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Newsletter 22 – 28th February 2020

We take responsibility for our choices and do the right thing even when it's difficult.

Diary Dates

Swimming Gala

World Book Day House Event (see below)

Parents/Carers Consultation Evening

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ENVISION Hub Rugby Tournament for Year 5

FoCP Spring Disco

Y5 Visit to We the Curious

NSPCC Workshops

Y6 Life Skills visit has been rearranged for 13th July 2020

Saturday 29th February

Thursday 5th March

Monday 16th March

Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March 6.00-7.30pm

Wednesday 25th March

Thursday 26th March

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 3 Mon 6th January – Fri 14th February;

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

Although the children started back on Tuesday this term, all of the staff were back on Monday busily working on our wider curriculum. Our curriculum is already rich and varied with plenty of opportunities to 'Inspire', starting off with your creativity with the 'Sparkling Starts'. We have already received an enormous assortment ranging from huge space models, to photographs of special visits linked to the new topic, to research presentations. Moving forward, we are keeping all of the aspects of our curriculum we are doing well and are now working on tightening up our two-year cycle. The skills the children acquire and the knowledge we want the children to learn is going to be much sharper so that we can more precisely build on prior teaching and learning in each subject as the children progress through the school with their own 'Class Heritage Book'. Thank you to four of our governors (Richard Morgan, Liam Halpin, Vicky Harrity and Pete Goodwin) who gave up their time to join us for all or part of the day.

It has been a cold and wet day as Bristol welcomed Greta Thunberg to lead a youth rally. If you want ideas of how your child can do their bit towards reducing climate change in an age-appropriate way, please see the section further down this newsletter.

And finally, good luck to our swimmers who are taking part in the annual South Glos Swimming Gala on Saturday evening. Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Jack C

Year 1 Oak: Ben R

Year 2 Ash: Kallum G

Year 3 Lime: Ellis P

Year 4 Maple: Edie A

Year 5 Sycamore: Logan P and Katie D

Year 6 Cedar: Brandon B

Attendance Total 95.7%

YR Cherry 94.9%

Y1 Oak 95.9%

Y2 Ash 95.1%

Y3 Lime 96.7%

Y4 Maple 98.5%

Y5 Sycamore 93.0%

Y6 Cedar 96.5%



Reading Certificates

Maximilian Z, Jaxon E, Maisie-Ann J, Nancy H, Elsie J, Aliana G, Skylar A, Malachi W, Lucia B, Romeo D, Tahlia H, Evie E, Fletcher A, Holly H, Hayden H, Kamil S, Carson H, Dominik Z, William F, Harry J, Mitchell E, Bradley L, Peter M, Eva R, Megan A, Mia F, Bella-Rose P, Ruby H, Ava S, Cadi S, Eleanor R, Bryony P, Jayden S, Oliver A, Jack B, Archie C, Cole A.



Multiplication Masters

Eva R, Elliot M



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March. Reminder, there is no dressing up on the day. Please send your children to school in their usual school uniform and with some of their completed A-Z challenges. The children have the rest of Term 4 to complete every challenge.

Agility Assessment



This week saw infant and junior agility assessment. Twelve children from Years 5/6 were trained to be Sports Coaches and run the event. These results will be logged and assessed against the National Standard.



Menu Changes

Both the school and kitchen staff are hugely apologetic for this week's menu change and ensuing confusion. To confirm, this week we have been following week 2.

Next week, (the week commencing 2nd March) we will be following week 1 which includes the hugely popular 'Mac 'n Cheese'.

The week commencing the 9th March, we will be back on schedule with week 3.

We are looking to implement a number of changes and marketing events in response to the feedback given via our survey. Watch this space....!

Request from Miss Inman

Does anyone have an outdoor hutch that would be suitable for 2-3 Guinea pigs that they could donate to Year 1? We currently have one for 6-8 guinea pigs/rabbits that is too big. We would be happy to do a swap.

Fortnite

We are aware that a number of our children including our very young ones are playing Fortnite. This game is recommended for children over 12 only. Here are some of the ways parents can make sure their children are safe online:

1. Check what games/apps your child is accessing.
2. Limit games/apps to age appropriate ones.
3. Limit the accessibility of the game/app so that cannot play with others online or can only play with friends. Set up the app so that parents have to consent to any friend request.
4. Limit the amount of time and times of day that your child can play on games/apps.
5. Limit where your child plays so that they are always visible.

