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Newsletter 3 – 20th September 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Y6 Residential
Year 4/5 Swimming starts
Harvest Foodbank Donations (see below)
Individual Photograph day
Open Morning for Prospective Parents
EYFS Parents Phonics talk
Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Year 5 & 6 WOW Event

Friday 27th Sept 9.15-10.15am
Week beg: Monday 30th September
Friday 4th October
Thursday 10th October
Friday 11th October
Tuesday 15th October 6pm
Wednesday 16th October 2-3pm
Saturday 19th October 10am
Monday 21st October 2pm

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: Mon 2nd September, Tues 3rd September, 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

Thank you to the vast majority of you who try your best to get your children to school every day and on time. We really appreciate it. As we always say: **"Every Lesson Counts"**.

Please could you support us (or continue to support us) in making your child's attendance and punctuality the best it can be and give your child the best start they can have by sending them in as often as you can so our fabulous teachers can teach them.

Ways you can help:

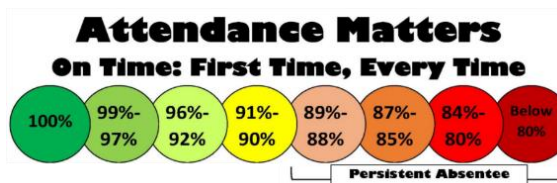
- If your child is slightly under the weather, send them in, let someone know and we'll contact you to fetch them if they get worse.
- Make medical or dental appointments after school.
- Always take holidays in school holiday time.

Every year, I receive a number of **requests for holidays** and whilst I totally understand that prices are cheaper (all the staff in school are in the same situation), any absence does create gaps and will not be authorised. EVERY DAY the children's diet from 8:40 is: bell work (responding to feedback, basic skills practice); arithmetic (number facts and calculation methods); English (writing and grammar); guided reading; maths (problem solving and reasoning); spelling/phonics; as well as any afternoon teaching. Missing these lessons for a few days quickly adds up. As well as this, when a child returns from a holiday, precious teacher and teaching assistant time needs to be spent helping a child fill the missing gaps which takes away time from the rest of the class. Holidays over 5 days, unless in exceptional circumstances, will be subject to a local authority fine.

We are changing our **reward system** for attendance slightly this year:

Bronze = 100% for a large term; Silver = 100% for two large terms; Gold = 100% for all three large terms.

We have a strong **support system** at Courtney. If, for any reason, you are struggling with attendance or punctuality, please contact either myself or Mrs Matthews, and we'll do all we can to support you. **Deborah Wood**



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Holly H
 Year 2 Ash: Madison H
 Year 3 Lime: Hannah H
 Year 4 Maple: Freya M
 Year 5 Sycamore: Ruby M
 Year 6 Cedar: Tom W

Attendance Total 97.9%

Y1 Oak 99.4%
 Y2 Ash 93.3%
 Y3 Lime 98.7%
 Y4 Maple 98.9%
 Y5 Sycamore 98.2%
 Y6 Cedar 98.4%

**School Dinner Update**

A lot of the staff have been eating the delicious school dinners since we've been back to school. There has been a marked improvement with the quality of the products and the cooking techniques. For example, the deep fat fryer is no longer being used.

In order to prevent waste (or a child being disappointed if something runs out), from now on, the teachers will be asking the children what they want for dinner at morning register time. They can choose from:

1. School dinner
2. Vegetarian school dinner
3. Jacket Potato.

It would be helpful if you have talked through the options with your child before coming to school. (The menu is at the bottom of this email and available on the website on both the news section and parents tab).

Please remind your child that if they have a school dinner then they can help themselves as much as they want from the salad bar (and homemade bread basket) whatever their original choice has been.

Trying Something New

We do have a sizeable amount of children who are reluctant to try anything new or will only eat a very limited diet. If you could encourage tasting small amounts of different things when they are at home, this would help to expand the range of foods the children will eat.

**Adults in School**

For those families new to Courtney, here is a reminder of our 'coming into school' rules. In order to make sure that we know who is in school and keep our children feeling and being safe, we do not allow adults, other than staff members, to come into school unattended when children are in the building.

Getting to the School Office

Please do not be offended when we do not let you cut through the building to get to the Office. If you are on the back playground, we will ask you to walk round to get to the front.

Lost Property

Lost property can be found by the KS2 door. You are more than welcome to come in to look for lost property but if the classroom needs looking in, please leave that to a member of staff and/or the child to visit.

**Reception Class Request**

Reception are after donations of unwanted paint rollers, trays and paint brushes. If you have any please either hand them into class or bring to the Office.

Friends of Courtney Primary

Reminder that the Annual General Meeting is today at 3.15pm, everyone is welcome to come along.





Football Focus

Courtney football team had another fantastic afternoon on the pitch this week.

Courtney played a total of 4 games in an exciting and hard fought competition. Over the 4 games, every member of the team showed determination, passion and compassion. Carson worked hard to push forward and managed to clip the ball over the bar in the first game. Marcel was outstanding in front of goal and achieved a hat trick in the first game. Harry J managed to slot away a powerful and accurate penalty for the mighty Courtney. Harry Mc was brilliant in goal and made some vital saves to keep us in the last 2 games. William did an amazing job in defence and worked well to cover and sweep across the back. Mark played a vital role in slotting the ball through to our strikers to score the winning goals. Well done everyone!

