



Newsletter 16 – 18th January 2019

'We set ambitious targets for ourselves within our community.'

Diary Dates

Parent'/Carer' Consultation with Senior Leaders

(Home Learning & Reading)

Year 5 at Aerospace Bristol

Year 6 at Life Skills Centre

FoCP Meeting (everyone welcome)

Thursday 24th January @ 9.00am

Thursday 24th January

Friday 25th January 9.00am

Friday 25th January @ 3.15pm

INSET Days 2018-19:

Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

This year, in our Mathematics, we are working hard to develop the children's fluency skills so that the children can quickly recall number facts at a level appropriate to their age. Number facts are **basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations that children should learn to recall instantly** with no working out (in other words, they need to learn them off by heart). Since the start of term, Year 6 children have been trialling a new multiplication online programme called 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. At the moment, they are investigating what it can do, including challenging each other to competitions. In the next couple of weeks, once Year 6 have found out how it all works, we will be rolling the programme out to all of the other classes in school. The intention is that this will be used primarily at home. In the meantime, you can help by using opportunities to ask your child quick-fire questions at odd moments e.g. on car journeys, getting dressed etc.

And finally, we are very pleased to say that our school library is now open for business. Each class will be timetabled to have regular access and we are in the process of training up some of our Year 6 children to become school librarians.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Benjamin R

Year 1 Oak: Cadi S

Year 2 Ash: Rheo F

Year 3 Lime: Piper Mc

Year 4 Maple: Beatrice S

Year 5 Sycamore: Archie C

Year 6 Cedar: Liam H



Attendance Total 97.2%

YR Cherry 94.8%

Y1 Oak 97.5%

Y2 Ash 97.1%

Y3 Lime 98.3%

Y4 Maple 97.9%

Y5 Sycamore 98.0%

Y6 Cedar 97.2%



Multiplication Masters

Beatrice S, Alexander C



Reading Certificates

Ivan C, Caitlyn M, Jack B, Oliver P, Sam W, Kamil S, Skyla P, Finley Y, Thomas W, Alexander C, Samantha P, Liam C, Bethany B, Marieanne M, Grace S, Carson H, Dominik Z, William F, Alex P, Genevieve C-H, Elliot M, George B, Leia-Louise P, Bradley L, Kyle K-S, Jessica G, Lily B, Logan O'D, Rhian Mc, Liam H, Lily-Mae H, Issy H, Ella H, Ebony C, Caitlin C



Data Collection – a new format

We are trialling a new way of ensuring the data we hold about our pupils and their families is up to date. Instead of sending out data sheets for each child, we are asking you to let the office know if any of the information below has changed. You can come to the office, send a note in with your child or email office@courtneypps.org.uk

Information to check:

- Your child's name and address
- Details of all those with parental responsibility and those who you wish to be contacted in an emergency. In particular:
 - Name/Relationship
 - Home address
 - Phone / mobile
 - Work address
 - Phone / email
- Medical Practice and address
- Any disabilities

If you would like to see the information that we hold, we can provide you with a data sheet for you to amend.

The school is registered under the Data Protection Act for holding personal data and takes its duty to protect the confidentiality of this information very seriously.

Year 1 Writing by Poppy S

Year 1 have been writing diaries this week based on the Great Fire of London.

Dear Diary,

I was fast asleep when I heard a bang. I padded to the window and I saw big clouds of smoke and red flames on the wooden houses. The bridge was red and yellow and had orange fire on it. I was so scared my heart was beating so fast and it was coming straight to me so I dug a big hole and put my magnet and my jewellery in it and my diary. And then I went to the river and got on a narrow boat to be safe. What should I do now?

Well done, Poppy. Super writing.

OoSC - Reduced Numbers for January

Until we have a new After School Club Supervisor, we will have a reduced team of staff for the next few weeks and will have to limit the number of children we can have in club on any day. Do book your child in, in advance to secure their place. We are texting when all the places are full each day.



Friends of Courtney Primary School

Because of her increased commitments in school during the day, Kath Hodds has decided hand over the reins of the Chair of Friends of Courtney Primary. The school and FOCP are hugely grateful to Kath for her hard work and dedication in organising the committee and raising money for our students. Vice Chair, Liam Halpin, has volunteered to be Acting-Chair until the next AGM and will strive to continue her good work. Kath will still be working at the school so please do say hello as you see her around.



Get muddy with your family!

Mojo Active are running a 2km and 5km "muddy" race for children and their families on Saturday 20th March. Have a look at the link below for more race details:

<https://www.mojoactive.co.uk/muddy-madness>



Message from SchoolMoney to Parents

With online payments on the rise, Eduspot (as providers of SchoolMoney) would like to remind you to be extra vigilant when making payments.

Recently, there have been a small number of reports of attempts to defraud parents whilst using SchoolMoney. We thoroughly investigate all reports of attempts to defraud parents using our system (including separate, independent checks) and can confirm that we found we found that no fraud, data breach or malicious attack has occurred.

We believe however, that it important to remind parents to be extra vigilant when making payments online. NEVER give out your ATM pin to anyone – no system or person should ever require this to complete an online transaction. If something looks suspicious, do not complete the payment, close down your browser and start again making sure you are using a genuine website.

You should also ensure all system and app updates are applied to your PC or mobile devices and that they have reliable, up-to-date anti-virus software installed. Increasingly, mobile devices are the targets of malicious software so it's important that these also have adequate protection.

Eduspot remains committed to protecting your online security and providing you with an easy to use solution to securely make payments to your schools. If you spot something that doesn't look right relating to SchoolMoney, please contact us at support@schoolmoney.co.uk.