



Newsletter 31 – 25th May 2018
'We are kind to each other, in work and play.'

Diary Dates

FOCP Meeting (all welcome)

Science Week

Non school uniform day - bring a bottle for the Summer Fair

Sports Day & Family Picnic

Year 1 & 2 Visit to Longleat

Y6 Leaver's Party

Fun Day for teachers and children

Y6 Leavers' Breakfast with Parents & Leavers' Assembly

Friday 15th June

w/beg 18th June

Friday 22nd June

Tuesday 26th June

Thursday 5th July – 8.45am to 4.00pm

Friday 13th July 6.00-9.00pm

Thursday 19th July pm

Friday 20th July am

Holidays: Fri 20th July – Fri 31st Aug

INSET Days 2018-19: Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September, Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October 2018 and Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

I am delighted to announce that our very own Mr Thomas fought off strong competition during the intense two day selection process and will take on the baton of Deputy Head Teacher from Mrs Gee from the end of this academic year. The whole staff team are absolutely thrilled.

Following his appointment, we are also really pleased to have found two super teachers to fill the last of the gaps: Mr Ross Green, a computing expert and a very experienced teacher, and Miss Sarah Inman, a musician, who has already taught many of our children at some point this year.

Not only that but every candidate who came to the school has remarked on the brilliant behaviour of our children and how welcome they felt at Courtney. We are very proud of our school.

So the teachers for 2018-19 will be:

YR Miss Brown & Mrs Westcott (moving from Y6)

Y1 Miss Inman

Y2 Mr Jones (moving from Y5)

Y3 Miss Ford

Y4 Mr Thomas

Y5 Mrs Elmore (moving from Y2)

Y6 Mr Green

It is all very, very exciting. Both the staff and the children are exhausted so enjoy your half-term. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Isis

Year 1 Oak: Rheo

Year 2 Ash: Caitlyn

Year 3 Lime: The whole class

Year 4 Maple: Kieshia

Year 5 Sycamore: Mya

Year 6 Cedar: Hari



Attendance Total 96.2%

YR Cherry 96.3%

Y1 Oak 94.2%

Y2 Ash 97.8%

Y3 Lime 97.4%

Y4 Maple 94.5%

Y5 Sycamore 96.2%

Y6 Cedar 97.4%



Reading Certificates

These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:

Carmen, Oliver, Evelyn, Peter, Lily-Mae, Megan, Jack, Jessica, Edie, Evie, Rhys, Aron, Archie, Poppy, Madison, Shaya





Courtney K – Courtney Runs to Rome!

Thank you

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Courtney K last week whether you came to the event, washed the paint splattered clothes afterwards or helped collect sponsorship money. We were absolutely overwhelmed by how every single child embraced the event, by how far they ran and most importantly by how much fun they had. It was a brilliant reminder of how amazing all our children are and how much potential they all have...



Scores

We have now had a chance to add up how far everyone ran. It is really quite staggering. Each class ran:

Equivalent Distance as the crow flies:

Reception	107 km	Bristol to Winchester
Year 1	202 km	Bristol to Stanstead
Year 2	202 km	Bristol to the Eden Project
Year 3	256 km	Bristol to Aintree, Liverpool
Year 4	259 km	Bristol to Lands' End
Year 5	230 km	Bristol to Old Trafford, Manchester
Year 6	288 km	Bristol to the white cliffs of Dover



The total distance run by all staff and pupils was a staggering 1,627 km which is the equivalent distance of to **Rome** and a little bit beyond (as the crow flies). Astounding!



The top 3 houses who covered the most distance per pupil were:

Hedgehogs	9.38 km
Deer	8.34 km
Badger	8.31

Photos

A huge thank you to Mr Horvath who has taken some amazing photographs of the event. Here are just a few of them to give you a flavour. We will also be displaying them on the television screen outside reception office the week after half term.

We would also like to share these with you in a responsible way. Consequently, we will be putting them on the secure website Vimeo between Friday 8th & Friday 22nd June. The website can only be accessed by a link and password that we will provide parents. Parents will then be able to view the photos and download the ones of their children. We would ask that you only download photographs of your own children.

If you do not want any photographs of your child put onto the website please contact the office before 8th June.

Sponsorship Money

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in their sponsorship money already. We have already received £450 but we would like to raise even more money. Please keep collecting the money and send it in after half term. The deadline is **Friday 8th June**.

Keep on Running....

We want our running revolution to continue. Please let us know if your child does any running at home so we can celebrate it. We are also considering making the Courtney K an annual event. Where will we run to next year?!



Science Week

After the success of our Science Week in 2016, we are planning to hold another one in Term 6, from Mon 18th - Friday 22nd June. I am currently trying to organise some visitors to come into our school during this time. If you or anyone you know is involved with Science in their work and would like to come in and either talk or do something practical with any or all year groups, please let the office know and then I can get in touch to organise.

As before, we are going to be holding a couple of special events. One of these will be the Science Fair. Last time we were overwhelmed by the number and quality of the exhibits that the children brought in from home. It was wonderful to see how much time and effort children and parents had put into working on something together at home and then bringing it in to share with everyone. So please, over the half term holiday, start to put on your thinking caps and plan what you would like to wow us with this time. (If you put "Science Fair" into a search engine you will get a lot of ideas!)

We will also be inviting some special guests into our school to add to the "Wow" factor, rather than taking children out on trips. This is to help keep costs down, whilst giving the children more variety of experiences. For this reason, we hope that you won't mind if we ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 - a lot less than any school visit - which will help to fund these experiences.

A letter will follow with more details at the start of Term 6. Many thanks, Mrs Parker (Science Subject Leader)

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

We have some fabulous events lined up for our first week back. Take a look at it!!

Events for week commencing 4th June are:

Monday – Chimborazo Day – the highest volcano in the world (Equador) – build volcanos

Tuesday – Gingerbread Day – decorate gingerbread people

Wednesday – Veggie Burger Day – build veggie burgers

Thursday – National Running Day – sporting activities

Friday – National Egg week – decorate eggs



Year 2

Young Writers: "In Ash class we have some super writers that we're VERY proud of. 7 children wrote their own 100 word mini "Toy Stories" and these are going to be published in a book! Toy Stories - Bristol will be published on 31st August 2018 and will feature the work of:

- Jessica
- William
- Zaila
- William
- Freya-Jo
- Sarah
- Emily

The school will be awarded a copy of the book so you can find their work in it to have a read. Congratulations to all of our wonderful writers!"