

Resilience

**Newsletter 7 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**'We are resilient and celebrate all our efforts.'**  
**Diary Dates**

**Children back to School**

FOCP Meeting (All parents/carers welcome)

**Children in Need Spotacular Fund Raising**

Year 3 and 4 WOW Event

**Flu Immunisation for Years R/1/2/3/4**

Xmas Fayre

**School Christmas Dinner**

Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3:15pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1.00-3.00pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1pm**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am-1pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

**INSET Days**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Headteacher's News**

We come to the end of our first very busy term. Everybody has been working hard and both staff and children, I am sure, will appreciate some blustery rest and relaxation. Having walked round the school yesterday, as the children in each class are coming to the end of their extended writing, I have to say there was a perceptible buzz going up and down the corridors. Here is an example of some individual comments I have heard: "I have written a whole side and a bit more." "Can I read my story to you, Mrs Wood?" "This is my best piece of work ever." The children have risen to the challenge of neat, joined handwriting even if they haven't achieved it before. A huge thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants whose dedication to getting the best for each child is relentless.

At this point, could I remind you that I do not authorise holidays in term time. We have had a handful of children who have missed this extremely important end of unit outcome simply because they are not in school. The teachers plan a sequence of lessons which build up skill by skill – if a child is not in school, then bits of this jigsaw are missing. Thank you for your continued support in getting your child into school as often as you can.

During the holiday, Pentagon, the company installing our new trim trail, will begin their work. We are unsure how far the project will have developed by the time the children come back but it won't be long before they can use the equipment with the all-weather surface. Exciting times.

And finally, have a super holiday whatever you intend to do. I have organised a party for my dad's 90<sup>th</sup> so am looking forward to catching up with some people who I haven't seen for a long time. **Deborah Wood**

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

Year 1 Oak: Kane  
Year 2 Ash: Kamil and Caiden  
Year 3 Lime: George and Lacey  
Year 4 Maple: Josh  
Year 5 Sycamore: Shaya  
Year 6 Cedar: Ash



**Attendance Total 96.7%**

YR Cherry 96.7%  
Y1 Oak 95.7%  
Y2 Ash 98.3%  
Y3 Lime 97.6%  
Y4 Maple 94.5%  
Y5 Sycamore 97.0%  
Y6 Cedar 97.7%



### Reading Certificates

**Reading 25** – Hannah, Hari-Deep, Tyler, Millie, Poppy, Lily, Jessica, Lily-Mai, Oliver, Joseph, Samantha, Dylan, Finlay, Tyler, Oliver, Jacob, Millie, Freya, William, Sarah, Carson, Isaac



### Multiplication Masters

Evie, Dominik, Caiden, Isaac, Lacey



### Year 3 and 4 WOW Event

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00-3.00pm Years 3 and 4 will be holding their WOW event – Fish Mummification! Please come along.

### Sparkling Starts

Get ready for the new term by preparing a bit of something for your Sparkling Starts display board. It can be a photo, some writing, a model or perhaps a drawing.

Cherry Class YR – 'Celebrations'

Oak Class Y1 – Abra Kadabra! – Do you Believe in Magic?

Ash Class Y2 – Abra Kadabra! – Do you Believe in Magic?

Lime Class Y3 – Who were the Egyptians?

Maple Class Y4 – Who were the Egyptians?

Sycamore Class Y5 – What did the Victorians do for us? Inventions and Traditions

Cedar Class Y6 – What did the Victorians do for us? Inventions and Traditions

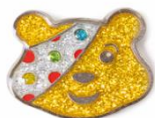
### Children in Need



Children in Need is a worthwhile charity which helps children with all kinds of disabilities. As a supportive and charitable school, we are keen to continue the brilliant work of this organisation.

Please provide your child with a £1 donation and make sure they come in wearing spotty clothes. The Spotacular event will be held on the **Friday 17th November**.

Please come along with some extra money because there will be opportunity to buy: glow in the dark wristbands, key-rings and pin-badges for £1 each. All proceeds go to Children in Need. They will be sold throughout the week before – details to follow.



Children in Need has been going on for 37 years and has raised over £600,000,000 for children who are less fortunate than us. So please come and buy something! Courtney Primary School has directly benefitted from Children in Need funding in the past. Children in Need have very nicely given us £10,000 to buy more equipment (we are buying a climbing frame). Imagine if you were a child with a hard life and you find out that a school has raised money for you?

**By Tyler (Otters' house captain), Ashley (Badgers' house captain) and Samuel (Foxes' house captain).**

### Reception Class – Important Information

We have been very pleased at how well the new reception children have settled into school life. To continue to build their independence we would now like to ask parents to say goodbye at the reception gate and allow the children to come into the classroom independently. Mrs Phillips will be at the gate to take any messages and Miss Brown or Mrs Florendine will be in class to help with the morning routine. We would like to see all the children coming in on their own by the end of the first week back.

Also after half term we will no longer be putting up the lunch sign-up sheet at the start of each day. If your child is having a school meal could you please discuss the dinner menu them so they are prepared. Thank you for your support.

### Arrears

Please could you make sure that all arrears are paid off before the start of Term 2. We will be reviewing outstanding arrears during the inset days and any arrears may affect your child's ability to benefit from paying clubs and meals. Thank you!

### Friends of Courtney Primary (FOCP) Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.15pm, everyone is welcome to come along. Our focus will be on organising all things Christmassy.

A reminder: if you attend the FOCP meetings, your child can go to the after school club (OoS) for the duration of the meeting for the princely sum of 50p to cover the cost of their snack.

### OoS Cake Sale

Out of School Club have been busy baking and selling cakes this week. They have raised an impressive **£130** which they will use to buy club resources. A special thank you goes to Jaqui Goodwin in the kitchen for cooking and providing some of the delicious cakes displayed in the photos below.



### Friends of Courtney Primary (FOCP) Halloween Disco



The children enjoyed a SPOOOOKY Halloween Disco last week, there were some amazing costumes. A big thank to the FOCP for organising and to all the children, parents and teachers who came along and helped make it such a success. Everyone had a great time and raised a massive **£450.00**.



KS1 Winners



KS2 Winners

