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### Newsletter 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

#### Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021

#### INSET Days

<b>INSET Days</b> (These days are for training purposes.)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### Headteacher's News

We have had another super week of learning with our corridor boards starting to display some of the writing skills the children are developing linked to their class reading books. I have to say that the standard is of its usual high quality, which demonstrates that there was a lot of quality home learning going on during lockdown. For those of you who may have had a few battles doing those blogs, it was worth it!

Bit by bit we are getting our routines set up with reading and home learning being the focus of our attention this week. As you can imagine, trying to balance items coming between home and school in a Covid-safe way has been a challenge but we think we have found a solution with a two week cycle. Please see the information re home learning attached with this newsletter. Also attached with this newsletter is a letter outlining our reading expectations in order to refresh your memories. Next week we will restart the Courtney Crown certificates each Friday.

During all of this mayhem, I am really pleased to be able to share the good news that Mr Smith is now the proud father of twin girls, Sienna and Kiera. Congratulations to him, wife Roxie and brother Frankie. By all accounts, the whole family are doing well.

As you can see from our attendance, it is below our 96% target. This is largely due to the fact that in these first few weeks we have all been understandably cautious about sending children into school who feel ill. All of the people in our community who have gone for a test have come back with negative results which is reassuring. We are following government advice so please do not send your child in if they have a high temperature (over 37.8°C), a new continuous cough or a change in smell or taste – and go for a test. If they are not showing those symptom and simply have a bit of a cold, please do send your child into school.

And finally, FOCP have kindly organised a Virtual Courtney K for this weekend. Please download your running number template and get running. Take a photograph and, if you can, make a donation to FOCP on their fundraising site. Have a good weekend.

**Deborah Wood**

**Whole School Attendance Target**  
**96%**

**Current Attendance**  
**95%**



### Reading Certificates

Remember to record those reads each day. The first certificate will be awarded after the first 25 reads.



### Reception Class Wanted List

During the holiday, Cherry class staff had a big clear out so they now have a little more space. If you have any of the items below, please could you send them into school with your child (and we will quarantine them).

- A garage/car park for the children to drive toy cars around
- Aeroplanes
- Lego, especially interesting pieces such as wheels, cogs, boards, etc.
- Clothes for Barbie dolls



### Clothing Collection

Unfortunately, we are temporarily halting the clothing collections in the clothing banks as the company which empties them are not doing this at the moment. If you can, please find a corner to keep your clothing donations for when we restart collections as it provides an income for our lunchtime play equipment.



### Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed?

Has your income dropped?

You may well be eligible to claim free school meals.

If your financial circumstances have changed due to the Covid situation, please look at the South Glos. website to see if you are now eligible for Free School Meals. For every child in school (even those in the Infants), if you meet the Free School Meal criteria, then the school will offer you **money off towards school visits and uniform** so it's certainly worth a look:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A#free>



