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## **Newsletter 26** – $1^{st}$ **April 2021** We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

## Headteacher's News

Good afternoon parents and carers,

How have we completed T4 already?!

It has been wonderful to have all of our children back in school, socialising and engaging with learning. Our school hasn't felt complete without you all. We are looking forward to a well-deserved rest and I am sure you will agree with me, that all of our staff have worked extremely hard to ensure a smooth transition back into school for all of our children.

We would like to wish you a happy Easter, to those of you who celebrate it. We hope whilst you may have lots of Easter baking, egg hunts and eating planned, that we continue to be active as a community. You will see some details in this newsletter regarding our 'Road to Tokyo' which has been a huge success. We are now rolling this out as community approach that we hope and encourage you to be involved with over the Easter break!

We have celebrated crown values, read what seems like a thousand books as a collective, and saved frogspawn from near extinction in our pond. We are looking forward to having some of the special things that make us Courtney return to their former glory. We look forward to receiving the children's sparkling starts (we know how competitive both our staff and parents/carers can be in submitting this). We look forward to sharing your child's learning journey in parent's evenings. We look forward to trips, sports days and times when we can invite you back into the building. The feeling is one of hope, that we get to a place where we are all safe and well and this will be a time we remember together recognising the strength of our community. We know that many of you are balancing multiple jobs, furlough, redundancy, working from home, bereavement and financial difficulties whilst still being the parents and carers to put food on the table and read a story before bedtime. Well done to each and every one of you, for all that you do!

Please continue to help us by following government guidelines so that we can all return to normality sooner.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and end of term break.

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards, Georgina Scott



**This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:** Year R Cherry: Jenson W Year 1 Oak: Chloe N Year 2 Ash: Fletcher A Year 3 Lime: Ethan H Year 4 Maple: Eva R Year 5 Sycamore: Harry J Year 6 Cedar: Bryony P



### **Reading Certificates**

Theodore H, Mason J, George B, Katy D, Ellie L, Isaac G, Summer F, Will M, Freya M, Brody CH, Elliot M, Eva R, Nevaeh E, Ben R, Hayden H, Ellie N, Cadi S,

#### **Multiplication Masters**

Ayra B, Iliana B, Hubert K

#### **Out of School Club**

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have recruited 3 fabulous new members of staff to run After School Club. From next term Jolene Britton, Hayley Long and Kerry Parsons will be running the club. They are all so excited to be working with Courtney and our pupils and they are full of ideas for activities and games once the restrictions ease and we can encourage more pupils back in to club. Keep looking at the newsletter for planned activities and events.

Mrs Murphy will, of course, continue to run our much loved Breakfast Club.

#### **Roof Works**

We are delighted that long overdue work to our leaking roof is finally scheduled. The works are going to start in the Easter Holidays and run for most of terms 5 and 6.

Scaffolding will be constructed in school and also outside the school running from the KS2 entrance all the way down to the KS1 entrance. The external scaffolding will be fenced off and the internal scaffolding will be made safe to children. The roofers will not have any access inside school and logistics will be planned so they will operate in a completely distinct bubble. We are consulting with Health and Safety experts to ensure the works are carried out as safely as possible.

There are a number of implications for our pupils and you parents.

The corridor in school will be much darker and there may be noise from above. The will be some poles in the corridor and waiting space in the playground will be more limited.

We will be talking to our children on their first day back about the works and how they can navigate the scaffolding safely.





We would ask that you prepare your children for the works in advance of their return after Easter if you believe this may alleviate any anxiety. We would also ask that you continue to socially distance in the playground, even with the more limited space.

Thank you all for your patience with these works. It has taken 4 years of hard work to get the work scheduled. Whilst the timing is not ideal, the long term benefits will out-weigh the added complexities.

Over the Easter holidays we want you to stay as active as possible - and hopefully in some warmer weather! Please make sure you log your activity under your class team on the <u>https://www.getset.co.uk/</u> website. Please read the 'how to' guide for more information. Which team will travel the furthest over Easter... Details have been attached to this newsletter.

#### Meals – New Menu

We are sending out a new menu for next term. The meals haven't changed but the dates are updated to include the autumn term. We will be starting on **Week 1** on **Monday 19**<sup>th</sup> **April.** 

Paper copies are available for collection in the office.



We hope children enjoyed choosing their rules for our first FOCP Make the Rules Day. If you forgot to send your child in with any coins and haven't yet paid online, you can still make a secure online payment via this link: <u>https://app.offspring.co/-VN1R\_Rd6</u>. Money raised will benefit all children at Courtney Primary such as outdoor games or class summer party supplies. We thank you for your support.

# Easter Virtual Balloon Race 🔍 Win a Hamper!



There is still time to take part in the Easter virtual balloon race which launches on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April and runs for 7 days. To enter the race, simply create an account and buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

# https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1493

National prizes for the race are:

# First prize = £500 Cash; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Apple iPad; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize = 10 winners of £10 Book Tokens

However, the FOCP bought balloon that travels furthest will win an Easter hamper including chocolate and wine! Good luck!





Each balloon costs £3 and you can buy one balloon per family or as many balloons as you like to compete against other family members and friends.

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

FOCP wish you all a Happy Easter.

## Menu w/c Monday 19th April Week 1 Monday Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Jacket Wedges Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry (veg option) Apple Crumble & Custard Tuesday Chicken and Sweetcorn pasta bake Tomato and Basil pasta bake (veg option) Strawberry Mousse Wednesday Roast of the day with Gravy Cheese and Onion Pinwheels with Roast Potatoes (veg option) Strawberry Jelly & Peach slices Thursday Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Mash Cheesy Broccoli Pasta (Veg option) Sultana Sponge & Lemon syrup Friday Fish Fingers and chips Veggie Burger and chips (veg option) Vanilla Iced Shortbread

Jacket potatoes (with either beans, cheese or tuna), Fruit and Yogurt available every day.

