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Newsletter 8 – 24th October 2019

We are resilient and persistent in the face of challenges.

Diary Dates

Parents/Carers Consultation Meeting Parents/Carers Consultation Meeting FoCP Christmas Fair	Thursday 7 th November 3:30 -7pm Tuesday 12th November 3:30-7pm Saturday 7 th Dec 11.00am–1.00pm
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Term Dates 2019-20:

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

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

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 2nd September, Tues 3rd September, Fri 25th October, Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

We are now at the end of a long and busy Term 1 so both staff and children are ready for a well-earned break. Judging by the number of children who fell asleep on the coaches on the way back from the visits to the Mendip Quarry and Puzzlewood, it is clear that a few rest and recovery days would come in handy.

Next term, we are having our Parents & Carers Consultation Meetings for which you should have all received a link via text message. Because Year 6 are having a slightly longer appointment (something new that we are trialling this year), they have a separate link. At the end of the meeting, you will be able to take home any test papers which the children have taken this term in order for you to be able to both know the standard expected for the year groups and to know what your child's gaps in learning are so that you can best support them at home.

Thank you to our Friends of Courtney Primary School who represented the PTA at our recent Open Events and for organising such a successful Halloween Disco.

I am looking forward to some long walks in the Cornish countryside next week so fingers crossed for some bright autumnal days. Have a lovely holiday and thank you for all of the continued support you give to us.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Jasmine B / Mohamad F
Year 2 Ash: Demi-Leigh G
Year 3 Lime: Jessica G
Year 4 Maple: Will M
Year 5 Sycamore: Ricky C
Year 6 Cedar: Cole A

Attendance Total 96.0%

YR Cherry 94.5%
Y1 Oak 96.4%
Y2 Ash 93.4%
Y3 Lime 96.8%
Y4 Maple 99.4%
Y5 Sycamore 94.7%
Y6 Cedar 96.8%



Reading Certificates

Henry W, Oscar E, Bethany B, Cole A, Marcel Z, William F, Madison H, Alicja J, Peter M, Dominik Z, Harry J, Eva R.



Vacancies – We are recruiting!

We currently have three job vacancies: one **Lunchbreak Supervisor** 5 days a week; one **Reading Assistant** 5 days a week and an **After School Assistant** on Wednesdays only.

These posts can be combined for the right candidate.

Please see our adverts on Eteach or our website under General Information and recruitment. Closing date **Friday 25th October (tomorrow)**.



Friends of Courtney Primary (FoCP)

Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December 11am-1pm

If you have any unwanted items/gifts that we could use in a child or adult tombola, please can you bring them into the office.

Christmas Card Project

We are delighted to announce that this year we will be participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). Children will have the opportunity to create artwork, which will be transformed into a variety of printed products, for parents to buy. This year, you will be able to purchase wrapping paper, gift tags, a pack of 12 coloured cards or 6 larger, gloss-coated, luxury Christmas Cards. You will also be able to purchase the wrapping paper bundle, which includes 6 sheets of wrapping paper and 12 gift tags at a bargain price. Purchases can be made online via APFS's website, and anyone with your child's unique artwork label can make an order. Children have been creating their masterpieces in school this week. They will be bringing home details of how to purchase items after half term (i.e. early November). Last orders will be midnight on **Monday 11th November**.



Aldi vouchers – we are collecting!

We are collecting the Aldi sports vouchers for sports equipment. Please send your child in with them or bring them to the office if you have any. Thank you!

Year 5/6 Wow event

On Monday Years 5 and 6 hosted an interactive and thought-provoking WOW event. Having impressed parents with their victorian, Mary Poppins-style chimney sweep dance, pupils and parents then focused on the incredibly important issue of e:safety. Everyone worked their way round an 'e:safety carousel' taking part in tasks, apps and online games which addressed 5 key issues. The event triggered lots of vital conversations about e:safety including the age restrictions on certain websites and apps and the importance of telling parents and carers what children are doing online.



Year 3/4 Wow event

On Thursday, Years 3 and 4 took over the hall with their African-themed WOW event. They read poems and their work and then wowed parents with an incredible-acrobatic African dance. We had an amazing turn out of parents and racous applause for our dance. Parents then had the opportunity to come back into the classroom and see their child's work. Thank you to everyone who supported a really positive event.



Holiday Club

Mr Smith will be running holiday club on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October. There are a couple of places left. Although school is shut tomorrow, there will still be office staff in should you wish to make a last-minute booking.



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Parents and carers conference

Our first conference specifically for parents and carers - professionals are also welcome to attend.
An investment for anyone living with or caring for autistic children and young people.



At this conference you will have the opportunity to:

- Be informed by leading practitioners in the field of autism
- Network with other parents, carers and autism professionals
- Find out more information that will help you as a parent or carer
- Increase your knowledge and skills with a choice of workshops
- Listen to experts and have your questions answered
- Feel empowered to support and help the child in your care
- Be inspired by fresh ideas and new understanding
- Visit the exhibition showcasing support, best practice & new resources

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How to book a place - see back page

Thursday 7 November 2019

9.30am - 2.30pm

Bristol Aerospace
Welfare Association
(BAWA Club)
Filton
Bristol BS34 7RG

