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Newsletter 1 – 6th September 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

Year 2 Meet the Teacher Year 1 Meet the Teacher School Meal Taster Session Year 3 Meet the Teacher Year 6 trip to Sevington Year 5 Trip to Sevington Clubs Start Presentation of Summer Reading Challenge Medals in Assembly Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning	Monday 9th Sept 3.20pm-3.50pm Tuesday 10 th Sept 3.20pm-3.50pm Tuesday 10th Sept 3.20pm Wednesday 11 th Sept 3.20pm-3.50pm Thursday 12th Sept Friday 13 th Sept Week beg: Monday 16th Sept Monday 16 th Sept Friday 27th September 9.15-10.15am
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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;

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Fri 25th October, Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

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

Term 4 Tues 23rd February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

Headteacher's News

A very happy school year to you all and an especially warm welcome to those of you who have joined us this year. Not only have our brand new Cherry Class had their very first day in Reception, we also have new pupils joining us in Years 1 and 4. We have new teachers in Years 3 and 4; Miss Tarbard will teach Maple Class and Miss Park and Mrs Nicholls will teach Lime Class. The whole staff team are so excited to continue making Courtney Primary even better. In other news, over the holiday closure, we had the decorators in. Our tired-looking hall is now freshly-painted and really bright and welcoming.

We are also pleased to be able to tell you that we have a new catering company, Edwards and Ward, who are now going to provide our school meal service. Much research was carried out before we chose our new provider and I am happy to say that I have already eaten two delicious and healthy meals this week.

And finally, hopefully you will already be taking part in the South Gloucestershire Reading Challenge "Space Chase". The closing date for this is Saturday 14th September so you still have time to complete it. We would like any children who have certificates and medals to bring them into school on Monday 16th September and we will present them in our assembly.

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This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: William C
 Year 2 Ash: Ethan H
 Year 3 Lime: Ben C & Corey H
 Year 4 Maple: Caitlyn J
 Year 5 Sycamore: Ivan C
 Year 6 Cedar: Henry W



Attendance Total 98.3%

Y1 Oak 100.0%
 Y2 Ash 95.2%
 Y3 Lime 96.0%
 Y4 Maple 100.0%
 Y5 Sycamore 98.0%
 Y6 Cedar 100.0%



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 27th September from 9.15-10.15am in aid of McMillan Cancer Support.

Donations of cakes can be brought into school from Thursday 26th September. Parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles all welcome.

We look forward to seeing you here.



Food taster session, Tuesday 10th September

We are delighted to welcome our new caterers, **Edwards and Ward**, to Courtney Primary School. E&W work in a lot of schools and were selected after a robust tender process for their high quality and healthy food. Children and staff have already been enjoying their meals this week. Now we would like you all to come and sample the food!



We will be having a taster session after school on **Tuesday 10th September** at pick when everyone will be welcome to come and sample their food in the hall.

Your child should have brought home a paper copy of the menu this week. An electronic copy is below. We have worked with Edwards and Ward to design a menu that we think our children will love but we will be reviewing it over the next couple of weeks.

Bon appetit!




Courtney Primary School – Reading Spine 2019-20

“Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out”

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS						
Year 1						
Year 2						
Year 3						
Year 4						
Year 5						
Year 6						



Event Title: [Autism South West Parents and Carers Conference](#)

Event Description:

Autism South West Parents and Carers conference.

This is our first conference specifically for parents/ carers of autistic children and young people and parents/carers who have an interest in autism. Although the conference has been designed for parents and carers anyone is welcome to attend, including professionals with an interest in autism. We would also like to warmly welcome any autistic people who wish to attend.

An investment for anyone living with or caring for autistic children and young people.

At this conference you will have the opportunity to:

Be informed by leading practitioners in the field of autism.

Network with other parents, carers and autism professionals

Find out more information that will help you as a parent or carer.

Increase your knowledge and skills with a choice of workshops.

