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Newsletter 8 – 6th November 2020

We respect the rights of others through understanding similarities and differences.

| Dates for your Diary | |
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| Parents' Remote Meetings (booking link has been sent) | Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th November |
| Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only) | Saturday 14 th November am CANCELLED |

| INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.) | |
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| Monday 4 th January 2021 | Tuesday 5 th January 2021 |

Headteacher's News

It seems very strange that the country has gone into lockdown and yet, for us, it is largely business as usual. We will try our very best to keep the whole school open but we do need to be prepared for bubbles having to close and for increased staffing issues due to self-isolation needs. I will endeavour to keep you as informed as much as I can.

Next week, you will be having your 'meeting' with the class teacher albeit by phone rather than face-to-face. In advance, you will have received a set of targets personalised for your child, to help you know what they need to focus on as their 'next step' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The teachers will need to stick to the ten minute time slots so please help them to keep to that by bringing up any questions you may have early on. Our teaching for this term will be adjusted to address any individual or whole class gaps identified after the testing period at the end of last term.

In terms of statutory assessment, as far as we know at the moment: Y2 will be screened for their phonic knowledge at the end of this term; Y1 will be screened for phonics in June; Y2 and Y6 SATs will still be happening in May; and Y4 will be tested on the multiplication facts in June.

And finally, she did it! Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Parkinson.

Good news too for Mrs Radford who welcomed grandson Ernie into the family.

Have a lovely weekend – the forecast is perfect to get outdoors. **Deborah Wood**



Whole School Attendance Target
96%

Current Attendance
96.4%



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Zach H
Year 1 Oak: Elsie J
Year 2 Ash: Freddie S
Year 3 Lime: Lily-Mai M
Year 4 Maple: Millie C
Year 5 Sycamore: Piper M
Year 6 Cedar: Shemaiah P



Reading Certificates

Piper M, Summer F, Laila-Mai H, Poppie H, Jessica C, Marcel Z, Freddie S, Tyler B, Aliana G, Ava B, Hannah H, Rheo F, Jacob F, Jessica G, Lily C, Arya B, Evie E, Ben R, George B, Hubert K, Lillia B, Ethan H, Cadi S, Isabel H, Madison H, Lily-Mai M, Jenson W, Charley CH, Maya G, Darcey F, George B, Zach H, Tate W, Theodore H, Amelia LP, Millicent B, Ella-Lyn AB, Mason J, Ellie L



Year 1

Year one spotted a baby hedgehog in the football net! Miss Inman bought him in for us to have a little look at. He was so adorable, we called him Noi after the main character in The Storm Whale. He was too little to put back into the wild so Miss Inman has taken him home to look after him until he gets a bit bigger.



School Meals New, Improved Menu

We are delighted to announce that after all the school voted in their classes, we will be starting the children's chosen menu on Monday!!

We have attached the new menu with this newsletter. If you are able to print it at home, please do. Otherwise paper copies are available from the front of the office or can be sent home with your child on request.



A Message from Initially Yours

WE REMAIN OPEN FOR ONLINE ORDERS + CLICK AND COLLECT FROM BRANCHES

This is the same business model we have been successfully operating under since June this year. At that time, we made the decision to move all ordering online and stop the browsing/purchasing of garments at branch. Just to confirm:

- All uniform orders to be made online
- Our telephone lines and email addresses will all be fully manned and our staff are available to assist in any way they can
- All branches are open for Click & Collect of uniform orders
- Orders can be posted to home addresses if preferred

We would like to reassure you and your parents that we are very much "business as usual" during these difficult times.

Resound Foodbank Shopping List Christmas 2020



This year we are collecting items for Resound Foodbank. If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, please send them in with your child. There will a collection box at each entrance every morning from Monday 9th Nov until Thursday 3rd December. Thank you.

General Items

- ✓ Minced beef & onion
- ✓ Tinned mushrooms
- ✓ Tinned potatoes
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Angel Delight
- ✓ Fruit juice (Long life)
- ✓ Sponge puddings
- ✓ Milk (Long life)
- ✓ Toilet rolls
- ✓ Tinned fruit (all types & sizes)

Christmas Items







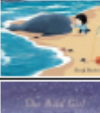









- ✓ Small boxes of chocolates for adults
- ✓ Yule Logs
- ✓ Christmas cake slices
- ✓ Large tins salmon
- ✓ Large tins ham
- ✓ Christmas chocolates/biscuits
- ✓ Christmas pudding
- ✓ Custard (tins or sachets)
- ✓ Crisps/Nuts/Cheese Crackers
- ✓ Christmas crackers
- ✓ Chocolate bars/sweets for children
- ✓ **Small**, quality, toiletry gift packs for ladies and men
- ✓ **Small** family games

RHS Design a Secret Garden Competition

The RHS campaign for School Gardening are holding a competition to celebrate the release of 'The Secret Garden' film on 23rd October. Your children will be bringing home an entry booklet and sheet of plain paper for them to design their own secret garden.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 17th November 2020. All the details on how to enter are in the booklet.



|  Courtney Primary School – Reading Spine 2020-21 <i>"Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out"</i> Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.  | | | | | | |
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| | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
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| Year 1 |  |  | | | | |
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| Year 6 |  |  | | | | |

FOCP News

Sadly we are unable to organise a Christmas Fair this year. However, we have some exciting plans for December as a treat for all children (Oh no we don't!). We could not do this without your support. More details in the next few weeks.

Virtual Halloween Balloon Race

Thank you to everyone who bought a balloon in the Virtual Balloon Race. The race finishes tomorrow (Saturday) at 12pm. At the time of writing, the FOCP balloon that has travelled furthest is 'Flash', having travelled over 900km from Dracula's Castle. You can view who is currently winning by clicking on the link via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/745>

Once the race has finished, the first and second place winners will be contacted to confirm how to collect their prize of £25 and £10 respectively.



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Once you have set it up, there is no difference to using the smile.amazon website and you can still use Amazon Prime.

FOCP Meeting

The next FOCP meeting will be 7pm – 8pm on **Thursday 19th November** and will be via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing future events/activities, so please bring your ideas with you! Please email chairfocp@gmail.com if you would like to attend. You will then be sent the meeting details nearer the time.