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# Newsletter 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

'We are resilient and celebrate our efforts.' Diary Dates



Resilience

Anti-Bullying Week House Event (wear House colour T-shirt) Y3 Lime Class WOW Event – Crumble Tasting and Quarry Photos Spotacular – Wear spots for Children in Need Year 4 Maple Class trip to Bristol Zoo Year 1 Oak Class Pedestrian Training Year 5 Sycamore Class Assembly Choir at Clifton Cathedral Carol Concert Infant Nativity Afternoon Performance Infant Nativity Evening Performance Infant Nativity Evening Performance Non-Uniform Day for Tombola bottle donation PTA Christmas Fayre Carols by Candlelight School Christmas Dinner Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1.00pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2:40 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am-1pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## INSET Days Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

## **Headteacher's News**

This week, I thought I would explain to you how pitch our teaching at Courtney. In previous years some of our lower achieving pupils were having a 'ceiling' put on their learning as their work was usually lower pitched so they were never exposed to age-appropriate content; and for the higher achieving learners, they were racing on to harder content but their understanding of what they had already learned was very shallow. We now teach all of the children the correct content for their age (with the exception of a handful of children whose special needs make this impossible) with the expectation that every child will be working within that age-expected level throughout the year. In order to differentiate the learning, the children predominantly work on the same learning objective but the teacher will differentiate the expectation in terms of task. So they will either be:

Learning (L) - imagine a child with armbands who still needs teaching;

Using (U) – imagine a child practising their swimming on their own;

Exploring (E) – imagine a child diving deep and finding new ways to apply their learning.

Next time you see your child's book look out for the L, U or E beside their learning objective. Have a good weekend. **Deborah Wood** 



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**Reading Certificates** Rosie

#### **School Council**

This years' School Council Members have been voted in, the results are as follows:

Year 2 – Mark and Bryony

Year 3 – Henry and Bethany

Year 4 – William and Amelia

Year 5 – Freya and Tyler

Year 6 – Eloise and Seb

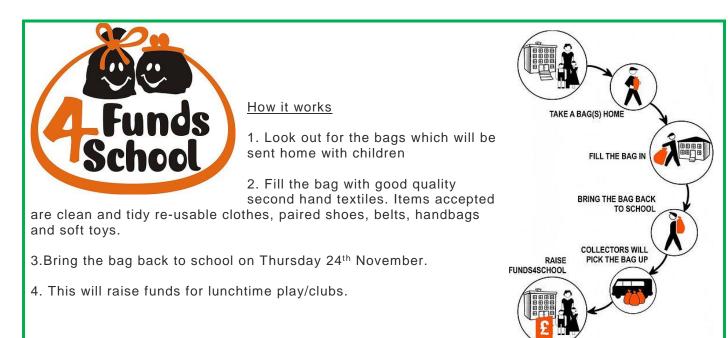
Congratulations.

#### **Governor Vacancy**

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse Governing Body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. Volunteering as a Governor is a great way to contribute to your school, meet new people and improve the lives of our children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

We currently have 2 parent and 3 Co-Opted Governor vacancies; it is a very rewarding role, you do not need any qualifications to become a Governor, enthusiasm and the desire to make a difference is the most important qualities a volunteer can have. A comprehensive variety of training sessions are always available free of charge and you would be well-supported during your induction.

If you are or you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Governor please see myself or Mrs Wood Janet Hinchliffe (Chair of Governors)



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# Courtney is going Spotacular! Friday 18th November

As you may remember, Children in Need have kindly donated £9,600 to the school to pay for some Play Therapy sessions. We would therefore really like to raise money for Children in Need in return. Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need day and we would like all the children to go Spotacular! Please can they come in to school in spotty non-school uniform. They can wear spotty clothes, spotty ties, spotty headbands or even spotty face paint in return for a donation to Children In Need. Thank you for your support!

Year 3

Year 3 Parents are invited to eat our homemade fruit crumble and see the photos from the quarry visit on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.50pm

**Community News** 



<u>Reception Year & Year 1 Children - Want to play</u> <u>football?</u>

<u>Winter Training at The Grange School:</u> <u>Mondays 6-7pm</u> For more Information, please contact: Darren Nichols <u>On... 07472167742</u>





# Longwell Green Sports JFC proud to have been awarded GFA Community club of the year 2014 & 2015

Each year we set up a new football group for boys and girls in the reception year providing safe and enjoyable football training as part of the Longwell family with award winning coaches. Sessions are held on a Saturday morning and we have a good number now coming along each week in this group but still have some spaces.

As you would expect coaches are FA qualified and DBS checked. If you are interested in trying this out email <u>goaliegriff@tiscali.co.uk</u> Further details on our web site <u>www.longwellgreensportsifc.co.uk</u> Or 'like' our Facebook page 'Longwell Green Juniors FC boys & girls' Enquiries are also welcome for any age group as we start from 2 upwards boys and girls.

Paul Griffin General Manager Longwell Green Sports JFC