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Newsletter 22nd – 5th March 2021

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Headteacher's News

Good afternoon parents and carers,

Well we have all managed to make it to the end of lockdown 3. I think that alone deserves a round of applause. We have all been working our hardest to home school, home school and work remotely, feed children and ourselves (if we remember), teach, sign in to technology, learn new skills, adapt and be there when things may sometimes feel tough. We at Courtney are looking forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 8th March. You can feel the excitement bubbling in the bones of the building, in the corridors and classrooms and with staff walking a little taller. An end feels in sight and hopefully (fingers crossed) today will have been the last day for remote learning, hooray I hear you say! Mr Green has been invaluable in helping us all learn and adapt at school with technology to keep us connected to our families during this lock down, and for that we are all grateful.

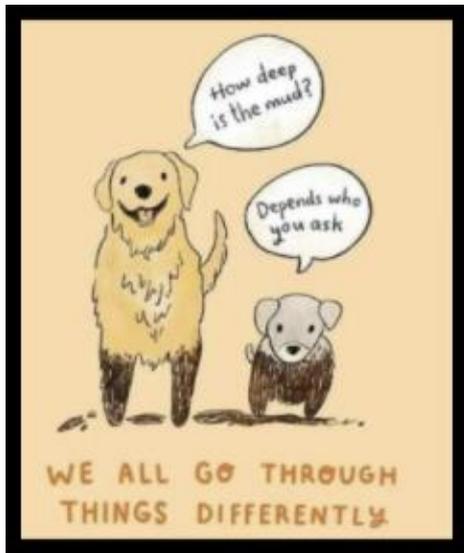
This week we have celebrated World Book day in a different way and it has been a wonderful success both in school and remotely. We hope you have enjoyed all of the fun activities planned and I would like to thank Ms Inman for all of her hard work and organisation in making this an exciting week to engage with books and that love of reading!

Once again I have had the pleasure of speaking with and congratulating some of our children and families for all of their hard work. I would like to give a shout out of celebration to the following children;

Ollie A in Cedar class
Zaila H in Sycamore class
Millie B in Cherry class
Ruby GM in Cedar class
Amber T in Cherry class
Freddie S in Oak class
Isabel S in Oak class
Dominik Z in Sycamore class
Oscar W in Cedar class

As we prepare to open our doors once again, I would like to thank every staff member for their dedication in organising remote learning, teaching in school and still trying to run their own family households and juggle home schooling, no easy feat! We are all extremely lucky to have you all.





Wishing you all a wonderful weekend! I look forward to saying hello to you all, socially distanced from the eyes up.

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards,
Georgina Scott

EYFS Changes to Pick Up Times from 8th March

Unfortunately the times sent to parents and carers of children in EYFS regarding pickup times from next Monday were incorrect, the correct times are:

3.05pm for Reception Group A + any older siblings in school

3.10pm for Reception Group B

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

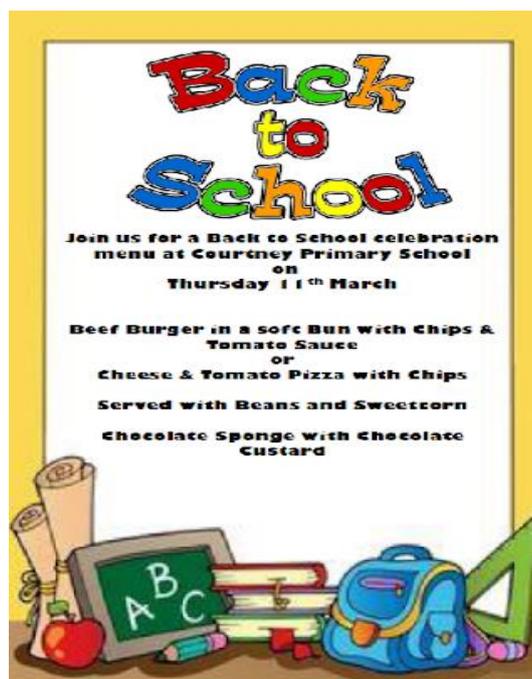
Hot Meals

School Menu

Our kitchens are open, gleaming and ready for action! We will be starting back on Monday with **Week 1** of the current menu. This means that the dates we had at the top of the menu are now incorrect. (We are sorry for the confusion!). We have amended the menu with the correct dates and this is attached to this email. Paper copies are also available in the office.

Welcome Back Celebration Meal - Thursday 11th March

We would like to celebrate being together again as a whole school. On Thursday 11th March we will have a special celebration meal of burgers/pizza and chocolate sponge. We hope your child will join us!