Team: Harry Mc, Harry J, Marcel, William F, Carson, Mark

Overall:

Courtney played 4 games: Won 2, drew 1 and lost 1.

Overall Courtney came 3rd out of 10 teams.

Player of the match was : Carson

OoSC

Both breakfast and afterschool clubs are getting very busy on some mornings and afternoons. Please try and book your child in as soon as you know that you will need it to avoid disappointment.



On Monday After School Club will be cooking. Be prepared for your child to bring home some tasty treats!

Homework Club

Afterschool Club are now offering a homework corner. If you would like your child to do their homework or reading with one of the after school club assistants, please let us know!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

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

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

We look forward to seeing you here.



Landscape Gardener

We are looking for a landscape gardener to do some work in our grounds. If you are one or know one and would be interested in some work, please contact the office!

Harvest

To mark the Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations for the Resound FoodBank. We know that this is a hugely valuable lifeline for our community and that some of you have already made donations or received food items in a time of need. This is their September wish list:

**Chicken in White Sauce,
Tinned Ham/Spam/Chicken,
Twin Sponge Puddings, Shampoo, Tinned Salmon,
Fish Paste, UHT Milk (semi and full fat)
Shaving Foam/Gel, Pot/Super Noodles, Toilet
Rolls, Tinned Spaghetti, Savoury Rice, Tinned
Meatballs, Nappies (size 4 & 5), Instant Mashed
Potato, Tinned Tomatoes, Dog Food,
Tinned Green Beans**



All contributions are welcome. Please send them into school by **Thursday 10th October**.

Community News



Reach

4-16 years

Reach is a free and fun programme for families, children and young people who are above a healthy weight

Opportunities for group or 1:1 sessions, including:

- ★ Activities to boost confidence and wellbeing
- ★ Physical activity
- ★ Ideas for healthy snacks and meals
- ★ A cooking session
- ★ Ideas to improve sleep and bedtime routines

To book a place or find out more contact:

☎ 01454 864005 ✉ publichealthcyp@southglos.gov.uk

🌐 www.southglos.gov.uk/reach

Where:

Kingswood Leisure Centre
Starting: Thursday 26th September 19
Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm



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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)

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

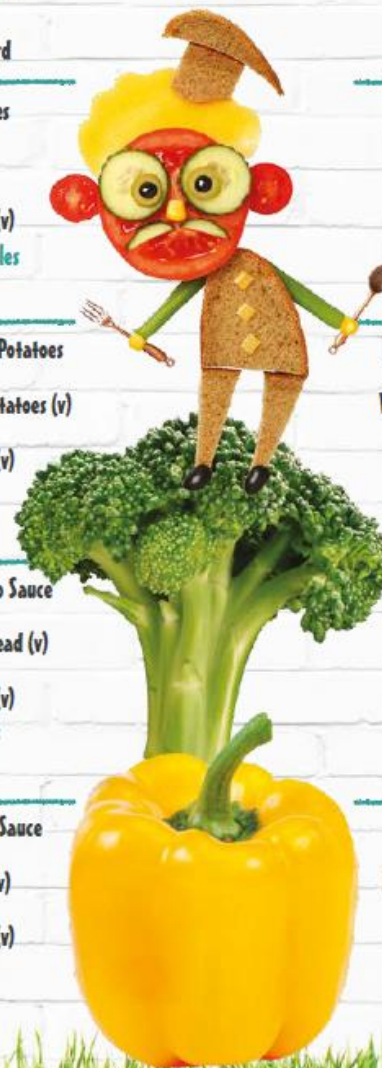
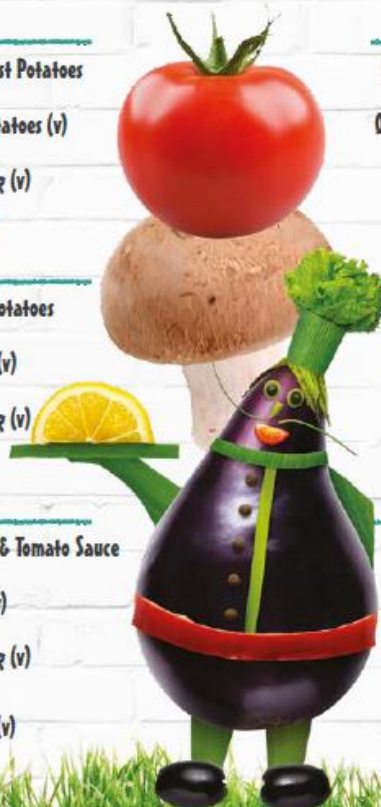
Rainbow Vegetable & Chicken Stir Fry
or
Cauliflower Cheese & New Potatoes (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Green Beans, Shredded Cabbage
Australian Crunch

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 Ragu with Garlic Bread (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Lime Shortbread

**FRESH
HEALTHY
TASTY**



Smile food that makes you happy

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians

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