



Newsletter 25 – 5th April 2019

We take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing even when it's difficult.

Diary Dates

Term 5 Starts

Class Photographs

All Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin

Grow a Pound Hand in Date (see below)

FoCP Meeting – all welcome

May Day Bank Holiday

KS2 SATs Week

Pedestrian Training Y5

Arts Week

End of Term 5

Start Term 6

Swimming Block Sessions (Y5/6 who are working towards 25m)

Art Exhibition

Courtney K

Year 6 Residential Visit

Sports Day and Family Picnic (from about 9:30am)

End of School Year

Tuesday 23rd April

Friday 26th April

Week beg: 29th April

Friday 3rd May

Friday 3rd May @ 3.15pm

Monday 6th May

Week beg: 13th May

Tuesday 14th May

Week beg: 20th May

Friday 24th May

Monday 3rd June

Week beg: 3rd June

Tuesday 11th June

Thursday 13th June

Week beg: 17th June

Thursday 27th June

Tuesday 23rd July

INSET DAYS 2019-20

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 25th October, Friday 14th February, Monday 20th July 2020

Headteacher's News

By the time this newsletter reaches you, many of you will have been to our whole school WOW event to see the 'eggciting' cars made by our children. Each class has worked on a different design powered either by gravity, balloon-power or elastic band power, the purpose being to safely transport a fragile egg as far as possible. We have been fortunate to have the MOD working with Y5 and Y6 on product design. Every ounce of learning has been extracted from our STEM week including Writing, Maths and Science. Thank you to our STEM team for organising it and, in particular, Mr Green, for his inspiring launch assembly.

One of our aims this term was to provide a greater number of opportunities for the children to take part in sporting events. Although we are yet to experience the heady heights of coming first, we have managed to participate in football and rugby just this week. Growing confidence, development of resilience and commitment to fair play and teamwork are all areas in which we have seen the players flourish.

And finally, congratulations to Miss Ford who has successfully steered us through the Widening Inclusion in Religious Education (WIRE) Award for Courtney. With the poems from this term's Poetry Week added to the rest of the evidence, the moderators have judged that we had met all of the criteria.

Have a super Easter holiday. Let's hope that lovely sunshine pays us another visit. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Romeo D

Year 1 Oak: Isis C

Year 2 Ash: Kane F

Year 3 Lime: Jessica C

Year 4 Maple: Ruby G-M

Year 5 Sycamore: Oliver P

Year 6 Cedar: Connor R



Attendance Total 96.9%

YR Cherry 94.3%

Y1 Oak 96.9%

Y2 Ash 97.5%

Y3 Lime 98.1%

Y4 Maple 97.8%

Y5 Sycamore 96.8%

Y6 Cedar 97.0%



Multiplication Masters

Ruby G-M, Eleanor R, Aiden H, Lacey F



Reading Certificates

Carmen C, Holly H, George B, Cadi, S, Finley Y, Olly S, Skyla P, Lily-Mai M, Isis C, Jessica C, Edie A, Alex P, Carson H, Kamil S, Jayden S, Jack B, Ellie N, Lily B, Samantha P, Marieanne M, Cole A, Sam W, Rhylee M, Oskar J, Charlie G, Thomas W, Lacey F, Shaya B, Mia M, Dean H



Holidays

Every Day Counts – any time missed in school really does matter! The last few weeks of Term 6 and first few weeks of Term 1 are particularly critical in ensuring a smooth transition for your children. Please, do support them by keeping them in school for these days.

If you are considering taking a holiday in school time, even if it's a long weekend, permission must be requested in advance and in writing to Mrs Wood giving the dates and any reason. Any request over 5 school days will automatically be sent to the Local Authority who will send out a fine of £60 per pupil per adult. (The school does not receive any of this money.)

On rare occasions, absence will be authorised but only in *exceptional circumstances*. Please see our Attendance Policy for further detail.

Slide

Please could we remind you that the slide near Reception Class entrance is out of bounds in the mornings and after school for Health and Safety reasons. We have reminded the children. The Trim Trail can be used if supervised by an adult.



OoSC - Departure

OoSC are saying a sad farewell to Mrs Hollingdrake this week who is hanging up her OoSC gloves to spend more time with her family. She has brought so much shine, glitter and slime to Afterschool Club, we are all really sad to see her go. Fortunately, she will continue to be an essential part of the school community as she is continuing with her Lunch Break Supervisor and Reading Assistant Roles.

We will hopefully be recruiting a new assistant soon. Watch this space.....!



Calculation Support

At one of our parent consultation meetings, we were asked if the methods we use in school to develop calculation could be put onto the website in order to help adults to support homework. This has now been done. It can be found under the Curriculum tab in the Mathematics section.

Rugby Action



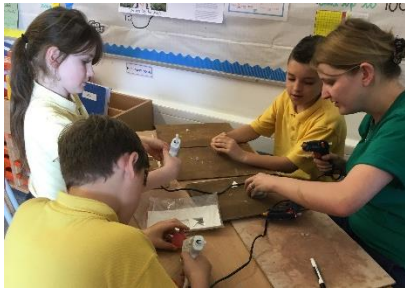
Here are some photos of our fabulous tag rugby team in action. Go Courtney!