If you would like any help implementing the above, please contact the school and we will do our best to support you.

OoSC

This week we have been making book character pancakes combining a celebration of Shrove Tuesday and the World Book Day A-Z. We will be helping pupils with more of the A-Z challenges next week.



The following activities will be taking in place in club each week:

Monday - Junk modelling masterpieces!

Wednesday – Arts and craft workshop

Thursday – Cooking creativity



OoSC are also happy to enable any children in club to do their homework any day of the week.

Friends of Courtney Primary

Spring Disco Friday 20th March 6-7.30pm

Your child will be bringing home a letter and form explaining how to purchase tickets for the Spring Disco from Monday. If your child/children would like to come, please return the completed form along with payment to the office.



We also need volunteers for the Spring Disco. Please let the office know or email chairfocp@gmail.com if you can help either setting up, during the disco or help tidy up afterwards, even if it is only for half an hour. We cannot do it without you.

FOCP Mother's Day Hamper

This year we are running a Mother's Day Hamper raffle which includes vouchers for a facial, haircut, makeover and photoshoot, amongst a number of other pamper items. Tickets and more details will be sent out soon. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Can You Help FOCP?

The Friends of Courtney Primary are a group of volunteers who organise and run regular fundraising events throughout the year. Not only does this provide lots of fun for the children (and adults!), but the money we raise enhances the education and experience of all the children in our school.

Recently we have donated money for class trips, sports and music equipment, wall art and cushions in the library and a new smart screen in Year 3. If you are interested in helping to organise future events (such as the Summer Fair) or have any other ideas, or you would like to have a say in deciding how money is spent, please email chairfocp@gmail.com and get involved. You can do as much or as little as you like. We meet roughly once a month for an hour. We cannot continue without more volunteers.

Friends of Courtney Primary School have a new Facebook page to keep you up to date on all the latest events happening, please like us at [@focpcourtney](https://www.facebook.com/focpcourtney)

13 ways to save the Earth from Climate Changes

(from <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/blog/just-kids-what-climate-change-and-what-can-i-do>)

1 USED GOODS ARE GOOD
Reduce and reuse as much as possible. Factories emit carbon dioxide when making new products. So instead of buying new stuff, fix your appliances and clothes. Good thing holey jeans are back in style!

2 SLAY THE VAMPIRE
"Vampire" appliances suck energy even when turned off. Kill these monsters by unplugging phone and laptop chargers when not in use, and use power strips for lamps and TVs. (Bonus: It'll save your parents money on energy bills!)

3 HELP OUT AT THE HOTEL
Hang up and reuse your hotel towels instead of washing them after each use. That saves water and energy.

4 CLOSE THE DOOR
If you see a business with its door wide open in the summer, ask an adult to help you email or talk to an employee about closing it. An open door to an air-conditioned building can let 2.2 tons of carbon dioxide escape over one summer. That's about as much as a car on a 5,000-mile road trip.

5 WALK IT OUT
Walk or bike as much as you can. Biking or walking just one mile a day for a year could save 330 pounds of carbon dioxide—that's the same as planting four trees and letting them grow for 10 years!

6 HOT AND COLD
Wear a warm sweater instead of turning up the heat, and open your windows and turn on a fan instead of blasting the air conditioner.

7 EAT YOUR VEGGIES
Livestock such as cows account for some of Earth's heat-trapping gas emissions. (Yep, it's the cow toots!) Eating more plants cuts down on the need for so much livestock.

8 SEASON YOUR FRUIT
Try to eat mostly in-season and locally grown fruits and vegetables. This cuts down on the energy used to grow and transport food, which reduces the release of heat-trapping gases.

9 AIR DRIED
Hang up your freshly washed clothes to dry. You'll be saving energy by not using the dryer and helping with chores.

10 SEND A POSTCARD
Send a letter, postcard, or drawing to your mayor, government representative, or even the president asking them to do something about climate change.

11 CALCULATE YOUR IMPACT
Use an online carbon footprint calculator to see how much carbon dioxide your actions release. If you know how you're impacting the planet, you can take steps for change.

12 BE A SCIENCE CHAMPION
Not everyone understands climate change. Learn the facts and talk to your friends and family. If everyone gets the science, we can work together to find solutions.

