



## Newsletter 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

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

### Diary Dates

#### Y6 parents SATs meeting (Children to go to Y5)

School Dinner Money Online Starts

#### Y4 New Teacher to visit. Parents pop in at end of school to meet (1)

Y4 New Teacher to visit. Parents pop in at end of school to meet (2)

#### Y3 Trip to Roman Baths

Autism Awareness Week

#### Year 1 and 2 WOW Event

Y5 Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo

#### Y3 WOW Event – Art Activity

Parents'/Carers' Evening (1 of 2)

#### Y6 WOW Event (Science Experiments)

Parents'/Carers' Evening (2 of 2)

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm

Week beg: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Week beg: 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 4.00-7.00pm

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1.00-2.45pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 4.00-7.00pm

**No more INSET Days left for this academic year.**

### Headteacher's News

This week I would like to let you know about some of the changes we have made to our behaviour practices in school, which will eventually be included in a revised Behaviour Policy.

- We have introduced a 'Bother Box' in each class so that children can share anything that is bothering them. The teacher and children involved will agree whether this will be responded to 1-2-1 or as a whole class.
- We have timetabled Circle Time to take place at least once a week so that there is a forum for responding to things going on in class, whole school foci or based on a Bother Box comment.
- We have re-introduced Golden Time in order to reward those children who always make the right choices.
- Year 6 have discussed the main areas of behaviour they would like to change and have agreed a list of clear consequences. We will use this as our model and then, over the coming few weeks, be consulting with the rest of the school, and with parents and carers to have whole school consistency.

And finally, on Thursday we had our annual World Book Day dress-up based on one of the books studied in class so far this year. Thank you for all of the thought put in to the costumes as it made the day very special. One of the highlights of the week was our House event and seeing the older and younger children sharing books they had brought in; who knew some of the brothers and sisters could be so sweet together? Have a good weekend. **Mrs W**

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

Year R Cherry: Brody  
Year 1 Oak: Alexandria  
Year 2 Ash: Madison  
Year 3 Lime: Liam  
Year 4 Maple: Caitlin  
Year 5 Sycamore: Adam  
Year 6 Cedar: Millie



### Attendance Total 96.1%

YR Cherry 95.8%  
Y1 Oak 94.5%  
Y2 Ash 96.5%  
Y3 Lime 96.0%  
Y4 Maple 96.5%  
Y5 Sycamore 96.8%  
Y6 Cedar 96.2%



### Reading Certificates

**Reading 10:** Rhys, Jessica, Ben, Ivey

**Reading 20:** Dorothy, Caitlyn, Ivy, Sam



### Multiplication Masters

Kamil, Dominik, Aiden, Jessica, Brooke, Sam, Lewis, Bence



### Parents' Evening online

We are really excited to be trialling a new online booking system for the parents' evenings this term. (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April). You will be able to book your slot online with the same log in details you use for School Money. You will be able to book from 5pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will provide you with more information about how exactly you can make a booking before that date.

### Dinner Money online

Thank you to all parents who are now using our online payment system to pay for school trips and purchases. We are finding that this is a great system for parents and the school. We will be starting to take payments for school dinners via the same online system from the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow.

If you are experiencing any difficulties using your online account or if you have forgotten your log in details, please do contact the office so we can help.

### World Book Day



Just a few pictures from World Book Day, more can be viewed on Twitter.

### P.T.A. Scavenger Hunt

The P.T.A. are organising a scavenger hunt. Early next week, your children will come home with a piece of paper listing items to find around the house (including a £1 coin for entry into the competition). Please could you sellotape all of the items listed onto the piece of paper and return it to school. All entries will be entered into a draw to win a fabulous Easter Egg. Thank you!

### OoSC Club guaranteed for until September 2018

We are really delighted to be able to update you that the Out of School Clubs are going from strength to strength. As a result, we can now guarantee that the clubs will be running in the next academic year until at least September 2018. (We have every aspiration that they will in fact continue for much longer after that!)

### **OoSC Club Hot Breakfast a go go!**

The hot breakfasts on the last Friday of every month are proving really popular with children, parents and staff!! We would like to say a big thank you to Geoff Smith and Cyril Rice for kindly donating the delicious sausages and bacon. Yum, Yum!

### **Sand Pits**

The school has just taken delivery of 5 large tonne bags of sand to fill up our sandpits for the spring/summer. Thank you very much to the PTA for buying the sand. It will make a lot of civil engineers, artists and cooks in-the-making very happy!

Thank you so much to Kath Hodds, her son, Donna Bracey and Geoff Smith for starting the mammoth task of transporting the sand to the sand pits.

We still have quite a considerable amount of sand to move. If anyone has a wheelbarrow, spade and half an hour to spare, please come up to the school any time!

### **PTA Disco**

Tickets are available for the PTA Disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from outside the ITC Suite (tickets are free of charge). Reception parents are welcome to stay with their child.

## **South Gloucestershire School Term Dates 017/18**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2017	Friday 20 October 2017
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2017	Monday 18 December 2017
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2018	Friday 23 March 2018
Term 5	Monday 9 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 June 2018	Friday 20 July 2018

We have 5 INSET days to add at Courtney. These will be agreed in time for the next Newsletter so that you have plenty of notice when holidays can be booked.

Please note that Year 6 SATs in 2017 will be week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018