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Newsletter 33 – 9th June 2017

'We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks.'

Diary Dates

I am able to change and be adaptable

Y4 Assembly
Y2 Longleat Visit
Whole School Sports Day
School Production
School Production
Y2 Assembly
Y6 Leavers Party

PTA Summer Fair

Monday 19th June 2:45pm
Wednesday 5th July
Thursday 6th July 9:30am start
Tuesday 11th July 6.30pm
Wednesday 12th July 6.30pm
Friday 14th July 2.30pm
Friday 14th July 6.30pm
Saturday 15th July 11.00-1.00pm

INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2017 Monday 30th October 2017 Tuesday 31st October 2017 Monday 18th December 2017 Friday 9th February 2018

A note from the School Business Manager

Deborah Wood has been busy working away from school today. Consequently, I thought I would take the opportunity to update you all on the School's budget.

Many of you will be aware that school funding has been in the news a lot recently and that many schools' budgets are facing significant cuts. Courtney, is no exception. This financial year we received less money from the local authority while our staff costs increased due to increased employers' contributions and the apprenticeship levy. The outlook for the next financial year looks similarly tough.

However, as a school we are taking a wide range of measures to ensure that the quality of education for our children does not suffer. Having anticipated the cuts, we saved a surplus to help this year and next. We are also trying to streamline as many processes as possible, renew and reduce the cost of contracts and apply for external funding where possible. We are pleased that we have not had to make any redundancies and we are working as hard as possible to avoid this in the future and maintain similar levels of classroom support.

What parents can do. More than ever, we appreciate parental support. If you wish to, you can support the school in a number of ways: getting involved in the PTA and their fundraising events, supporting fundraising events, seeking any funding/support from any businesses you are associated with or letting us know if you have any skills or services you might be able to offer the school. For example, we will be looking to implement a rolling redecoration process shortly and would welcome any painting services/paint that local businesses can offer. We look forward to hearing from you!

Tamsin Griffiths

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Benjamin Year 1 Oak: William Year 2 Ash: Mark Year 3 Lime: Rhylee Year 4 Maple: Connor Year 5 Sycamore: Aleah Year 6 Cedar: Megan



Attendance Total 96.2%
YR Cherry 96.4%
Y1 Oak 94.8%
Y2 Ash 96.8%
Y3 Lime 96.1%
Y4 Maple 96.2%
Y5 Sycamore 96.3%
Y6 Cedar 96.2%



JIA DAY (Junior Idiopathic Arthritis)

Thank you to everyone who supported JIA day and sent their children in, in purple with JUNEMLE INOPATHIC ARTHRITIS donations. It has been a very colourful day here! Due to your support, we have raised at least £116.51 for a very good cause which is close to the school's heart.

Photocopier looking for a good home!

We have changed photocopier suppliers as part of our budget saving measures. As a result, we have an old photocopier which we no longer need and which is looking for a good home! If you think you/a business or charity you know may like it, please come and talk to the office. It is in good working order but relatively large so will need space to put it and a van and strong hands to move it!

New Uniform Suppliers



For schools, businesses, clubs and individuals Sales & Enquiries: 0117 956 0909



We are in the process of changing uniform suppliers. From now on you will be able to purchase all the school uniform and bags from one supplier, Initially Yours. From Monday 12th June, you can buy directly from their website: http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk or go in to one of their stores, the nearest is in Kingswood. You can then arrange for the clothes to be delivered to you at home (for a fee) or to the store or the school. We hope that in changing to just one supplier with a shop nearby we will make purchasing easier for parents.

We still have some stock in school which we will be selling on a first come first served basis. If you would like to buy more uniform for September from the office, come and see us quickly!!!

Trombone-tastic!

On Tuesday, some of our fabulous trombonists gave the school a rousing concert. We were serenaded with Star Wars, among other delights. Congratulations to the trombonists for their fabulous playing (their hard work is obviously paying off) and courage in performing in front of the whole school.



Voar 5

Y5 will be holding different events over the term to try and raise £100 to sponsor an acre of Amazon Rainforest (Brazil) stopping deforestation. Keep an eye out for dates.