



**Newsletter 37 – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**'We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks'**

**Diary Dates**

**Individual Reports Home**

RISE Music and Dance Festival@ Kings Oak

**Tea party for parents, teachers and children**

Achievement Folder and Book Sharing (see box below)

**Fun Day for teachers and children**

Y6 Leavers' Breakfast with Parents & Leavers' Assembly

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July evening

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 4.30-5.15pm**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-5.00pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July pm**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am (**change of time**)

**Holidays:** Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

**INSET Days 2018-19:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Headteacher's News**

This week KS2 performed their production of Hansel and Gretel. Yet again, the singing both from the massed choir but also from the ensembles and soloists was of the high quality we have come to expect under Mrs Castle's leadership. It's not often you have twins in a year group and, on top of that, ones who can each sing so beautifully. Some fine acting performances from a pretty scary Stepmother (my own stepmother is actually quite lovely), a put-upon Father and an evil Old Woman. The technical support provided by one of our Digital Leaders did Miss Brown proud. Next week, the choir will be performing at our RISE Alliance Music and Dance Festival so I look forward to that. Just a reminder that on Wednesday we will be holding our Open Afternoon and Evening. If you would like to pop into school anytime from 1:30 to look through your child's Achievement Folder and celebrate their efforts during the year, we would love to see you. The school will be open until 5pm with teaching staff available.

And finally, on Monday the children will be bringing home their end of year reports so please make sure you look for the large brown envelope.

**Deborah Wood**

**This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:**

Year R Cherry: Skyla P

Year 1 Oak: Peter M

Year 2 Ash: Kamil S

Year 3 Lime: Sarah V, Cameron S  
and the whole class

Year 4 Maple: Ethan H

Year 5 Sycamore: Aron H

Year 6 Cedar: The whole class



**Attendance Total 95.7% \* this is now below our 96% target**

YR Cherry 95.9%

Y1 Oak 93.8%

Y2 Ash 97.2%

Y3 Lime 96.8%

Y4 Maple 94.1%

Y5 Sycamore 95.8%

Y6 Cedar 97.1%



**Reading Certificates**

**These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:**

Libby J, Edie A, Caitlyn J, Lacey F, Bradley L, Ellie N, Lily-Mai M, Eva R, George B, Lacey B, Jack B, Mya K, Logan O'D, Rhylee M, Grace S, Caitlyn M, Dominik Z, Emily W, Lily-Mae H, Caitlin C, Tyler D, Cadi S, Kallum G



**Achievement Folder and Book Sharing**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, you are invited to come to school between 1:30 and 5:00pm to share your child's achievements this academic year. Please can you come to the office and sign in, you are then invited to collect your child and find a cosy spot somewhere in the grounds to sit and look through their books and Achievement Folder. If you have more than one child, you may prefer to take each one separately.

At 3pm we will ask all adults to leave the building so that we can dismiss the children safely at the end of the day.

All of the teachers and the books will be available from 3:20pm until 5pm should you wish to see them (this is not an appointment system).

## New Playground Markings

As many of you will have seen, our amazing new playground markings were put down on Wednesday. The process itself provided great entertainment but the markings are doing an even better job of keeping our children entertained and active. Do have a look at them on drop off or pick up or perhaps even have a go yourself! They have been paid for completely by the money raised in the Courtney K Challenge. Thank you again to everyone who supported the challenge.

## Let's keep active!



## Privacy Notices

As you may be aware, new General Data Protection Regulations came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The school is reviewing all of its policies and procedures to ensure we are compliant. As a result of the changes, we have modified the Privacy notice that we provide parents when their child starts at Courtney. The amended notices are on our website on the 'GDPR' tab under 'General Information.' Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like a paper copy.

## Arrears

There are still many arrears on children's accounts. The office will be contacting parents with significant arrears or parents with children in Year 6 over the coming week and, if necessary, over the holidays. Please could we ask all parent/carers to clear their arrears this weekend to avoid our phone calls next week!

## Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Events for next week are as follows:

Monday – Pasta Necklaces

Tuesday – Teacher's Leaving gifts

Wednesday – Tea Party

Thursday – Film Night

Friday – Free Play



## MAGIC SPECTACULAR!



Afterschool Club were given the most amazing treat on Thursday afternoon. Kidztime Magic show visited and put on a spectacular show including magic, balloon sculpting and dancing. Everyone had such a good time that parents stayed to watch and lots of staff crept in too.... A massive thank you to Derek and Suzanne from Kidztime Magic for donating their time and providing an afternoon to remember.



A big thank you to Gray's Kitchen of Hanham who have helped us with scones and to Blight's Delights Cakery of Longwell Green who are supplying 40 cupcakes for the Afternoon Tea next Wednesday. Please remember to reply to the invitation asap.

**Remember we are running a holiday club on the Inservice days (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September). Please email the school if you require a space (full or half day).**

## Pick Up Time After School

We are starting to get a few complaints from our own parents about poor behaviour from some of our children at pick-up time. This includes rough play and inappropriate language. Please could we politely remind you that the Trim Trail is open for use but adults need to supervise.

Because of the after-school clubs and Oosc, we do need to lock the gate at 3:30pm. If Cyril, our lollypop man, is standing by the gate, it means he needs to lock up (which he helps us out by volunteering to do) so could you help make his job easier by leaving promptly.



South Gloucestershire  
Music Hub



Dear Parent,

South Glos Music Hub are hosting a 'Hands On' event where students will be able to try out all the instruments that we teach. The event will take place at:

4-6pm - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Little Stoke Primary School

Register at <https://southglosmusicclub.eventbrite.co.uk>  
or on Facebook @southglosmusicclub

This is a fantastic way to inspire your child to start instrumental lessons and join a band or orchestra. South Glos Music Hub offer lessons on the following instruments, and you can try them all!

STRINGS: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass  
WOODWIND: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone,  
BRASS: Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Tuba  
Guitar (Classical and Electric), Bass Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drum Kit, Percussion

Please fill out the online registration form so we know you are coming. The link is on our Facebook page @southglosmusicclub – please like our page to see all the different events our musicians take part in!

It won't be long until your child is ready to join one of our development centres on a Saturday morning. This is when the fun really starts as they can join one of our bands or orchestras, make new friends and have fun performing around the county.

There are different types of lesson to suit your budget and you can hire one of our instruments to get started straight away. Please contact us for more information and we are happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Best wishes

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