

Creativity

Newsletter 12 – 1st December 2017
‘We are proud of our similarities and differences.’
Diary Dates

Nativity to Parents

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School Christmas Dinner

Flu Immunisation for Years R/1/2/3/4

Carols by Candlelight

Y5 and Y6 Victorian ChristmasWOW Event

Christmas Parties – see below (Donations to CLIC Sargent welcome.)

Break Up

School starts

Health Screening Check for Reception

Monday 11th December 2pm

Tuesday 12th December 6pm

Wednesday 13th December

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Wednesday 13th December 7-8pm

Thursday 14th December 1.30pm

Friday 15th December

Friday 15th December

Tuesday 2nd January

Tuesday 9th January

INSET Days: Monday 18th December 2017; Friday 9th February 2018

Holidays: Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb; Mon 26 March – Fri 6th April; Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June; Fri 20th July – Fri 31st Aug

Headteacher's News

Since I first began teaching, more years ago than I'd like to admit, the expectations on teachers have rocketed and just keeping up with the day-to-day demands is not easy; to run any extra-curricular activities on top of that is a big ask. With that in mind, last night was a reminder of the differences these optional experiences can make to lives. Courtney took part in an amazing (Logan's words) Christmas concert organised by our friends at Kings Oak. Not only did our school contribute to the singing, we were extremely proud of the number of ex-pupils who have taken their love of music with them. Of old Courtney pupils taking part: one opened the whole evening singing a solo; two more sang solos later on; two played drums or steel drums; about ten sang in the Kings Oak choir; and Dan our drum teacher (who also happens to be an ex-pupil) played as part of a 'teacher' band. A huge congratulations and thank you to Mrs Castle who, at this time of year, creates wonderful opportunities for a great number of our children and plants that musical seed. On top of that, she played the piano brilliantly in front of the whole auditorium!

For our children, the lessons we need to pass on are that to get anything out of life first you need to participate and second you need to stick at it and commit. Then the rewards can be reaped! Have a lovely weekend. **D Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Alicja

Year 2 Ash: Marcel

Year 3 Lime: Cameron

Year 4 Maple: Cole

Year 5 Sycamore: Finley

Year 6 Cedar: Kelsey



Attendance Total 96.9%

YR Cherry 97.1%

Y1 Oak 95.5%

Y2 Ash 98.5%

Y3 Lime 97.6%

Y4 Maple 95.1%

Y5 Sycamore 97.4%

Y6 Cedar 97.7%



Reading Certificates

Reading 25 – Indy, Amelia, Evelyn, Grace, Leia-Louise, Marcel, Laila

Reading 50 – Poppy, Madison, Lily, Isaac, William, Evie, Sarah, Caitlyn

Reading 75 – Jessica, Finley, Lily-Mai, Kamil



Multiplication Masters

Zaila, Marcel, Harry, Ivy, Oscar, Isaac



All After School Clubs have finished for the term. (Mark's last picture from Drawing Club.)

Christmas Concert

There aren't many chances to perform on the main stage at Colston Hall. Well done.



Arrears

Please could you make sure that all areas have been settled by the end of term. If you have over £40 in arrears the school may have to stop your child from having paid school meals or attending Out of School Clubs. Thank you!



FOCP

This year we raised a massive £1628.22 at the Christmas Fair, thank you to everyone who helped out, donated items and came along, we even had a visit from Santa and his Elves!



Christmas Parties

This year, all of the parties will be on the last afternoon of the final day of term. The children should come to school in their uniform - as there will still be learning happening - and bring in a change of clothes for the afternoon if they would like.

The school will provide a drink and a nibble (so you won't be asked to bring in food as in previous years) as we want the children to still have fun but avoid the tremendous amount of waste.

As it is traditional 'Christmas Jumper Day', we will be raising money for CLIC Sargent should you wish to send in a donation with your child.

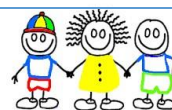


Sensory Room

Many thanks to Mrs Boyns for donating these sensory toys to the school.

**Autism South West
Parent & Carer Network**
The meeting is open to any parent or carer.

Supporting Siblings.....



4.00 - 6.00 p.m. on Friday 12 January 2018
Room F1, South Gloucestershire Council Offices, Broad Lane,
Yate, BS37 7PN

Meet other parents who have a child with autism

Ask questions about autism.

Find support and advice from autism specialists.

Learn how to support and understand siblings of a child with autism.

Receive a free resource to take away.

Enjoy light refreshments.



For further information contact Claire on claire.phillips@southglos.gov.uk or telephone 01454 868598.

Please email to let me know that you are attending or ring the number above.

£10 per parent or £15 per family (cheques or cash on the day)

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