Keeping Medical Information Up to Date

With many children returning to school for the first time since December, we are asking parents to inform us of any changes to their children's medical details.

Please can you make sure you keep the School Office and class teacher up to date with any changes as they happen.

After School Club are Recruiting!

We are looking for 1 or 2 new After School Club Assistants. Please see details of the post below. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please share. To apply, please complete an application form. These can be downloaded from the recruitment page of the website or the Office can email them.

After School Club Assistant
Monday - Friday 3.00pm - 5.55pm
c. £6, 117.45 Hay13 point3)

We are looking for an Afterschool Assistant to work Monday - Friday afternoon running our Afterschool Club, continuing the club's growth and development. We are open to individuals who may only be able to work certain days.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and energetic. They should be able to work as part of a team but can also take the initiative and lead others. The successful candidate will also need to be able to develop positive relationships with children, colleagues and parents.

Courtney Primary is a friendly and welcoming school with children who want to learn. We are fortunate to be able to work in a bright, modern building with wonderful grounds and views.

The post is term time only (38 weeks a year) and is currently fixed term as it is dependent on sufficient pupil numbers in the 20/21 academic year. However, the club has been running since 2016 and as much valued part of our school. The aspiration is very much that this role will be extended annually.

We are able to offer 'virtual' visits of the school. Please telephone the school office on 01454 866670 or email office@courtneyps.org.uk to make an appointment to visit.

Closing Date: Wednesday 24th March 2021

Interviews: Tuesday 30th March 2021

Start Date: Monday 19th April 2021

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

Keeping children safe

While children are away from school, if there is any concern of a safeguarding nature, please inform us by sending an email to office@courtneyps.org.uk. A member of our safeguarding team will get in touch with you to discuss the concern. The NSPCC is always a good source of information for parents/carers: go to their Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and support for parents and carers page. If you feel you are struggling, a good place to go is the 'See, Hear, Respond' hub set up by Barnardo's. Children and young people can access free confidential support anytime from Government-backed voluntary and community sector organisations by: texting SHOUT to 85258, calling Childline on 0800 1111 or calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994.

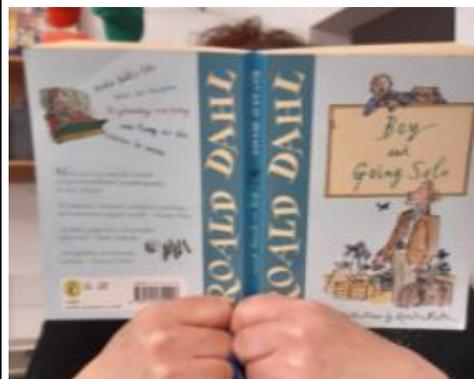
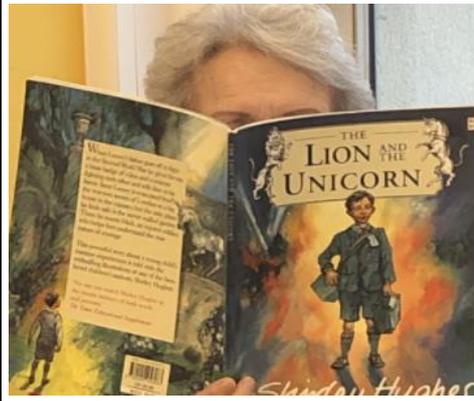
World Book Day – Dates for your Diary

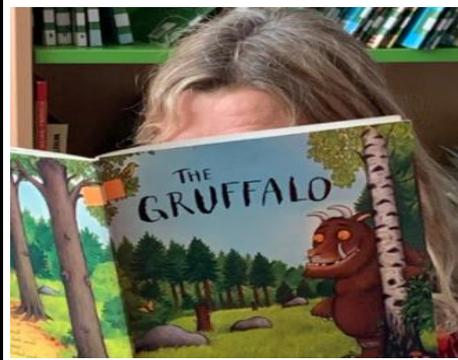
- 11th March – Competition cut off point
- 12th March – Assembly for those in school, competition winners announced.

