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Newsletter 12 – 4th December 2020

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

Dates for your Diary	
Christmas Dinner for KS2 (KS1 bring in packed lunch)	Tuesday 8 th December
Christmas Dinner for KS1 (KS2 bring in packed lunch)	Wednesday 9 th December

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

Headteacher's News

Firstly, the transition to Miss Scott taking over as Headteacher next term continues. We have had several online meetings so she can learn how the school works and where we feel the next part of the journey in our continued improvement should be. I have shared a recording with the classes of a meeting between us in which she answered some questions the children had set as part of starting to get to know her a little better. See if your child can remember anything they heard.

The final week of term

I am fully aware that nearly all of the families of both the children and staff will have plans to see some of their family members over the Christmas period and that some of those people are vulnerable. I am also aware that nobody wants the news that they must self-isolate over the Christmas period if it can be avoided. Therefore, in order to minimise any risks that being at school may present and the number of contacts made, we are making a few changes.

In the last week of term, rather than classes being joined in bubbles and staff working in more than one bubble, we are making changes so that each class will stay in its own separate bubble with its own members of staff (as long as any unforeseen absences allow). This is not a sustainable model longer term, but for a week we feel that it is doable especially if it means the children can more confidently see their grandparents. We won't be changing the drop off and pick up arrangements, apart from Year 6 being allowed through slightly earlier so that they don't need to wait alongside Year 5 pupils.

Out of School Clubs

We realise that our Breakfast and After School Clubs are indispensable for some of you but they do slightly increase the risk for both your child and the staff. If, during this last week of term, you could cut down the use of these services to the bare minimum, would you please do that.

Christmas Dinner

In order to keep the occasion as festive and fun as we can, we will be bringing the school Christmas dinner forward a week so that next week (beginning 7th December) KS2 children will have their Christmas dinner on Tuesday and KS1 will be having their dinner on Wednesday. The wearing of Christmas jumpers is encouraged!

Christmas panto

Friends of Courtney Primary School have kindly booked an online pantomime for each class to enjoy as the term comes to an end. It will certainly spread some joy so thank you to them.

And finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support in helping keeping our community as risk free as we can in these challenging times. Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Current Attendance

95.9%



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Mason J
Year 1 Oak: Jaxon E
Year 2 Ash: Willow B
Year 3 Lime: Skyla P
Year 4 Maple: Archie E
Year 5 Sycamore: Zena G
Year 6 Cedar: Jayden S



Reading Certificates

Tyler B, Ava B, Jaxon E, Josh G, Joey H, Elysia L, Lacie M, Chloe N, Holly H, Evie E, Arya B, Hubert K, Alex P, Leia-Louise P, Sarah V, Summer F, Jessica C, Caitlyn J, Ruby G, Katie D, Jack B, Maya G, Theodore H, Ellie L, Amber T, Zach H, Evanna L



Multiplication Masters

William C, Ozzie F, George B, Hayden H, Caiden H, Laila H, William M



Nuts

Can we remind you that any products containing nuts should not be brought in to any classrooms. Some different options are introduced during the Christmas period so please check the ingredients on the packaging.



Winter Support Packages for our families

FSM vouchers

There are a number of sources of support for families who may be struggling at this time:
FSM supermarket vouchers: All pupils entitled to FSM will receive a £30 supermarket voucher, funded by the government to cover the Christmas holidays. We will be distributing these before the end of term.

Food Parcels

Will be available from a range of schools. We'll update you when we have the details.

Emergency Assistant Grants

Will be available for residents struggling to afford food and other essentials. For more info call 0800 953 7778.

Resound Food Bank

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Resound Food Bank. All the items were dropped off to them this morning, they are extremely grateful to everyone.



Menu w/c 4th December

Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Jacket Wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Peach Crumble with Custard
Fruit, Yogurt

Tuesday

KS2 Christmas Dinner
KS1 to bring in a packed lunch

Wednesday

KS1 Christmas Dinner
KS2 to bring in a packed lunch

Thursday

Beef Burger with jacket wedges
Veggie Burger with jacket wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Arctic Roll
Fruit, Yogurt

Friday

Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Cheese and Tomato Puffs with Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna (v)
Flapjack
Fruit, Yogurt

Parking Safely

Our Local Road Safety Team have asked to circulate this really important reminder about safety. Please park considerately for the safety of our children. In the case of Courtney: not on the zigzags; not mounting pavements; and not blocking our neighbours' driveways.



FOCP News

Jack and the Beanstalk Online Panto



FoCP have arranged an online pantomime, created by Blue Peter's Peter Duncan. Children will watch it in their class bubbles during the last couple of weeks of term. Should any child unfortunately be having to self-isolate, don't worry special arrangements will be made.

We promise you boos, cheers, 'he's behind you'...
oh no he isn't!, a sing-a-long songsheet plus all
the classic panto antics that we love.