DT Week

Throughout the week, all our children have been busy participating in DT week. They were challenged to create a moving vehicle that could safely transport an egg a short distance and they have had a wonderful time testing them.

Each key stage focussed on a different way to power their vehicles: EYFS made zip line baskets; years 1 and 2 were powered by gravity; years 3 and 4 were wind powered (well, balloon powered); and finally years 5 and 6 were elastic powered. The children also connected their wheels and axles in different ways and were given the chance to test, evaluate and improve them as the week progressed.

The design process also gave the children (and teachers) lots of inspiration for English and Maths lessons. All the completed work was then showcased in a whole school WOW event on Friday afternoon. Big thank you to everyone who donated their recycling, time or otherwise to make the inaugural DT week a success!



Year 4's chariots!

Using the glue guns.



Reception's zip line baskets

Year 1 and 2's free rollers



Year 6 applying finishing touches and testing the finished vehicles.

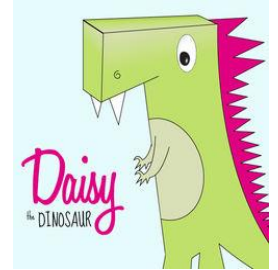
Daisy the Dinosaur Club

This term, we hosted a club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Daisy the Dinosaur is a free app on Apple and Android; it is designed to teach young children how to code. We set up the club to help teach the children new skills. The children tried various challenges independently and in pairs. They then coded their own script. We know that they loved it because some kept asking if they could do it again!

Next term we will be preparing a club for the Year 3 and 4 children.

The Digital Leaders.



Football News

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 football team who played really well. They made it through to the quarter finals of the South Glos football tournament, but then came up against every English players' worst nightmare penalties, and they got knocked out!

Matt Fiddes Martial Arts

Courtney are really excited to be welcoming Matt Fiddes Martial Arts to school. On the first day of Term 5 each class will have a 30 minute martial arts class to introduce them to the sport.

Matt Fiddes will then be running martial arts classes in our hall every Tuesday evening from Tuesday 30th April. Flyers will be coming home about these classes during the first week of Term 5.

If you would like to know more now, have a look at their website:

<https://www.mattfiddes.com/location/5917/matt-fiddes-martial-arts-kingswood.php>



Grow a Pound – Fundraising for The Children's Hospice South West

Over the Easter holidays, the School Council would like children to borrow a pound from their parents and use it to raise more money. The money raised will go to The Children's Hospice, South West, which provides care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families across the South West.

Example activities:

- buy a sponge and wash cars for a fee
- make friendship bracelets to sell
- make drawings to sell
- buy cake ingredients and sell the cakes
- sort out some old toys and sell them at a car boot sale



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Safety first: Please ensure your child is supervised while undertaking any of these activities.

There will be prizes for the child who raises the most, the class who raises the most and the child with the most creative idea (as judged by the School Council).

Look out for further information in a letter. The money will need to be brought into school by **Friday 3rd May**.

Happy fundraising!

From the School Council

Wellbeing Apps for Children

FOCUS On The Go!, £free, [Apple](#) and [Android](#)

FOCUS stands for Families Overcoming Under Stress, and this app aims to teach [resilience](#) – a key part of mental wellbeing – to every member of the family. It helps your child develop five essential skills: problem-solving, goal-setting, communication, emotional regulation, and managing trauma and stress.

The Play section is where your child is likely to spend most of their time, with three different games, including Bear Necessities, where your child has to build a track to roll a ball from top to bottom of the screen, testing their problem-solving ability and perseverance, and Feeling Finder, where they have to find emotion words in a wordsearch and then rate them on a scale from positive to negative. The Comic Creator function, where your child can build cartoon strips involving their own characters and storylines, will help them share their ideas and feelings.



There's an extensive Resources section, with useful tools such as Feeling Foxes (expressive cartoon foxes with feeling words that help children name their emotions) and deep breathing and meditation exercises to work through with your child, along with videos and articles on subjects such as how to hold a family meeting. The Resilience Surveys, which can be taken by you, your child, or the whole family, are also helpful in showing how you're getting on with building resilience.

Community News

COURTNEY LADYBIRDS PRE-SCHOOL

Have spaces available for
September 2019. We are open
8:30am till 3pm.

We have a newly revamped garden
and sensory room.

To arrange a visit please call us on:
01179353022

Parents Plus (Children) (6-11years)

Staple Hill Children's Centre

Staple Hill School, Page Road, Staple Hill,
BS16 4NE

Tuesday Evenings: 6pm - 8.30pm

Week 1: Tuesday 30th April

Week 2: Tuesday 7th May

Week 3: Tuesday 14th May

Week 4: Tuesday 21st May

Half Term - WEEK OFF - Tuesday 28th May

Week 5: Tuesday 4th June

Week 6: Tuesday 11th June

Week 7: Tuesday 18th June

Week 8: Tuesday 25th June