Listen to experts and have your questions answered

Feel empowered to support and help the child in your care.

Be inspired by fresh ideas and new understanding

Visit the exhibition showcasing support, best practice & new resources.

Keynote 1

What's new, big and interesting in autism?

We live in interesting times! In this session Sarah-Jane will talk about the latest developments across four key areas: School exclusions, absence and illness; autistic girls, exciting new research and finally, what makes a joyful autistic life.

Sarah-Jane Critchley is passionate about helping autistic people, their families, friends and supporters live happier lives. She is the internationally recognised author of 'A Different Joy: The Parents' Guide to Living Better with Autism, Dyslexia, ADHD and more...' and contributor to two titles on autism and girls. She also wrote in 'Introduction to Autism' for AC Education to support adoptive and foster parents.

Sarah-Jane holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) specialising in the management of change from London's City University. She is an international keynote speaker and from 2008 the 2018 she managed the Autism Education Trust, working to improve educational provision for young people with autism. She was instrumental in the development, monitoring and management of the training programme that reached over 207,000 education-based staff in the UK and adapting the AET's highly successful training programme to meet the local context in Italy and Greece. She worked with stakeholders to produce guidance on exam accommodations and exclusions.

She is the mother to two autistic teenagers - a late-diagnosed girl and a boy and an autistic husband.

Keynote 2

Alec and Bobby are in the building

Deb Elley is mum to 15 year-old autistic twins Alec and Bobby and this talk will be based around her parenting experience which led her to co-write the book '15 Things They Forgot To Tell You About Autism'.

Debby will divulge some of the approaches she wishes she'd stumbled upon much earlier in parenting, some of these approaches she learned from mentors and others she generated herself, as well as sharing what went wrong in her parenting early on. This will be followed by insights into her new approach and the techniques that made a huge difference to her twins' emotional happiness and progress. All are general strategies that anyone with an autistic child can apply.

Debby Elly - When her autistic twins Bobby and Alec were four, Debby co-founded the autism parenting magazine AuKids with speech and language therapist Tori Houghton. Friendly upbeat and colourful, AuKids was the first autism parenting magazine in the UK. Previously a journalist, she found her niche in writing about autism in an accessible style that parents and carers could relate to. AuKids has won a clutch of high profile awards and last year celebrated its tenth anniversary.

In 2018 Debby wrote '15 Things They Forgot To Tell You About Autism'. Published by Jessica Kingsley, it's been described as a 'best friend's guide to autism'. Debby and co-founder Tori Houghton now present autism training and talks around the country to raise funds for AuKids, which is a not for profit social enterprise that relies on donations and sponsorship to cover its production costs.

Start date: 7/11/2019

Venue: BAWA

To book a place please click on the link given or visit www.sgsts.org.uk/training

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK 1

02/09/19, 23/09/19, 14/10/19, 11/11/19, 02/12/19,
06/01/20, 27/01/20, 24/02/20, 16/03/20

Sausages & Mash with Gravy
or
Honey & Ginger Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Rainbow Vegetables, Sweet Corn
Cherry Swirl Sponge with Custard

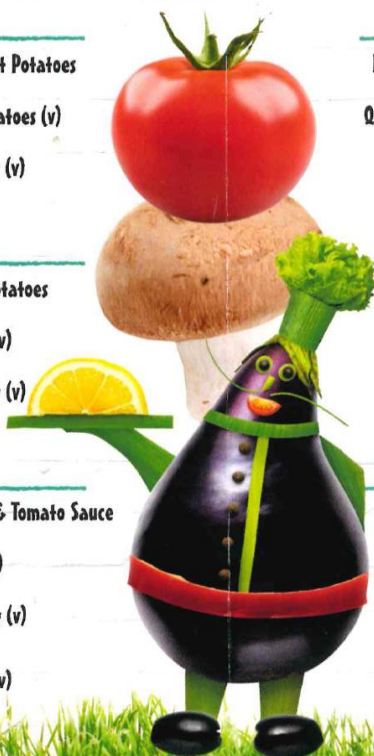
Spaghetti Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread
or
Carrot & Pesto Bake with Homemade Bread (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Green Beans, Mixed Salad
Raspberry Oat Slice

Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes
or
Veggie Sausages with Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Shredded Cabbage, Carrots
Apple Crumble with Custard

Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Mash Potatoes
or
Mac & Cheese with Garlic Bread (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Mixed Salad, Sweet Corn
Caramel Krispie Cake

Salmon Fish Fingers or Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
or
Quorn Tikka Pizza with Chips (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Strawberry Jelly & Peach Slices (v)

**FRESH
HEALTHY
TASTY**



WEEK 2

09/09/19, 30/09/19, 21/10/19, 18/11/19, 09/12/19,
13/01/20, 03/02/20, 02/03/20, 23/03/20

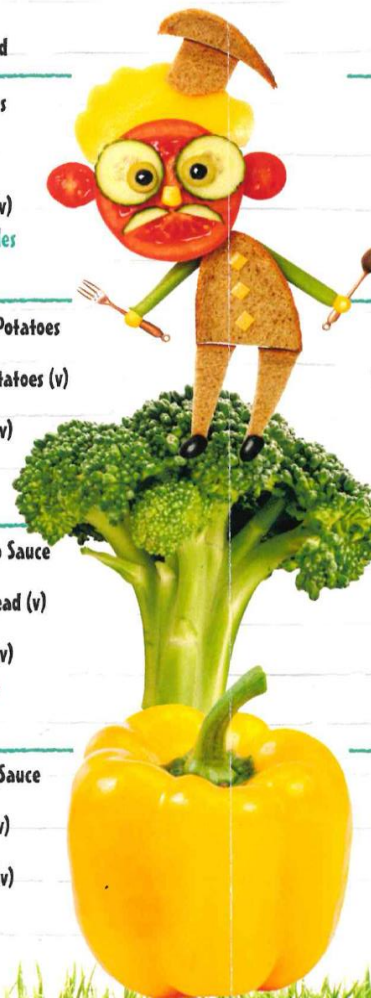
Arabiatta Chicken Meatballs & Penne Pasta
or
Cheesy Broccoli Quiche with New Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Green Beans, Mixed Salad
Cherry & Apple Crumble with Custard

Savoury Minced Beef & New Potatoes
or
All Day Veggie Breakfast (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Shredded Cabbage, Rainbow Vegetables
Vanilla Ice Cream

Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes
or
Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Broccoli, Carrots
Citrus Squares

Beef Burger with Jacket Wedges & Tomato Sauce
or
Veggie Bolognese with Pasta & Garlic Bread (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Sweetcorn & Peppers, Green Beans
Peach Melba Sponge with Custard

Bubble Crumb Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
or
Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake & Chips (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Carrot Cookie



WEEK 3

16/09/19, 07/10/19, 04/11/19, 25/11/19, 16/12/19,
20/01/20, 10/02/20, 09/03/20, 30/03/20

Hot Dog with Jacket Wedges & Tomato Sauce
or
Vegetable Chow Mein (V)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Sweet Corn, BBQ Beans
Flapjack

Rainbow Vegetable & Chicken Stir Fry
or
Cauliflower Cheese & New Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Green Beans, Shredded Cabbage
Australian Crunch

Roast Gammon with Gravy and Roast Potatoes
or
Veggie Sausages with Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Broccoli, Carrots
Tropical Crumble & Custard

2 Cheese Baguette Pizza & Potato Wedges (v)
or
Veggie Chilli & Rice (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad
Strawberry Jelly with Pineapple Chunks (v)

Battered Cod with Chips & Tomato Sauce
or
Tomato & Vegetable Ragù with Garlic Bread (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Lime Shortbread



Smile food that makes you happy

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians

SERVED DAILY – FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS AND FRESH DRINKING WATER.