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Newsletter 4 – 27th September 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

Y6 Residential

Census Day – change of menu

Year 4/5 Swimming starts

Nearly New Uniform Sale

Harvest Foodbank Donations (see below)

Individual Photograph day

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

EYFS Parents Phonics talk

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Year 5 & 6 WOW Event

Week beg: Monday 30th September

Thursday 3rd October

Friday 4th October

Friday 4th October 3.15pm

Thursday 10th October

Friday 11th October

Tuesday 15th October 6pm

Wednesday 16th October 2-3pm

Saturday 19th October 10am

Monday 21st October 2pm

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 1 Wed 4th September – Thurs 24th October;

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

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 2nd September, Tues 3rd September, Fri 25th October, Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Term 2 Mon 4th November – Fri 21st Dec;

Term 4 Tues 23rd February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

Headteacher's News

In this Newsletter, I would like to tell you all about the work that we do with other schools. All local schools can opt to be part of the **South Gloucestershire Alliance** which was set up to provide school to school support, training and challenge within the context of diminishing local authority capacity. That Alliance is divided up into smaller **Hubs**, each consisting of a handful of schools.

Courtney Primary is part of **ENVISION Hub** which consists of ourselves, Redfield Edge Primary, New Horizons Special, Longwell Green Primary, The Ridge Junior and Broadway Infants.

Together, our ENVISION Hub has organised a year of opportunities which include joint training for middle leaders; training on research and curriculum development; and opportunities for moderation. Our first joint staff meeting this week, which was held at Courtney, focused on inclusion and 'Anger Management'. It was really useful to share the wealth of good practice which is happening in each school. Our job now is to make sure that the training has the maximum impact for our children.

The work of our Hub will be further enhanced with the involvement of our new Challenge Support Partner, Huw Evans, who was formerly a Headteacher and who has a background of school improvement.

We achieved our hard-earned 'Good' from Ofsted in May 2019, but we are in no way resting on our laurels! Our mission to '**Nurture, Inspire, Flourish**' holds true and we continue to work to make Courtney Primary even better.

And finally, thank you to those of you who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning earlier today. Money raised for a worthwhile cause.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Kai M

Year 2 Ash: Finley Y

Year 3 Lime: Mia F

Year 4 Maple: Alex P

Year 5 Sycamore: Bryony P

Year 6 Cedar: Archie C

Attendance Total 96.9%

Y1 Oak 96.4%

Y2 Ash 92.7%

Y3 Lime 98.1%

Y4 Maple 99.2%

Y5 Sycamore 96.2%

Y6 Cedar 98.6%



Multiplication Masters

Ben R.



Reception Class Request

Reception are after donations of unwanted paint rollers, trays and paint brushes. If you have any please either hand them into class or bring to the Office.

School Meals Census – Thursday 3rd October

Next Thursday we will be submitting lots of information about our school community to the Department for Education which is then used to calculate next year's funding. One set of figures relates to our school meal uptake. We would be really grateful if you could encourage your child to have a school meal next Thursday. The canteen will be transformed into a 'Pizzeria' serving the really popular French Bread Pizzas. (See the flyer below).

Thank you so much for your support of the school.

Confidential information regarding your child

We are lucky to have good relations with most of our families and believe that we know about the majority of children who have been adopted or are being looked after following a care order. However, if you look after a child like this and you think that the school does not know, please could you talk to us.

This information will help us ensure all your child's needs are met and may bring more funding to the school which could be used for such support.

You can talk to your child's class teacher, Mrs Wood, Miss Brown the SENCO, Mrs Matthews the Family Link Worker or any other member of school staff you feel comfortable with. Any information provided will be treated with the upmost confidence.

Thank you

Friends of Courtney Primary (FoCP)

The following FoCP committee roles were agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 20th September 2019.

Chair – Lynne Mahony

Vice Chair – Lee Newman

Secretary – Kirsty Hughes

Treasurer – Rachel Andrews



Halloween Disco

The FoCP Halloween Disco will be on Friday 18th Oct from 6.00-7.30pm. Tickets will cost £2 per child or £5 per family of 3 or more siblings and will be on sale shortly.

We are always looking for items we can include in raffles/tombolas. If you have any unwanted gifts/good quality toys, please bring them into the school office.

Also if you have any skills you think would be beneficial to help in the running of the FoCP or its events, or you would like any information as to how you can get involved, please email chairfocp@gmail.com

Thank you.

OoSC

Next week OoSC will be doing:

Wednesday – Cooking

Thursday – Arts and Craft



School Councillors

Last week the children in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 held elections to vote for two school councillors in each class. The successful candidates were Rosie, Tom, Millie, Ben, Isabel, Ruby, Liam, Caitlyn, Freya and Will. The council met for the first time on Thursday and it was clear that they are very keen to help the school to make improvements and to organise fundraising events. Look out for updates of their activities over the coming school year.



