



## Newsletter 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

‘We set ambitious targets for ourselves within our community.’

### Diary Dates

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| <p>Year 5 Class Assembly – Why was Bristol Bombed?<br/> <b>Year SATS Meeting 9am or 2:45pm</b><br/>         Year 3 &amp; Year 4 WOW Event – Art Gallery<br/> <b>Year R Health Screening</b><br/>         Swimming Gala<br/> <b>Year R Road Safety Team – Holding Hands Workshop</b><br/>         Parents Evening<br/> <b>Parents Evening</b><br/>         Year 1 Class Assembly<br/> <b>School Disco</b></p> | <p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 2.45pm<br/> <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am &amp; 2.45pm</b><br/>         Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am<br/> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b><br/>         Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March<br/> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b><br/>         Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-7.00pm<br/> <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 4.00-7.00pm</b><br/>         Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.45pm<br/> <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.00-7.00pm</b></p> |
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### INSET Days 2018-19:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Headteacher’s News

In the news there has been a lot of advice recently about supporting children growing up in the technological age. At Courtney we experience a number of children whose emotional wellbeing has been affected by their age and inexperience with social media or online gaming. These are our top tips:

- Set limits for online time and encourage playtime
- Have a device-free bedroom (including mobile phones)
- Talk to your child regularly about privacy and safety online
- Regularly check your child’s behaviours online
- Teach your child how to interact kindly online by being a good role model

As always, if you need our support or advice, please do contact the school.

At our last Parent Consultation Meeting you said:

“We would like the children to have more than one reading book during holiday periods.”

What we are doing:

Next week every child will have the opportunity to log out one library book of their choice on top of their reading book. Any child who is reading shorter texts will be given an extra book to bring home.

And finally, we are having a few new families join Courtney over the next few weeks. Please do look out for them on the playground and introduce yourself.

**Deborah Wood**

### This week’s Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Emily C & Kinga S  
 Year 1 Oak: Ellie N  
 Year 2 Ash: Millie C & Elsie-May L  
 Year 3 Lime: Kamil S & Leia-Louise P  
 Year 4 Maple: Lacey B & Ruby G\_M  
 Year 5 Sycamore: Charlie G & Harrison W  
 Year 6 Cedar: Julian F & Liam H



### Attendance Total 97.0%

YR Cherry 94.4%  
 Y1 Oak 97.0%  
 Y2 Ash 97.3%  
 Y3 Lime 98.4%  
 Y4 Maple 97.2%  
 Y5 Sycamore 97.7%  
 Y6 Cedar 97.0%



### Multiplication Masters

Charlie G, Elsie-May L, Kane F, Jacob F, George B, Corey H, Peter M, Brody C-H, Evelyn F



## Reading Certificates

Corey H, Eva R, Megan W, Brandon B, Ivey C, Harry J, William M, Marcel Z, Zaila H, Isaac G, Sam K, Eleanor R, Shemaiah P, Maddie P-W, Katie D, Aiden H, Beatrice S, Madison P-W, Kamil S, Carson H, George B, Laila H, Edie A, Caiden H, William F, Dominik Z, Haydn C, Lacey B, Ricky C, Jasmine B, Holly H, Lucia B, Benjamin R, Mohamed F, Hubert K, Kinga S, Kiefer K-S, Ellie N, Lily-Mae D, Cadi S, Jessica L, Lily B, Lilly B, Lily-Mai M, Ella-Mae W, Ethan H, Connor R, William M, Mia M, Dean H, Isaac C, Lily-Mae H,



## Liam peering through the fence last Friday



## OoSC - New After School Club Supervisor

We are delighted to announce that we have a new After School Club Supervisor who started on Monday. **Michelle Higgs** is a parent and valued member of the Courtney Ladybirds team. She brings her wealth of knowledge of caring for and entertaining pre-school children and already knows many of our school community as she looked after them at Ladybirds. She is really looking forward to catching up with lots of old friends and helping with our growing club.



## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Film night!

Next Thursday OoSC will be holding another of its very popular film nights. It will be showing "The Greatest Showman". This is a certificate PG. Book your places now before places run out! Children are welcome to bring teddies and slippers!



## OoSC After school club fees

We wanted to give you advanced notice that from the beginning of the summer term, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, we will be increasing the cost of After School Club sessions by £1.00 per session. The costs will therefore be £5.50 for the first child and £5.00 for any siblings.



The reluctant decision has been taken for a number of reasons; The club currently runs at a loss which is not sustainable in the current budgetary climate. Prices have not been increased since December 2017 and they remain much lower than all other care providers. The majority of clubs in the local area charge £9 or more and the next cheapest club costs £7.50. Even with the price increase, Courtney's club will remain significantly cheaper than all other local providers. The intention is not to make a profit from the club and the aspiration is that it continues to run as cost efficiently as possible.

The school is keen to support parents by accepting childcare vouchers (both the Government's and other private schemes). If you are able to obtain childcare vouchers through work and would like to use them for club, please

contact the office who can advise whether we already accept these vouchers or start the process of registration with the provider.

### Head Injuries: New wrist bands

We are starting to use wrist bands to inform parents/carers of a child's head injury - rather than the stickers which can fall off clothing! We will continue to fill out full details on Accident Forms for your child to bring home.

### Request to Administer Short Term Medication

The school will only administer medication where a '*request to administer medication*' form has been completed by the parent(s)/carer(s) of a pupil. No medication will be given unless this form is completed. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to supply the medication which must be in the original packaging/container and must be in date; they must include the child's name, dosage and instructions for administration.

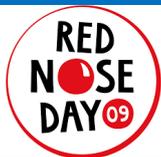
If a pupil comes to school with medication but no parent/carer notification the office staff will telephone the parent/carer to discuss and obtain verbal permission to administer the medication if appropriate, plus ask the parent/carer to complete a '*request to administer medication*' form at the end of the school day or the earliest opportunity. Where verbal permission has been obtained this will be recorded on the '*record of short term medication administered*' form.

Wherever possible medicines should be taken outside school hours.

### Get muddy with your family!

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

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



### Red Nose Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March it is Red Nose Day. Children can wear a red top, hair ornament or nose in return for a suggested donation of £1.

### Friends of Courtney Primary (FoCP)

Thank you for our lovely new drying racks.

We have always struggled to dry class artwork effectively and neatly, now we have a way. We have already been using them.



### Eco Club

We urgently need clean, empty 2 litre fizzy drinks bottles. Please bring them to the office, thank you.



### Uniform Sale

There will be a nearly new uniform sale on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3.15pm outside Library doors. (Alternative location to be announced in wet weather).

Parents who are eligible for Free School Meals are entitled to free second hand uniform. In the interests of discretion, please purchase any uniform you want and then come round to the office where you will be able to obtain a refund!

### **Safer Internet Day 2019**

This week in school we marked Safer Internet Day. The Digital Leaders led special assemblies for KS1 and KS2 on the theme of asking permission and in class the children took part in online safety activities.

If you would like to talk about online safety at home, the NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to produce an email every 6 weeks containing advice and tools you can use to start conversations with your child about online safety. <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>



**Safer Internet Day 2019** | Tuesday 5 February  
Together for a better internet  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



The NSPCC and O2 also have an **Online Safety Helpline** that you can ring to get practical, technical advice including parental controls on electronic devices, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and information about online gaming. **Tel: 0808 800 5002**