gifts that we could use in a child or adult tombola, please bring into the office.

Christmas Card Project

We are delighted to announce that this year we will be participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). Children will have the opportunity to create artwork, which will be transformed into a variety of printed products, for parents to buy. This year, you will be able to purchase wrapping paper, gift tags, a pack of 12 coloured cards or 6 larger, gloss-coated, luxury Christmas Cards. You will also be able to purchase the wrapping paper bundle, which includes 6 sheets of wrapping paper and 12 gift tags at a bargain price. Purchases can be made online via APFS's website, and anyone with your child's unique artwork label can make an order. Children will be creating their masterpieces in school next week and bringing home details of how to purchase items after half term (i.e. early November). Last orders will be midnight on **Monday 11th November**.

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Next weeks activities include:

Tuesday – making Pizza

Thursday – making Rocky Road



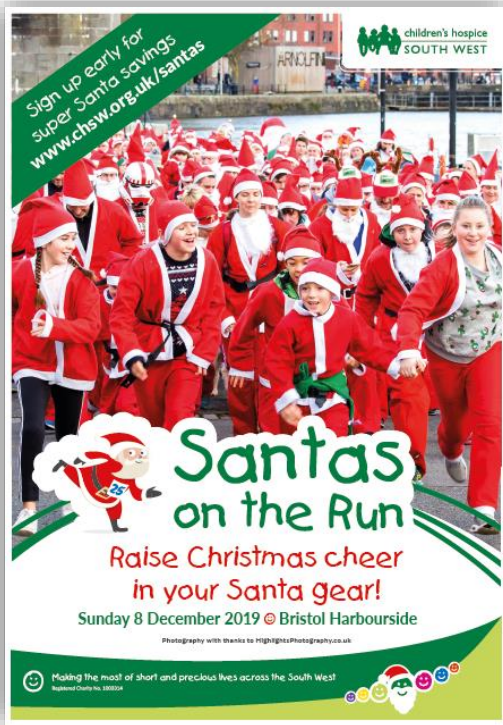
Holiday Club



Mr Smith will be running holiday club on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October. Sign up sheets are outside the office. Please apply soon to be guaranteed a place!

Privacy Notices

As a school we are obliged to let parents/carers know how we use our pupils' personal data and who we share it with. The notice is published on the website in the "GDPR" tab under the "General Information". If you would like to be emailed this notice or receive a paper copy, please contact the office.



Raise Christmas Cheer in your Santa Gear and support Children's Hospice South West

Children's Hospice South West are holding their annual Santa's on the Run event on the Bristol Harbourside on Sunday December 8th this year. This fun family event helps the hospice raise funds and provide vital support for children with life limiting conditions and their families at Charlton Farm in Bristol. To sign up online and for full event information, visit: <https://www.chsw.org.uk/event/santas-run-bristol-2019>

Don't miss our earlybird prices – save 25% if you book before 14th October.

On the day, join us from 11am at our event village in the Lloyds Amphitheatre on the harbourside to register and collect your free santa suit. There will be refreshments, entertainment, live music and a whole lot of festive fun! You can run, jog or walk the 2K course around the Harbourside, which begins at 1pm, before finishing back at the event village for mince pies. It is a very accessible event, open to all ages and it is wheelchair, pushchair and dog friendly!

Bath Half 2020 – Sunday 15th March 2020

If you're thinking of running the Bath Half in 2020, why not join the Children's Hospice South West team? Our charity places are available to buy on our website for just £30 (£16 cheaper than a normal place). Our runners help us to support local families and to make the most of short and precious lives. Sign up today at:

<https://www.chsw.org.uk/event/bath-half-marathon-2020>

Thank you for your support and for helping us to make a real difference to short and precious lives.

Resound Family Resources Newsletter Autumn 2019



Parenting is full of highs and lows. Having someone to share these with can make all the difference.

Resound Family Resources offer a number of services for parents which are run by a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers.

Find us on fb: Resound Family @resoundfamilybristol

All enquiries about parenting courses please
email: parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk
Or for Parent Buddies: parentbuddies@resoundbristol.co.uk

'Care for the Family' Positive Parenting Courses

Time out for parents: Handling Anger in the Family
Wednesday 6th November - Wednesday 27th November.
9.30am-11.30am
14 spaces available

Details of our 2020 courses will be in the January newsletter

To find out more or to book on these courses please visit
www.resoundbristol.co.uk/family or contact: parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk

Mangotsfield Coffee and Support

Support group for parents who have children with additional needs. Do drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and a chat. Just turn up, bring a friend if you like. No need to book.

9.30-11am first Tuesday of the month at Resound

(term-time only) Resound is working in partnership with South Glos Parents

Parent Buddies

Providing confidential short-term informal support within agreed time-scales. Parent Buddies are trained volunteers who offer parents, grandparents and carers a listening ear and support with a particular parenting issue.

Parents can self-refer or be referred.

Contact parentbuddies@resoundbristol.co.uk



To find out more about any of these services or to book on our courses please contact:

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