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We commit ourselves to be resilient and persistent when working towards ambitious targets.

Headteacher's News

Good afternoon parents and carers,

With the announcement of a potential return to schooling from the government, the end feels in sight. Whilst we recognise this is not a definitive, we now have an initial time frame to work towards and will be updating you of plans in due course.

We hope you are well and managing to enjoy some sunshine, fresh air and downtime when possible. Home schooling is not easy for those working remotely so remember to take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go.

I have asked our teachers to share learning with me from our children that they are particularly proud of and was overwhelmed by how many they wanted to share! I have had the pleasure of speaking with and congratulating some of our children and families for all of their hard work. I would like to give a shout out of celebration to the following children;

Zach H from Cherry class
Charley CH from Cherry class
Chloe N from Oak class
Ellie N from Lime class
Madison H from Lime class
Brody CH from Maple class
Jess C from Sycamore class
Ruby M from Cedar class

Well done to all of you for your hard work, we are all very proud of you at Courtney!

Next week you will hopefully have a chance to see me sharing a special book in a recording or popping into a live meeting (a little like 'Where's Wally'). I look forward to seeing you all.

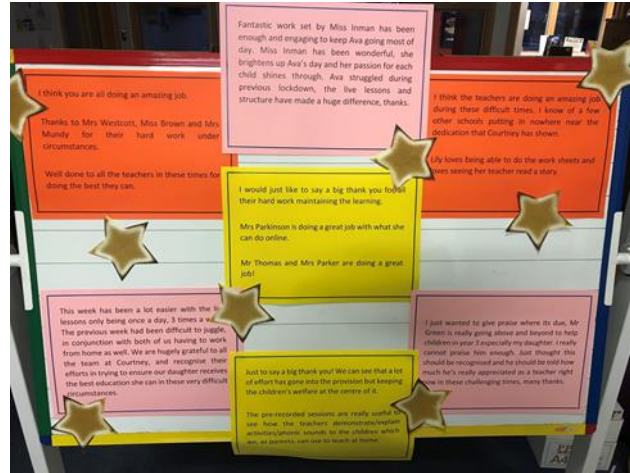
Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Georgina Scott



Home Learning Provision Survey

Thank you so much to all parents/carers who took time to complete the survey regarding our Home Learning Provision. Not only did we have a large number of responses, but the feedback was largely positive. Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to thank their class teams (Teachers and TAs) for their hard work. We have shared your words of support with staff and made a fabulous comments board that greets us all when we arrive at school.



There were a few useful themes that we took from your responses:

1. Google Classroom is preferable to the Blog.

The vast majority of families who have worked with Classrooms and the Blog, prefer Classrooms. Although its layout is a little more complicated, it is much easier for pupils to work independently, to submit work and avoid printing! From our perspective, it also offers more security. We are therefore looking to move all classes over to Classrooms at the appropriate time. Reception Class is the one exception as they are using their EYFS platform Tapestry to submit their work.

2. Live lessons are a great opportunity for pupils to see their friends but it requires careful management! Many of you appreciate the opportunity that the live lessons give for pupils to see friends they are missing. However, this can sometimes be a bit noisy. Going forward, we are going to structure all meetings carefully so there is some opportunity for saying hello whilst also ensuring everyone can hear what is going on.

3. More movement please!

Some parents have suggested that our Sports Coach Mr Smith provides some P.E. lessons. Great minds think alike, this was something we had been considering too! From next week, Courtney will have its very own Joe Wicks!! Mr Smith will be providing pre-recorded PE sessions which will be made available to all the classes. We do hope this gets pupils and parents moving!

Change to Orange Tribe entry and exit points

Currently, children who are in Orange Tribe (Y4*, Y5 and Y6) use the car park pedestrian gate to enter and exit the school at the beginning and end of the day.

We are changing this so the children in Orange Tribe enter and exit through the main school office. The children will still enter and exit via the pedestrian gate on Courtney Road and will line up outside of the office windows. A staff member from Orange Tribe will meet the children at the pedestrian gate as usual but will take the children through the main office and into Year 5 or 6 classroom.

Please be mindful that Green Group (Y2, Y3 and Y4*) enter through the KS2 doors. A staff member from Green Group will inform the children from Orange Tribe whether or not they can walk through to their classroom or if they need to wait as there are still children walking down to the Y3 or Y4 classroom.

*Y4 Children are split between Orange Tribe and Green Group.



As part of South Gloucestershire's support for Children's Mental Health week there is a webinar on Tue 2nd Feb from 4:30-5:30pm called Colour my Life.– An art themed session teaching young people to acknowledge and express thoughts, feelings and emotions through doodling. If we feel unhappy, stressed or anxious most of the time it's important to name and tame our most

pressing uncomfortable thoughts and get them out in the open. This can either be through mindful doodling, scribbling or journaling. Likewise, it's also important to bank good and happy memories to make us feel happier and more content and hopeful about life in general. Everyone will have the opportunity to take part in a live interactive group doodle or personal doodle with coloured pens and paper from home or, use an online tool. This webinar is suitable for young people aged 10+. The link to webinar is <https://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/webinar-series/> Scroll down to programme and click on the Young People tab. You will need to create an account to register which could be done by the young person or an adult depending on the age.

Friends of Courtney Primary News

Children's Mental Health Week

On **Friday 5th February**, whether your child is in school or at home, children may **Dress to Express!** This means wearing a **colourful** outfit to express themselves or crazy hair.

For more information or for some simple ways you can encourage your child to express themselves, please visit

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>.

If you are able to, please donate £2 to Place2Be via this link, but this is only voluntary:

<https://donate.place2be.org.uk/>



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Courtney Crown Trail #courtneycrowntrail

We are pleased to confirm that our *Courtney Crown Trail* (using the What3Words app) will start on Saturday 6th February and last for two weeks, including half term week.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be part of the trail. We have now organised three separate walking trails. Full details will be sent out next week. To keep up with details, join our "Courtney Crown Trail" event on Facebook.



Valentine's Virtual Balloon Race

Due to huge popularity, we are running another virtual balloon race, this time taking off from the Eiffel Tower on 14th February. Each virtual balloon costs £3 and can be bought from:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1294>

Prizes for each race

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. 10 lucky winners of £10 Book Tokens

The FOCP bought balloon that travels furthest will win a Valentine's Day hamper including wine and chocolates.

FOCP Social Media

Please follow our "Courtney FOCP" page on Facebook (search for @focpcourtney) or @CourtneyFocp on Twitter