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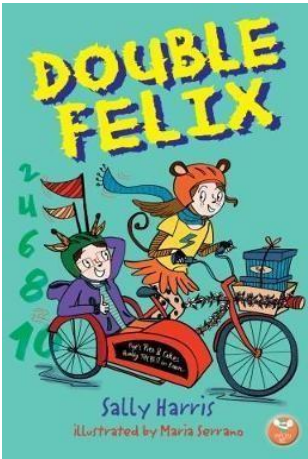
Rotting trash in landfills the third leading cause of human-created methane emissions in the United States.

Solar is the world's fastest growing energy source.

ate change and how you can help protect our planet. okids.com/SaveTheEarth

JEFF EDWARDS / SHUTTERSTOCK (1), KATHARINE / SHUTTERSTOCK (2), HATCHARONG PAIRITONHAYONG / SHUTTERSTOCK (3), GOR / SHUTTERSTOCK (4), COOKS (5), KENT / SHUTTERSTOCK (6), NATE ANJARD / SHUTTERSTOCK (7), JOROND / SHUTTERSTOCK (8), ALEX STROBELSEV / SHUTTERSTOCK (9), WIRE FLIPPO / SHUTTERSTOCK (10), LIZ WARD / SHUTTERSTOCK (11), BRUCE BARNETT / SHUTTERSTOCK (12), JESSIE W. / SHUTTERSTOCK (13), MICHAEL REINER / GETTY IMAGES (SALAMANER), DANIELA / SHUTTERSTOCK (CORAL), MICHAEL ZED / GETTY IMAGES (FIVE), SASHI ONAL / SHUTTERSTOCK (SUTTEREV)

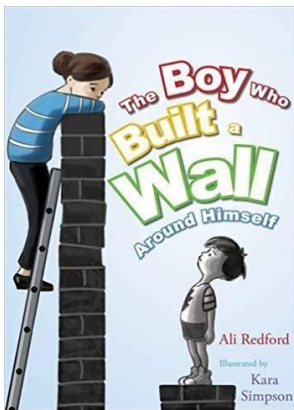
Helpful Books



Double Felix by Sally Harris, illustrated by Maria Serrano

ISBN: 9781999903305 **Format:** Paperback **Publication date:** March 2018 **Age range:** 7+ **Extent:** 192 pages

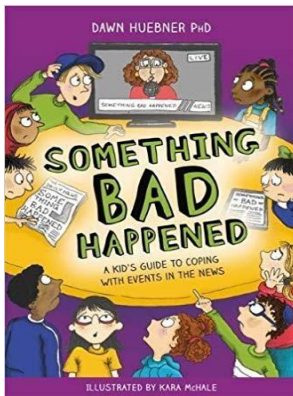
He skips every second step when he takes the stairs, taps door handles twice and positions objects in pairs. The problem has become so bad that Felix is on the verge of being expelled from school because the principal has had enough of trying to run the school around his very specific rules. Then Charlie Pye arrives and turns his world upside down. She is grown up with very few rules. She eats cereal for lunch, calls a boat home, and has a very loose interpretation of school uniform. The question is, can Felix ever learn to be wrong when he is so obsessed with being right?



The Boy Who Built a Wall Around Himself by Ali Redford, illustrated by Kara Simpson

ISBN: 9781849056830 **Format:** Hardback **Publication date:** November 2015 **Age range:** 4+ **Extent:** 32 pages **Other format:** ebook 9781784502003

Boy built a wall to keep himself safe. Behind it he felt strong and more protected. Then Someone Kind came along. She bounced a ball, sang and painted on the other side of the wall, and Boy began to wonder if life on the other side might be better after all. Written for children aged 4 to 9, this gentle full-colour picture book uses a simple metaphor to explain how children who have had painful or traumatic experiences can build barriers between themselves and other people. It will help children explore their feelings and encourage communication.



Something Bad Happened: A kid's guide to coping with events in the news by Dawn Huebner, illustrated by Kara Mchale

ISBN: 9781787750746 **Format:** Paperback **Publication date:** September 2019 **Age range:** 6+ **Extent:** 80 pages

Full of advice for children who may be worried about events in the news, this guide from best-selling author Dawn Huebner offers advice for having tough conversations with 6-12 year olds about world events such as natural disasters, terrorism and war. It addresses common questions and provides tools to calm fears.

Free App

'Teacher Your Monster to Read' this App usually needs to be paid for but is currently downloadable for free.



Courtney Primary School – Reading Spine 2019-20

“Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out”

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS						
Year 1						
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