



## Newsletter 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

'We are proud of our similarities and difference  
 and understand the rights of others.'

### Diary Dates

#### Prospective Parents Open Morning

Reading Workshop for EYFS Parents with Mrs Matthews (see below)

#### Bring a Bottle Day for Xmas Fayre – Non Uniform Day

Year 6 WOW Event

#### Y1 & Y2 WOW Event

FOCP Christmas Fair

#### Y4 WOW Event – Class Assembly: Bones and Bodies

YR WOW Event

#### Infant Production Dress Rehearsal to school and grandparents

Infant Production to Parents & Carers

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School Christmas Dinner

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.30am

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 8:50am

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am-1.00pm

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.45-3.10pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**INSET Days 2018-19: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

#### Headteacher's News

One of the focus areas in our School Improvement and Development Plan is around Mathematics. Since the start of September we have made a few improvements to our practice. The first change is to the organisation of the morning lessons; we now have a 20 minute 'Fluency' lesson and then a separate 'Mathematics' lesson. In the 'Fluency' lesson each class practises basic number facts (using a counting stick, songs etc) and calculation methods (+, -, ÷, x) so that they are really secure and form a solid bedrock for the rest of the mathematical learning. You may also have noticed that the Homework has slightly altered so that this basic facts and calculations approach can be supported by you at home as well. The usual Mathematics lesson takes part later in the morning where the focus is much more on the problem-solving and reasoning aspects. I cannot emphasise enough how knowing number facts to 10 and then learning multiplication tables makes the rest of maths so much easier to master so thank you for your support in this.

And finally, it was lovely to see you at our Parents' Evenings this week. A wonderful celebration of the hard work of the children and staff and the partnership we have with home. Have a lovely weekend. **Deborah Wood**

#### This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Skyla P

Year 2 Ash: George B

Year 3 Lime: Freya M

Year 4 Maple: Madison P-W

Year 5 Sycamore: Liam C

Year 6 Cedar: Logan O



#### Attendance Total 97.1%

YR Cherry 95.5%

Y1 Oak 96.7%

Y2 Ash 97.0%

Y3 Lime 98.4%

Y4 Maple 97.4%

Y5 Sycamore 97.9

Y6 Cedar 97.0%



#### Reading Certificates

Cameron S, Mark W, Beatrice S, Grace S, Sam W, Lillia B, Dylan J, Rosie T, Ella-Mae W, Oliver P, Bethany B, Corey H, Carson H, Ethan H, Rheo F, Lilly B, Brody C-H, Megan A, Lily-Mai M, Lily C, Bradley L, Alex P, Caiden H, Isaac G



#### Multiplication Masters

Bryony P, Lacey F, Jessica L, Isabel H



## Reading Workshop for Reception Parents

On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8:50am**, Mrs Matthews our Family Link Worker will be running an informal workshop in the hall on Reading. During the workshop she will explain how our reading scheme and reading reward schemes work; discuss ways in which you can support your child with reading; and introduce some fun activities to do.

The first part will be adults only (younger siblings can be brought) and afterwards your child will join you to make something together. Tea and coffee will be provided. You will also be given a free book from The Reading Trust! It should be informative, enjoyable and a good chance to make friends with other parents and carers.

	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						

### School Funding Concerns

We hope you have been able to see the Schools Series on BBC, which is certainly highlighting the real impact of funding on our schools. Please could you read the article from the Bristol Post.

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/letter-south-gloucestershire-heads-funding-2217157>

Currently South Glos have a forecast deficit of £12million largely due to the significant increase in spending to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The council are investigating ways in which schools can pay back the SEND deficit. If you are interested in having your say over funding for SEND, there is consultation document on the South Glos website.

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti>

With increased overheads already, the Governing Body have not accepted any of the three suggested options arguing that any claw back would have a significant impact on the education provision at Courtney.



### Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Welcome back for the Christmas half term. An exciting time for everyone.

#### Our programme for next week is:

Monday – Bath bombs

Tuesday – X Factor Night – talent show. Entertain each other with a fabulous act, song or dance

Wednesday – Dressing Up/Role play

Thursday – Cookery - Pizza

Friday – Free play



**Advance notice (OoSC)**

**Monday 17th December** The Out of School Club are visiting a local Elderly Persons Residence to sing carols, and take some gifts made by our children. We very much hope that you will support this visit by allowing your children to come with us. We should be back at school by 5:15 but will remain open until 5:45 as usual.

**Tuesday 18th December** a return visit from Kidztime Magic Show 4:30 to 5:30 – this will be a very popular night so book early.

**Thursday 20th December** – Film night – another popular one so book early.

**Friday 21st December** Christmas Party Time – fancy dress optional.

**Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club. Hope you all have an amazing half term.**

**Please find below details of a fundraising event to raise money for Sorayah's charity.**



**RayahBeans Christmas Fundraiser**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 6pm till late**

**Downend Cricket Club**



**Free Entry (donations welcome)**

**Disco**

**Christmas Fancy Dress**

**Raffle**

**Tombola**



**Lots of fun and**

**Games for the kids**

**Glitter Tattoos**

**Christmas Stalls**

**Sweet Cones**

**LET'S KILL CANCER TOGETHER**

**visit @RayahBeans on facebook for more**

**info on children's cancer awareness**



Raffle tickets will be available from the school office over the next couple of weeks to go towards the charity being set up in Sorayah's name. Tickets will be £1 per ticket or £5 per strip.