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Newsletter 7 – 18th October 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

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

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FoCP Christmas Fair

Saturday 19th October 10.00am

Monday 21st October 2.00pm

Tuesday 22nd October

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Wednesday 23rd Oct @ 2.45pm

Thursday 7th November 4.00-7pm

Tuesday 12th November 4.00-7pm

Saturday 7th Dec 11.00am-1.00pm

Term Dates 2019-20:

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

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

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

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

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

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

Last night, we were delighted to host SACRE's Religious Education Conference; Miss Ford was asked to speak about the work she had done to achieve our Widening Inclusivity in Religious Education Award. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the impact that one of our subject leaders had made.

At the moment, we are in the middle of our cycle of Open Events for prospective parents for September 2020. I have to say, the children who volunteered to come back on Tuesday night made me so very proud. The choir, although small in number, brought a tear to everyone's eyes and the tour guides I can only describe as enthusiastic and 'thorough'. Our next event is tomorrow morning **Saturday 19th October 10am** so please spread the word.

Tonight is our Halloween Disco so see some of you later. (I would make a skeleton joke but some of you might not find it humorous.)



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This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Charley D

Year 2 Ash: Ava S

Year 3 Lime: Ellis P

Year 4 Maple: Leia-Louise P

Year 5 Sycamore: Kymarley D

Year 6 Cedar: Bethany B

Attendance Total 96.4%

YR Cherry 95.1%

Y1 Oak 96.6%

Y2 Ash 93.7%

Y3 Lime 97.5%

Y4 Maple 99.6%

Y5 Sycamore 95.0%

Y6 Cedar 97.2%



Multiplication Masters

George B, Elie N, Ava S.



Reading Certificates

Finley Y, Cadi S, Ava S, Isabel H, Jessica L, Lilly B, Ellie N, Megan A, Rhys I, Fletcher A, George B, Aniyah C, Emily C, Holly H, Hubert K, Megan L, Kai M, Ben R, Kinga S, Elliot M, Laila H, Sarah V.

KS1 had our wow event on Tuesday. To fit in with our fairytale topic, we decided to paint and decorate fairy doors. Year two were so proud of their work that they decided to take their doors home, but most of year one hid their doors in the woods for the fairies to find!



Vacancies – We are recruiting!

We currently have three job vacancies: one **Lunchbreak Supervisor** 5 days a week; one **Reading Assistant** 5 days a week and an **After School Assistant** on Wednesdays only.

These posts can be combined for the right candidate.

Please see our adverts on Eteach or our website under General Information and recruitment.



Friends of Courtney Primary (FoCP)

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 can you bring them 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 have been creating their masterpieces in school this week. They will be bringing home details of how to purchase items after half term (i.e. early November). Last orders will be midnight on **Monday 11th November**.





OoSC

On Wednesday OoSC will be doing Halloween decorating.



Aldi vouchers – we are collecting!

We are collecting the Aldi sports vouchers for sports equipment. Please send your child in with them or bring them to the office if you have any. Thank you!

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.

Pumpkins

Mrs Kath will be selling pumpkins next week on a first come first served basis, they will be £3.50 each. Please contact Mrs Kath herself or the office if you are interested.

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!