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Newsletter 1 – 17th September 2021

We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

We have had a wonderful start to term and have enjoyed getting back to some normality. We have had our first whole school celebration assembly today which was also my first whole school assembly in person! It just reminds me how far we have come. Our certificates this week are a real celebration of success and your child/children have been tasked with the challenge of making themselves proud this weekend. It could be by sharing with siblings, helping with chores (I suggest you run with this one) or telling someone how special they are. We look forward to hearing all about these next week.

Reception

A huge well done to our wonderful new starters in Reception, the children have successfully completed a full week of mornings or afternoons and have had a wonderful time, making friends, building new relationships and engaging in new learning through play. Well done to our reception parents too, whether it is your first child starting school or your last, the transition into school life can bring mixed emotions and can be challenging. It is encouraging to see how children are settling.

Meet the teacher

It has been a great opportunity for our parents and carers and staff to meet and get to know each other during our meet the teacher sessions. We hope to be able to offer more opportunities for you to come into school while we continue on our journey back to normal school life.

Newsletter

We are trialling sending a fortnightly newsletter and will be engaging with different year groups to take a lead on this. You will begin to see a change in the format as we want our children and classes to be empowered to share their voice so watch this space!

COVID

You will have seen on doors that staff are no longer wearing masks and are happy to inform you this is no longer a requirement on the school site. We are still encouraging no more than one parent at drop off and pick up to help reduce our interaction with potential close contacts.

The school are diligently responding to guidance and updates and often hear about them as soon as you do. We appreciate your patience with us and will continue to update you as and when we receive further information. Things are different this year, as mentioned in the last communication from the local authority we are now relying on **NHS Test and Trace to undertake close contact monitoring**. As a result, if there are any confirmed positive



cases in school, we will **not be notifying you** and communication will be coming via NHS Test and Trace if they deem your child is a close contact of a positive case. We will however notify you if we meet one of the following **thresholds**:

· *5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or*

· *10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.* (DFE)

Once a threshold is met we seek external advice from the Local Authority Public Health to take appropriate action to reduce further transmissions.

We recognise this change may feel strange, however as we begin to come out of restrictions we continue to adapt practice while maintaining good practice.

Once again, we appreciate your support with this and want to reassure you we are following all guidance.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards,
Georgina Scott

Diary Events

Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Year 5 Pedestrian Training

Year 6 Sevington Trip

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Open Morning for Sept 2022 start (booking required)

Break Up

Monday 20th Sept

Tuesday 21st Sept

Thursday 14th Oct

Friday 15th Oct

Saturday 16th Oct

Friday 22nd Oct

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Millie B and Zach H

Year 2 Ash: Aliana G & Scarlett M

Year 3 Lime: Vinnie S

Year 4 Maple: Lily-Mai M, Jazaa J & Lilly B

Year 5 Sycamore: Rheo F & Lily C

Year 6 Cedar: Caron H & Molly McLellan



Multiplication Masters

Millie C

OoSC

We are looking to recruit someone to help in OoSC on casual basis to cover staff absences when required. If you are interested please email: office@courtneyps.org.uk.

Our Reception Class, Team Cherry, would be very grateful for any donations of waterproofs for children. We would like all-in-ones or sets of waterproof trousers with jackets (please see the pictures). Although we mainly need age 4-5 years, slightly larger and slightly smaller sizes would be useful as well. Thank you!



Out of School Club

Our After School Club children have been busy in the kitchen this week, baking a delicious lemon drizzle cake, Yorkshire puddings and decorating biscuits! It's been lovely to hear all about their summer adventures and we have been excited to welcome lots of new faces to club this week. We have spent lots of time outside enjoying the beautiful sunshine, playing football, basketball and mastering the monkey bars! Have a great weekend, see you next week for some Autumn themed fun!



We look forward to seeing everyone.

Plan for week commencing 20th September:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple & sultana muffins	Where's Ronaldo? Football treasure trail & make you own wraps	Animal origami & crafts	Cressheads and autumn sensory play	Autumn bingo

Please remember to book your child into club either via the Arbor system or by calling the Office.

Menu w/c Monday 20th Sept

Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry (veg option)
Super Greens
Apple Crumble with Custard

Tuesday

Chicken, Sweetcorn & Pasta Bake
Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake (veg option)
Broccoli, Golden Corn
Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Roast of the day with Gravy & Roast Potatoes
Cheese and Onion Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes (veg option)
Broccoli and Carrots
Strawberry Jelly with Peach Slices

Thursday

Mince Beef and Onion Pie with Mash
Cheesy Broccoli Pasta (Veg option)
Rainbow Vegetables
Sultana Sponge and Lemon Syrup

Friday

Fish and chips with Tomato Sauce
Veggie Burger with Chips and Tomato Sauce (veg option)
Peas and Baked Beans
Vanilla Iced Shortbread

Jacket potatoes (with either beans, cheese or tuna), Fruit and Yogurt available every day.

FoCP News

Easyfundraising

Thank you to all of our amazing supporters who've helped raise FREE donations for Friends of Courtney Primary via #easyfundraising. Please continue to help us raise whenever you shop online, every donation makes a difference! If you're not supporting us yet, please sign up here:



Stamptastic



FOCP have signed up with Stamptastic! Stamptastic is the fastest way to name your children's belongings. Step away from the ironing board and put that needle and thread away. Stamp instead with Stamptastic! By clicking this link <https://bit.ly/STAMPBS159RD> you can earn commission for FOCP at no extra cost to you.

Also, every time an order is placed for a Name Labels Deluxe Bundle with our PTA code, (BS159RD) you will receive a FREE white fabric pen (worth £4.99) and FOCP receives 15% commission on the whole order (less VAT).

FOCP AGM Meeting

Our AGM will be held virtually on Wednesday 6th October at 7pm. The current chair, Lynne Mahony, and current treasurer, Rachel Andrews, will both be stepping down. If you are interested in putting your name forward for either of these voluntary roles on the committee, please email chairfocp@gmail.com. The new FOCP committee will be

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Follow our "Courtney FOCP" page on Facebook (search for @focpcourtney) or @CourtneyFocp on Twitter.

Have you received your free Bookstart Baby Bag to help you share stories and rhymes with your baby?

If you have a child aged 0-12 months and live in South Gloucestershire, you can pick up your free Bookstart Baby Bag from your local South Gloucestershire Library during staffed opening hours.



*One Baby Bag per child, available whilst stocks last.

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Engaged

ERIC's Parents & Carers Support Group in Bristol

A group for anyone caring for a child or young person under the age of 19 who has a bowel or bladder condition.

For information and to join, go to www.eric.org.uk/engagedinBristol
email engaged@eric.org.uk or call 0117 9805938

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