Harvest

To mark the Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations for the Resound FoodBank. We know that this is a hugely valuable lifeline for our community and that some of you have already made donations or received food items in a time of need. This is their September wish list:

**Chicken in White Sauce,
Tinned Ham/Spam/Chicken,
Twin Sponge Puddings, Shampoo, Tinned Salmon,
Fish Paste, UHT Milk (semi and full fat)
Shaving Foam/Gel, Pot/Super Noodles, Toilet
Rolls, Tinned Spaghetti, Savoury Rice, Tinned
Meatballs, Nappies (size 4 & 5), Instant Mashed
Potato, Tinned Tomatoes, Dog Food,
Tinned Green Beans**



All contributions are welcome. Please send them into school by **Thursday 10th October**.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

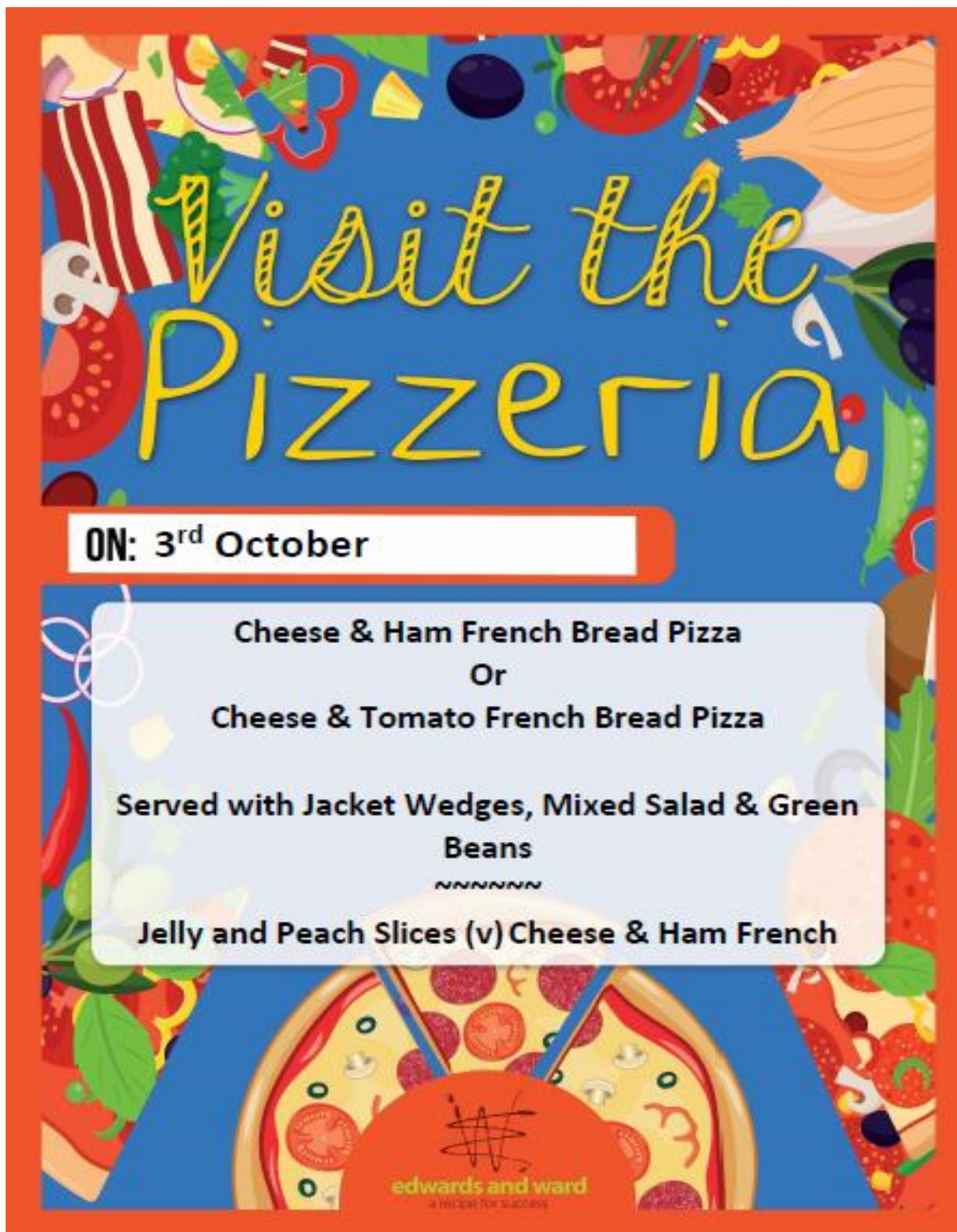
Thank you to everyone who came along this morning and to those who donated some lovely cakes.



You can donate £5 to Macmillan by texting **YUM FYW3** to 70550

Change of Menu

Please see below a change of menu for Thursday 3rd October.



Visit the Pizzeria:

ON: 3rd October

**Cheese & Ham French Bread Pizza
Or
Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza**

Served with Jacket Wedges, Mixed Salad & Green Beans

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**Jelly and Peach Slices (v) Cheese & Ham French**

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## Department for Children, Adults and Health

### Supporting Healthy Lifestyles: The National Child Measurement Programme

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). It is important to have a good understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

Height and weight measurements provide valuable, robust information which enables us to have a good understanding about children's weight status, trends in our area and in our schools. It also helps to guide the planning and delivery of children's services.

The School Health Nursing Service (SHNS) will measure children's height and weight, record it privately and keep it confidential. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.

In term one your school will provide you with a letter with further details about the programme and supporting information. As research has shown that parents want to receive their child's result, parents/carers of both Reception and Year 6 pupils will receive their child's results unless they withdraw.

More information about healthy lifestyles for all the family is available on the Live Well section of the NHS Choices web site: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and on the Change4Life web site at: [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

Healthy habits for healthy children at home and school

We all want to grow up to be happy and healthy. But it can sometimes be hard to know how. Here are 8 easy tips to help you to keep feeling great. How many ways are you changing?

**Sugar swaps** – Swap sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice

**Meal time** – Aim for 3 main meals a day

**Me size Meals** – Eat portion sizes that are the right size for your age

**Snack check** – When buying packaged snacks, look for 100kcal, two a day max

**5 a day** – Try to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day

**Cut back fat** – Make meals more healthy by changing how they are prepared and cooked

**60 Active Minutes** – Spend at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day

**2 hours max for screen time** – Jump up and do something more active after sitting still for a while

