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Newsletter 32 - 8th June 2018

'We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks'

Diary Dates

FOCP Meeting (all welcome)

Science Week

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

Sports Day & Family Picnic

Summer Fair

Year 1 & 2 Visit to Longleat

KS2 Production for Grandparents

KS2 Evening Production

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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

Saturday 30th June 11am-1pm Thursday 5th July – 8.45am to 4.00pm

Tuesday 10th July 2pm
Tuesday 10th July 6pm
Wednesday 11th July 6pm
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

Today you should have received a letter from Mrs Parker explaining what will happen during our Science Week which is due to happen the week after next. She has been extremely busy behind the scenes organising some stimulating and exciting experiences for each class. Thank you for those of you who have already volunteered to come in to talk to the children about careers in Science – one of our aims is to 'Inspire' and this will certainly help do this. In order to support the week could I ask you to:

- 1. Bring in or pay by SchoolMoney a £5 contribution to pay for the Zoolab and Explorer Dome.
- 2. Make a 'Kitchen Science' model or experiment for our Science Fair which will be happening on Monday 18th June.
- 3. Visit our Science Fair with your child after school on Monday to look at all of the exhibits.
- 4. Remember to put your child in their House colour T-shirt on Wednesday as they will be working in their House groups during the day.

This week, our Y6 Writing was moderated by external moderators as part of the statutory KS2 SATs process. The assessors were extremely impressed by the quality of the writing opportunities given and thought that the quality teaching the children received had led to some writing levels being above where they might be at schools where the teaching was not so strong. Congratulations in particular to Mrs Westcott and Mrs Reardon.

On the newsletter at the end of last term, the names of the new class teachers were shared. Some of the more eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed the absence of Mrs Florendine. Sadly for us, Mrs Florendine has decided that she needs to spend more quality time with her young children, something being leader of EYFS makes difficult, so will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. The good news is that she will still be available for supply cover and to support the induction and transition in EYFS and Y1 should we need her expertise.

At the end of this year we are also seeing the end of Mrs Castle's teaching career as she is joining her husband and taking early retirement. Again, she may be round and about for supply cover if she's not off having more fun elsewhere! We will be making the most of her musical talent before she leaves. More about them in a later newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Lily-Mai Year 1 Oak: Jacob Year 2 Ash: Isaac

Year 3 Lime: George & Eleanor Year 4 Maple: Samantha Year 5 Sycamore: Liam Year 6 Cedar: Tyler



Attendance Total 96.1%

YR Cherry 95.9% Y1 Oak 94.1% Y2 Ash 97.6% Y3 Lime 97.2% Y4 Maple 94.5% Y5 Sycamore 96.1%

Y6 Cedar 97.4%



Reading Certificates

These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:

Bradley, Lily-Mae, Ellie, Lily, Mia, Rheo, Jacob, George, Ruby, Aiden, Ivee, Caiden, Harry, Carson, Beatrice, Ivan, Logan, Dean, William, Ethan, Kaylee-Rose, Lilly, Lily-Mai



Multiplication Masters

Gracie, Ivan, Zaila



Courtney K Challenge – Money Raised

Courtney Community you are officially amazing!

Over the past few weeks, sponsorship money has literally been flooding in! We have been overwhelmed by how much money children and their backers have raised. The grand total is a staggering £2,081.50!



The top 3 houses who raised the greatest amount per house member were:

Hedgehogs

Otters

Deers

Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped to collect money and badgered family and friends.

We are finalising which playground markings we think will be enjoyed the most and will get us all moving and these will be installed over the summer holidays. We hope your child will enjoy using them and feel that they played a significant role in obtaining them.

If you are still collecting sponsorship money, don't worry it is not too late to hand in!!!



Many of you have enjoyed seeing the fabulous photos of the challenge on the screen in reception. These are all available to view and download via Flickr. You will be receiving and email with the link shortly.



We do ask that you **do not** forward the link to anyone and that you only download photographs which have your children in.

The account will be closed on Friday 22nd June 2018.

Parent and Carer Advice on Bullying

Below is a link to a page for parents and children which gives some good advice and suggestions about how parents can help children to develop assertiveness. There are some really useful ideas of skills, phrases to use and confidence-builders.

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/being-assertive/

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)



Hi everyone, my name is Jan Bernard and I have joined the Out of School Club Team. I am a Mum to three sons and Nanna to three granddaughters with a new grandson due in November. I have worked in childcare for some time, including as a volunteer in the Scout Association for more than 25 years. I would like to acknowledge the wealth of commitment, hard work and amazing ideas that this team bring to the Club on a daily basis. They bring a huge element of fun to a safe environment for the young people that attend Club. We, as a team, look forward to welcoming your child to Club throughout term time - take a look at our weekly programme and give us a try!!

Activities happening this next include:

Monday – Summer Treasure Hunt

Tuesday – Outdoor Art – chalk masterpieces

Wednesday – Muckyhands Make Light work – in Courtney garden

Thursday – OoSC visits Italy

Friday – Pond visit

Please note the above activities are optional, children do not have to take part.

FOCP News

The sign up sheet for our Summer Fayre is now outside the KS2 doors. Please sign up as without your help the fayre can not go ahead.



The Silent Auction boxes will be outside the ICT Suite from Monday at drop off and pick up.

Next FOCP meeting will take place on Friday 15th June at 3.15pm, everyone welcome.







Go Run For Fun event – Friday 22nd June

- Exciting new mass running event for primary schools!

We are running a brand new FREE mass running event on Friday 22nd June, in partnership with Go Run For Fun! The programme aims to get as many children as possible, aged 5-10 years old, into running through well organised events. The runs are not timed events but are designed for children of all abilities to take part and enjoy themselves. **CLICK HERE** to find out more.

This run will be 2km long, using the athletics track and grass fields. If you are running the Daily Mile in your school, why not use this as an end of year celebration event? Schools can bring as many children as possible, either the whole school or whole year groups! Each school will receive a set of free educational resources.

Date: Friday 22nd June 2018 Time: 9.45am – 12.00pm

Venue: Yate Outdoor Sports Complex, Broad Lane, Yate, BS37 7LB

To register your attendance please complete the registration form **HERE**