

# Newsletter 30 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

'We are kind to each other, in work and play.'

**Diary Dates** 

Y3 WOW Event	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2:30-3:15pm
Y4 WOW Event	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2.30-3.15pm
YR Trip to Bristol Zoo	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Y5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2.45pm
FOCP Meeting (all welcome)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Non school uniform day - bring a bottle for the Summer Fair	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Sports Day	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Fun Day for teachers and children	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July pm
Y6 Leavers' Breakfast with Parents & Leavers' Assembly	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July am

Holidays: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug INSET Days 2018-19:

# **Headteacher's News**

Congratulations this week to Cedar class and their teachers. The end of primary school tests, the KS2 SATs, are both a daunting prospect for our Y6 pupils but are also of a genuinely challenging standard. We had a few nerves, but no tears, and every single one of the children tried their very best to complete the questions and to check their answers if they had time. One of our favourite words is 'resilience' and the children have certainly modelled that. The finished papers are now sealed and currently in transit to their markers. A huge thank you in particular to Mrs Westcott and Mrs Reardon, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to prepare the children both academically and emotionally, ably supported by Mrs Parker and Mrs Castle. Could I also extend the thank you to you parents and carers who have helped manage the nerves and get the children to school every day this week. And finally, by the time this is printed, we will be halfway through our Courtney K. Look at the tally on your child's bib to find out how many kilometres they ran. **Deborah Wood** 



# **Reading Certificates**

These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:

Jessica, Ethan, Dominik, Cole, Oliver, Caitlyn, Laila-Mai, Edie, Harry, William, Caitlyn, Amelia, Imogen, Millie, Oscar, Ricky, Eva, Finlay, Shaya, William, Mia, Caitlyn, Logan, Megan,

# Multiplication Masters

Dominik, Ellie, Beatrice, Dylan



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#### Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)

As you are already aware, lovely Mrs Gee will be leaving us at the end of the year. I know that those of you with children with Special Needs will have been concerned as she is not only Deputy Head but also Courtney's SENCo. I am delighted to be able to tell you that Miss Brown will be taking over the SENCo role from September; she is SENCo trained and experienced, even covering the role when Mrs Gee was on maternity leave. The fact that they are both in school already means that the handover will be thorough.

### **Bikes & Scooters**

There seem to be more children who are riding their scooters and bikes in the family waiting area especially at pickup time. This is not safe and makes it uncomfortable for those who are standing around. If we see any child, we will either speak to them at the time or the next day. The children know that pushing any bike or scooter until they get to the school gates is part of our rules so could you please help us reinforce that.

### **Rope Swings & Trim Trail**

When we had the Trim Trail installed earlier this year, we had a long think about the balance between the Health & Safety implications and giving the children the opportunity to use the equipment at drop-off and pick-up times. Just to remind you, we agreed that the children could use the equipment if being directly supervised by an adult. (This means that the adult needs to stand near the trim trail if their child is using it. Please could we ask you DO NOT allow your children to use the rope swings at pick-up time.

## Science Week

After the success of our Science Week in 2016, we are planning to hold another one in Term 6, from Mon 18th -Friday 22nd June. I am currently trying to organise some visitors to come into our school during this time. If you or anyone you know is involved with Science in their work and would like to come in and either talk or do something practical with any or all year groups, please let the office know and then I can get in touch to organise.

As before, we are going to be holding a couple of special events. One of these will be the Science Fair. Last time we were overwhelmed by the number and quality of the exhibits that the children brought in from home. It was wonderful to see how much time and effort children and parents had put into working on something together at home and then bringing it in to share with everyone. So please, over the half term holiday, start to put on your thinking caps and plan what you would like to wow us with this time. (If you put "Science Fair" into a search engine you will get a lot of ideas!)

We will also be inviting some special guests into our school to add to the "Wow" factor, rather than taking children out on trips. This is to help keep costs down, whilst giving the children more variety of experiences. For this reason, we hope that you won't mind if we ask for a voluntary contribution of  $\pounds 5$  - a lot less than any school visit - which will help to fund these experiences.

A letter will follow with more details at the start of Term 6. Many thanks, Mrs Parker (Science Subject Leader)



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Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.

## **Courtney K Challenge**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Courtney K Challenge this afternoon. We are hoping the whole school will have a wonderful time. We will be sharing photographs and reporting on which House ran the furthest next week. A very big thank you to Monarch Education, who provided medals for all the children and water pistols for the water splash stations.

If your child had fun and would like to do it again, have a look at these events......

## **Junior Parkrun**

A free weekly timed 2k run for 4-14 year olds, taking place at various parks around Bristol and beyond every Sunday morning at 9am (or 10am at Kings Weston House). For more details and to register, follow these links:

http://www.parkrun.org.uk/eastville-juniors/ http://www.parkrun.org.uk/kingsweston-juniors/ http://www.parkrun.org.uk/littlestoke-juniors/ http://www.parkrun.org.uk/windmillhill-juniors/

**Race for Life - Pretty Muddy Kids** 



A sponsored muddy obstacle course taking place on The Downs on 30 June 2018. There is also a Pretty Muddy Kids event on 23 September in Bath. See the link below for details:

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https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/find-an-event/the-downs-pretty-muddykids-2018-06-30-0945

## St Peter's Hospice Bubble Rush Bristol

A fun foamy family sponsored 5k run, taking place on 15 September 2018 at the North Somerset Showground:

https://www.stpetershospice.org.uk/events/events/2018/09/15/bristolbubble-rush---439



If your child does complete any of these events, please, please let us know as we would love to celebrate this!