



# Newsletter 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**Diary Dates** 

'We are proud of our similarities and differences.'

Creativity

Christmas Fair	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 11am – 1pm
Y5 and Y6 Choir Performance @ Colston Hall	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.45pm
Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School and Grandparents	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Nativity to Parents	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Nativity to Parents	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Flu Immunisation for Years R/1/2/3/4	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols by Candlelight	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 7-8pm
Y5 and Y6 Victorian ChristmasWOW Event	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm
Christmas Parties	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Break Up	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
School starts	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January

INSET Days: Monday 18th December 2017; Friday 9th February 2018

Holidays: Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb; Mon 26 March – Fri 6th April; Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June; Fri 20th July – Fri 31st Aug

### Headteacher's News

It is the 1<sup>st</sup> December and Christmas has certainly arrived at Courtney! We were thrilled to be asked to be part of the Heart FM countdown to Christmas launch. Not only did our KS2 choir (with the help of Ivee and Ben) have their super singing broadcast across the region, the Heart team were so impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of our children when they came to do the recording that they offered to bring in their snow-making machine. The joy on the faces this morning was wonderful to see. Thank you to Mrs Cordey for putting our school's name forward and to Mrs Castle for coming in on her mornings off to lead the singing. Not only did that make me proud, but walking around the school at 9:10, all of the children had settled down and were hard at work with their learning.

Unfortunately, we are still getting a large number of children who are arriving late in the mornings. As I have said in previous newsletters, it means that they miss really important Bell Work tasks; they miss important socialising opportunities; and they disrupt the learning for the rest of the class. We do understand that occasionally something goes wrong in the mornings but persistent lateness will be followed up by either myself or Sue Matthews, our Family Link Worker.

And finally, tomorrow is our Christmas Fair. The FOCP team have been hard at work for weeks now preparing the stalls; the choir will be singing live! Hopefully, I will see many of you there from 11am. **Deborah Wood** 

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:	Attendance Total 96.9%
Year 1 Oak: Elliot	YR Cherry 97.4%
Year 2 Ash: Jessica	Y1 Oak 95.5%
Year 3 Lime: Liam	Y2 Ash 98.4%
Year 4 Maple: Kieshia	Y3 Lime 97.7%
Year 5 Sycamore: Caitlin	Y4 Maple 95.1%
Year 6 Cedar: Logan	Y5 Sycamore 97.4%
	Y6 Cedar 97.6%

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## **Reading Certificates**

Reading 25 – Luca

**Reading 50** – Archie, Harvey, Caitlin, Shaya, Jacob, Hannah, Megan, Ruby, Aron **Reading 75** – George, Gracie, Eva, Ellie, Josh, Jack, Beatrice, Logan



### **Multiplication Masters**

Sarah, Beatrice, Lily-Mae, Caiden

## A Snowy Morning



It may not have snowed anywhere else in Bristol, but it certainly did at 8:30am today at Courtney Primary! Thank you to Heart FM for giving

us such a treat.



### **OoSC News**



#### Film Night

There are just a few spaces left for the Christmas Movie and Pizza evening on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Book Now! The movie is 'The Polar Express'. Christmas jumpers/t shirts a must!



#### Questionnaires

Thank you for all of you who have returned your questionnaires. If you still have yours, please do complete them and send them back, we really value your views and input!

#### **Christmas Parties**

This year, all of the parties will be on the last afternoon of the final day of term. The children should come to school in their uniform - as there will still be learning happening - and bring in a change of clothes for the afternoon if they would like.

The school will provide a drink and a nibble (so you won't be asked to bring in food as in previous years) as we want the children to still have fun but avoid the tremendous amount of waste.

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## **Reception Class Request**

Reception class are collecting any unwanted Christmas cards, envelopes, wrapping paper, ribbon and small empty boxes to wrap up for their Santa's Workshop role play area.

## Fish Mummification – yes you read it correctly!

Did you ever wonder how to mummify a fish? Well, Lime and Maple classes learnt how to do this at their WOW event this week. Instructions are being written by the children....





# FOCP

The Friends of Courtney Primary (formally the PTA) have a new Facebook and Twitter page. Please like the pages to keep up to date with news and events.