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Newsletter 23 – March 11th 2016

'We are kind and courteous, treating others as we like to be treated.'

Diary Dates

Book Fair (open in the IT Suite straight after school)

Y1 Oak class WOW Event

Y2 Ash Class WOW Event

Choir and some instrumentalists in assembly (parents of performers welcome)

St Patricks Day Lunch for children

Parents and Carers Evenings

YR Cherry Class WOW Event in school hall

Sports Relief Fundraising Event (wear house colour tops and jogging bottoms)

Science Week (please return slip and £5 donation)

Y3 Lime Class WOW Event

Y4 Maple Class WOW Event

Y5 Sycamore Class Trip to @Bristol

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th March

Tuesday 15th March 9:15am

Tuesday 15th March 3:00pm

Wednesday 16th March 2:45pm

Thursday 17th March 12:00

Thursday 17th March & Monday 21st March

Thursday 17th 9:10am

Friday 18th March

Week beg Monday 21st March

Tuesday 22nd March 9:00am

Tuesday 22nd March 2:45pm

Friday 15th April

INSET Days

Friday 27th May 2016

Thursday 1st September & Friday 2nd September 2016

Friday 21st October 2016

Headteacher's News

We are trying to create a range of occasions on which parents/carers can join us to share in some of the pleasure we have every day so it was super to welcome about 55 'mums' to school lunch this week. (It was just a pity about bitterly cold wind. Never mind.) If you attended and would like to give any feedback on what went well and what would be even better next time, we would love to hear from you.

Changes: Our lovely Mrs Mitchell, after 24 years of dedication, and having patiently seen me into my new post, is joining her husband in retirement at the end of this term. (More about Mrs Mitchell in another Newsletter). We have taken the opportunity to restructure our Office and have, this week, managed to recruit a School Business Manager, Mrs Tamsin Griffiths who will join Mrs Belton. We are now looking for a part-time Clerical Assistant to complete the team. Please see E-teach or our website for details if you are interested in the post.

And finally, a huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cant, who now have a second son to add to their family. We are all thrilled for you.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Caiden

Year 1 Oak: Tianna

Year 3 Lime: Logan

Year 4 Maple: Mason

Year 5 Sycamore: Rosie



This week's Multiplication Certificates

Aiden

Beatrice

Sam

Grace

Kaylee-Rose

Joseph

Rhylee

Harrison

Abbie

Lucie-Jo

Daniel

Stevie-Jay

Attendance

YR Cherry 97.1%

Y1 Oak 96.3%

Y2 Ash 96.6%

Y3 Lime 96.6%

Y4 Maple 96.6%

Y5 Sycamore 96.4%

Y6 Cedar 96.8%

Total 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Well done to the following children who have their Reading Certificates.

Evie

Ashley

PTA

From September 2016, our PTA will be looking for a new treasurer as Lorraine Mottram will be standing down due to work commitments. If you are interested in this voluntary post, or simply joining the PTA please see the Office staff or catch Sue Matthews, our Family Link Worker.

Musical Assembly

On Wednesday 16th March, the parents of the school choir are invited to a musical assembly at 14:45.



Sports Relief Day



On Friday 18th March, we will be raising money for Sports Relief by asking children to bring in some money in return for taking part in some exciting activities. We suggest £1 per child but you could donate more or less depending on your budget.

At dinnertime, Mrs Radford and the dinner supervisor team will be organising some fun activities. After a morning concentrating on our reading, writing and maths the children will spend the afternoon taking part in a rotation of sporting activities with their houses. The children can come to school that day in their sportswear and wearing a top in the colour of their house.

School Council

School Council members will be selling wristbands in aid of sports relief on Friday 18th March for a donation of £1.

E-Safety News from Mr Houston

What makes children vulnerable online?

We can all feel vulnerable or insecure at times, particularly when things in our lives are changing or disappointing us. The internet can exaggerate these feelings turning minor insecurities into major issues for children who are still learning about who they are and how to manage their feelings. A day rarely goes by without a news story about body issues, grooming or bullying.

Recent research has shown that offline and online confidence are closely linked. Children who are confident in themselves and how to manage their feelings are able to do the same when online. This in turn ensures they are less likely to be vulnerable when communicating or researching online.

The research has also recommended a number of things that parents can do to support children in navigating these challenges:

- Be interested in what your children are doing online; what are they looking at, who are they talking to.
- Stay up to date with current issues for children or online safety concerns.
- Let them know that you are always there to talk and on their side if anything goes wrong.

For useful information about great applications, challenges and helping your child online why not check out Vodafone's free digital parenting magazine here:

<http://vodafone.digitalparenting.co.uk/>

If you have any concerns about your child's social or emotional behaviour please do come and chat to their Class teacher or myself.

Nut Free School

Just to remind you, due to nut allergies, all snacks and lunch box items should not contain any nut products. If you send in any items for events such as cake sales and parties, please could you make sure that these too are nut free.

Science Week

Each family should have received a letter about Science Week being held in the last four days of this term. Mrs Parker has been working extremely hard to organise a lot of stimulating and unusual events. Please could you make sure that you return the slip. A copy of the letter is on the school website.

Computer Availability

Need a computer? Get connected for as little as £50!

Both Bristol and South Gloucestershire Councils are offering a low cost laptop or desktop computers to local residents.

If you are interested you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

65 years of age or over

receive means tested benefit

are an unpaid carer

are registered disabled

living on a low income

have a child entitled to free school meals

Bristol council are offering desktop computers from £50 and laptops from £99. See:

<http://www.bytebackitrepair.co.uk/re-use-scheme.html>

South Gloucestershire are offering desktop computers from £84 and laptops from £126. See:

www.southglos.gov.uk/goonline

PTA Children's Disco

The PTA have set a date for the children's disco, Friday 6th May, 6-8pm, details to follow shortly.



Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing with uniform, if your child is missing uniform, please check in the lost property box. We will be emptying the box at the end of term and taking to the clothes bank.

Notice from Public Health, England

We have received notification from Public Health, of an increase in the following:-

Scarlet Fever - early symptoms to look out for include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12-48 hrs the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body.

Respiratory/flu-like illness – there have been increased number of flu-like illnesses, Public Health recommend good hygiene to kill germs, the main recommendation is hand washing which is essential and to encourage children to do so.



Courtney
Ladybirds



Pre-School

Early Years Provision for 2 – 4 year olds

Gages Road, Kingswood, BS15 9RD
(near Courtney Primary School)

Tel: 0117 9353022

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