## Friends of Courtney Primary News

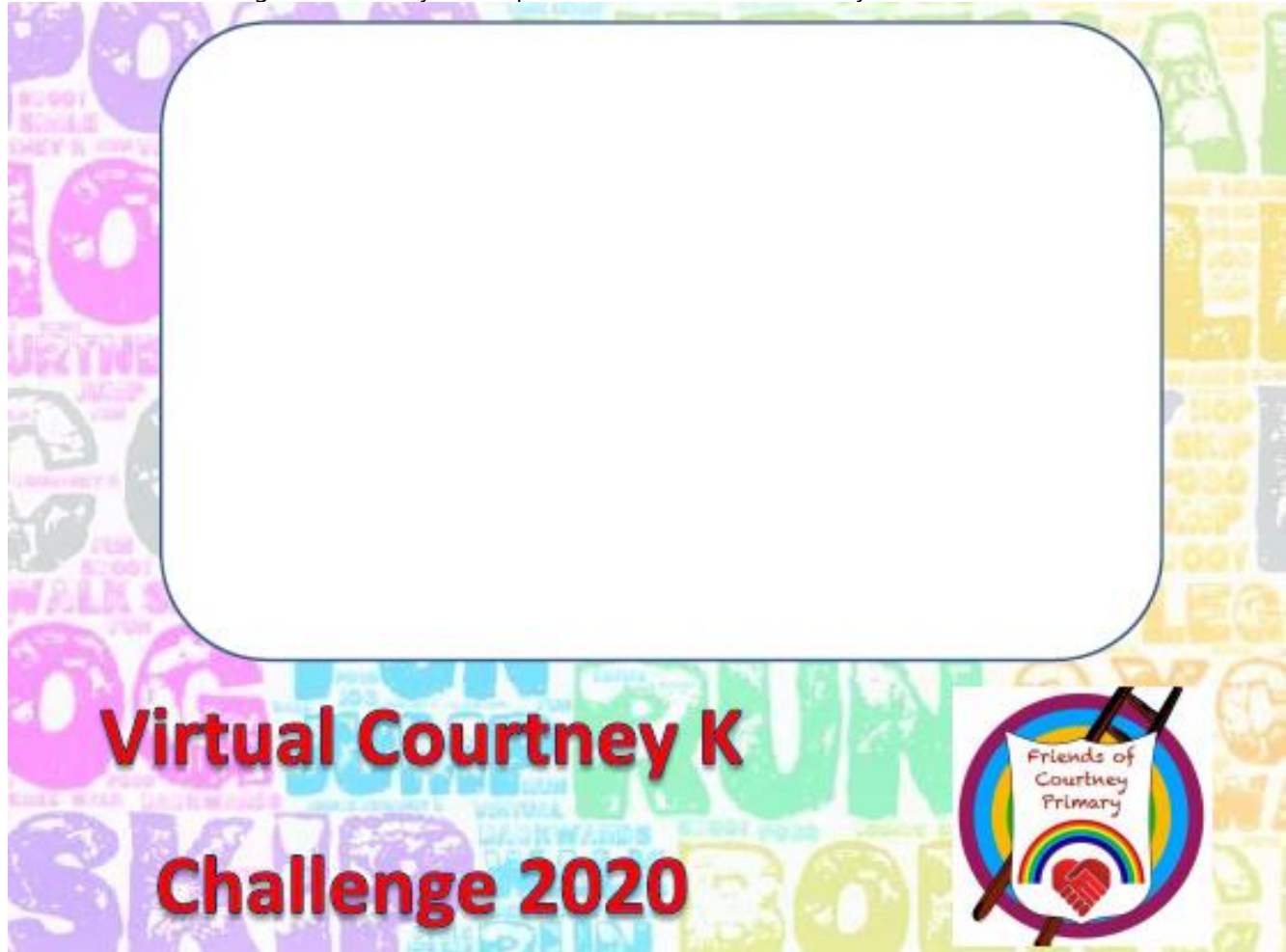
### FOCP AGM

We are holding our AGM (Annual General Meeting) virtually via Zoom on 8<sup>th</sup> October 5pm – 6pm where new members will be very welcome. It will provide an excellent opportunity for all parents to hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. If you would like to attend, please email [chairfocp@gmail.com](mailto:chairfocp@gmail.com) for the meeting details.

### FOCP Virtual Courtney K

It's not too late to sign up for the Virtual Courtney K this weekend. Please refer to the email that was sent on Wednesday this week with all the details (and see on the next page below). If you have a child who is taking part, and you have access to a printer, you may like to print off the Courtney K Running Number and they can write/draw their own name and number to inspire them to be like Mo Farah or Dina Asher-Smith. Or they could just create their own. Good luck!

See below the Running Number Bib you can print out and use to attach to your T-shirt this weekend. Good luck.



# Virtual Courtney K 2020

Run ... or walk, hop, skip, jump ... **3km or 5km**

The Friends of Courtney Primary are holding our first ever **Virtual Courtney K** on the weekend of **19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September!**

FoCP had to cancel the Spring Disco and Summer Fair earlier this year but we wanted to organise something fun and safe for everyone to enjoy, whilst raising valuable funds for our school which will benefit all children.

Simply complete 3km or 5km your own way and in your own time. You could flaunt a fancy-dress outfit, go mad with hair chalk or parade with face paint. We want you to get colourful and creative at home. You can choose to complete it however you like, in one go, or shorter bursts over the two days. Why not get your whole family involved?

Although not essential, it would be great if you are also able to ask friends and family to sponsor you whilst doing it to raise money for FoCP. You can set up your own JustGiving fundraising page via this link:

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=2991734&eid=6123566>

However, this is only voluntary - Just taking part is the most important thing!

If you don't already follow us on social media, please find us to keep up to date with details:

Facebook : **@focpcourtney**

Twitter : **@courtneyfocp**