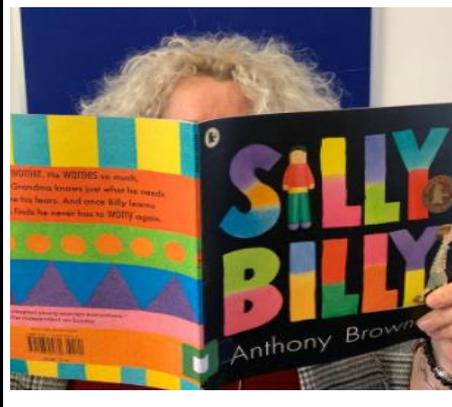
Spot the Staff

The staff at Courtney are feeling shy this World Book Day. Can you spot who is who and write their names under their pictures? You can use the names at the end to help you.











Leadership Team/Office

Miss Scott
 Mr Thomas
 Mrs Westcott
 Mrs Griffiths
 Mrs Belton

Class Teachers

Miss Inman
 Mrs Parkinson
 Mr Green
 Miss Park
 Mrs Nicholls
 Miss Tarbard
 Mrs Parker

Teaching Assistant Team

Ms Mundy
 Ms Foxcroft
 Mrs Smith
 Mrs Radford
 Mrs Claridge
 Mr Smith
 Mrs Matthews
 Mrs Morch
 Mrs Ireland
 Mrs Harbury
 Miss Cogan

Reading/LBS Team

Mrs Foxhall
 Mrs Murphy
 Mrs Derrick

Welcome to the school health nursing service

We would like to invite you to our online event, "Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing"

Over 3 sessions, 1 hour per week we will explore ways in which you can help your child manage their emotions in a healthy and positive way at home.

As you are important and a valuable means of support in your child's life, we know you make a real difference to their emotional wellbeing and health. We would like to give you the tools, strategies and confidence to help them effectively.

Full details of the 3 week online event are on the flyer included with this invitation, we hope you can join us. *** Note March date is only available and places are limited. Please ring or email us if you have any questions or help is required at any point.

Best wishes

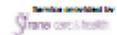
School Nursing Team

See below for details of how to apply



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How to apply for our FREE course

Option 1:

- Click the course you would like to attend from the web links below or the link on the course flyer

March:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotional-wellbeing-course-2-tickets-132637454179>

- Click Register and enter your details
- You will then be sent a confirmation email

Option 2:

- Search the Eventbrite website at www.eventbrite.co.uk
- Then search on the website for "supporting your child's emotional wellbeing"
- The course should come up and you can click on the one you would like to attend
- Click register and enter your details
- You will then be sent a confirmation email

Supporting your Child's Emotional Wellbeing

An online course for parents and carers of primary aged children

Service delivered by the School Nursing Team

Courses consist of three sessions, one hour each.

We will cover your child's emotional wellbeing, pressures faced by children, bullying, resilience and coping techniques.

*Course dates are:

16th, 23rd Feb, 2nd March – 19:30 – 20:30

11th, 18th, 25th March – 13:30 – 14:30

Click the course date to sign up

*Please ensure you can attend all sessions in the course. Places will be limited.

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FoCP News

Thanks to your support over the last few months, we have been able to arrange a small gift for each child attending school on Monday to acknowledge their achievements and perseverance over the past couple of months.

From Friends of Courtney Primary

We can only do this with your help and support in raising funds throughout the year. We are always looking at other ways to raise money and/or support children in these difficult times. If you haven't signed up already, perhaps you could support us by creating an Amazon Smile or Easyfundraising account. Both of these methods help raise funds without costing you a penny whilst you do your shopping online. Details are as follows:

Amazon Smile

Thank you to everyone who is currently supporting FOCP when buying from Amazon by shopping via Amazon Smile. We have raised £13.64 this period - It all adds up!

If you shop regularly with amazon, please set up an account at smile.amazon.co.uk. They will donate to FOCP at no extra cost to you. Just follow this link to set up an AmazonSmile account or, if you have one already, link it to Courtney Primary School Parent Teacher Association:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1042399-0>

Once you have set it up, there is no difference to using the smile.amazon website/app and you can still use Amazon Prime.



Easyfundraising

If you haven't signed up yet to #easyfundraising, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to FOCP when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! And if you sign up via this link, you could earn us a further £5!



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focourtneyprimary/?invite=vn63ac&referral-campaign=s2s>

If you're planning ahead and booking a vacation or staycation for later in the year, please use #easyfundraising. You can raise a BIG donation for FOCP with TUI, Expedia, Secret Escapes and many more at no extra cost to yourself. Please visit: <http://efraising.org/0hHrTKxH83>

Next FOCP Meeting

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday 18th March at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please email chairfocp@gmail.com. We will be discussing future events/fundraising ideas. If you are unable to attend but have some ideas you would like us to look into, please email chairfocp@gmail.com with the details.