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We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

Dates for your Diary	
Individual School Photos	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Open Day for Prospective Parents	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Open Day for Prospective Parents	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November

INSET Days

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

Headteacher’s News

Yesterday saw the start of Black History Month which is an annual time to celebrate and focus on black people or events which have been lost or forgotten. It provides us with a really valuable opportunity to look closely into our local history and to discover people who have made a difference. To my shame, before doing a bit of research I could name very few influential black people from Bristol. Some of you may have heard of Paul Stephenson who organised a boycott of Bristol buses until they agreed to end the colour bar. Hyacinth Hall was the first black headteacher in Bristol and dedicated her life to raising standards for the pupils in her school. Princess Campbell was a pioneer who challenged prejudice in nursing and housing and received an MBE. These are just some examples. I think, what is important to remember, is that the skills that helped them to achieve are exactly the skills we want to encourage in our pupils: standing up for what is right; being brave; persistence to achieve your goal; and resilience when things aren’t easy. If you are interested in finding out more about Bristol’s black history, follow the link below; it really is fascinating.

<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/stories/bristols-black-history/> .

And finally, thank you so much for supporting our census day meal uptake on Thursday. 83% of our youngest children took up their free school meal. It really helps our funding so much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend. **Deborah Wood**

This week’s Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

- Year R Cherry: Tate W
- Year 1 Oak: Oakleigh H
- Year 2 Ash: George B
- Year 3 Lime: Isabel H
- Year 4 Maple: Corey H
- Year 5 Sycamore: William M
- Year 6 Cedar: Caitlyn M



Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Current Attendance

96.5%



### Reading Certificates

Harry J, Dominik Z, William F, William M, Caiden H, Carson H, Kamil S, Fletcher A, Hayden H, Hubert K, Kinga S, George B, Eva R, Corey H



Remember to record those reads each day. The first certificate will be awarded after the first 25 reads.

### Multiplication Masters

Lucia B



### House Captains



Each year, there are six House Captains and six Deputy House Captains which are voted to represent their House. Today, every child in Y6 read their House Captain speeches to children in Year 5. The Y6 children prepared for their speeches by listening to famous speakers: Barack Obama, Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg, Martin Luther King Jr. and Winston Churchill to name a few.

Every Year 6 child has done incredibly well. Every Year 6 child has done themselves, and their families, proud. The Year 5 children found it very difficult to vote for who they wanted to represent their House. The votes were counted; the badges have been given out. There are some very excited and proud Year 6 children. Unfortunately, there are also some children who are disappointed. We have spoken to the children at length about turning a negative into a positive, harnessing the disappointment and turning it into something positive. This challenging step will prepare the children for future experiences like these. Well done, and congratulations, to our 2020/2021 House and Deputy House Captains. Mr Thomas.

### School Visits for 2021 Reception Starters

We have arranged two socially distanced open mornings for parents and their children due to start school next September. We know what an important decision this is for parents we wanted to give them the best feel for the school whilst still ensuring the safety of our school community.

Visits will take place on:

**Saturday 17th October 10am – 12 noon**

**Saturday 14th November 10am – 12 noon**

Visits will be via timed appointment only.

A list of names and contact details will be kept for Track and Trace purposes

There will be a one-way system in place.

Staff will be available but will be positioned outside (weather permitting) or in larger well-ventilated areas.

### EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October there will be an online Phonics Workshop for parents from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. A link to access the workshop will be sent nearer the time.

### Year 1

We have been learning about how different Victorian holidays are to the ones we go on these days. Did you know that the Victorians wore swimming costumes that almost covered their whole bodies? They also got changed in bathing machines which were like little huts on wheels which horses dragged into the water. We pretended to be very famous fashion designers putting on a Victorian fashion show and had a go at designing some Victorian swimwear using modern patterns. We are very happy with the results!



### Part-time Site Manager Wanted!!

Our Site Manager, Mr Smith, is retiring in November after an impressive 19 years' service to Courtney. His input will be missed and we hope he will maintain contact with the school.

We are therefore recruiting for a part-time Site Manager:

**Monday - Friday 3.15 - 6.15 (15 hrs pw)**

**£7,829—£7,986pa**

#### We are Looking for someone who:

- Has good all round DIY skills
- Is a good problem solver (solutions focused!)
- Able to work independently
- Is organised and hardworking.

#### Key Duties include:

- Locking up daily and potentially responding to emergencies outside normal working hours.
- Keeping the school in a good state of repair.
- Health & Safety checks including alarm systems, legionella and playground equipment.
- Overall responsibility for the school's heating system.
- Identifying defects and assisting with rectifying them.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please take a look at the recruitment page of our website, this will give you the job description, our school prospectus and details on how to apply:

<http://www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/recruitment/170238>

## Next Week's Menu

### Monday

Tomato & Veg Ragu with Garlic Bread (hot school meal option)  
Veggie Mince Pie, Gravy & Mash (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Super Green, Carrots  
Lime Shortbread

### Tuesday

Chicken Korma Curry with Rice (hot school meal option)  
Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Broccoli, Mixed Salad  
Rice Pudding with Jam Sauce

### Wednesday

Beef Burger with Jacket Wedges & Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)  
Vegetable Chow Mein (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Peas & Sweetcorn, Green Beans  
Chocolate Blancmange

### Thursday:

Roast Turkey with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (hot school meal option)  
Veggie Sausages with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Carrots, Broccoli  
Summer Fruit Ripple Sponge & Custard

### Friday

Bubble Crumb Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)  
Veggie Hot Dog & Chips with Tomato Sauce (vegetarian option)  
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)  
Baked Beans, Garden Peas  
Strawberry Jelly with Pineapple chunks

## Friends of Courtney Primary News

### Virtual Courtney K

We are still receiving donations for the Virtual Courtney K. The total has now reached over £1,300! Thank you so much to all those who took part or who donated. You are all amazing!

### AGM

We are holding our AGM virtually via Zoom on 8th October 5pm – 6pm where new members will be very welcome. It will provide an excellent opportunity for all parents to hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. If you would like to attend, please email [chairfocp@gmail.com](mailto:chairfocp@gmail.com) for the meeting details

