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Newsletter 3 – 15th October 2021

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

The past few weeks have flown by. It is strange to think we will be breaking up in only a weeks' time!

We have had a busy term with lots of celebrations taking place, visitors and trips. I have been in and out of classes hearing conversations about learning, how to overcome barriers and the celebration of 'Marvellous Mistakes'. Writing now adorns the corridors and children are proud to talk about their learning journeys. Our reception children have settled into school life extremely well and our Y6 children have been modelling high expectations in their roles around the school as well as in their buddy role. Some children have shown perseverance with assessments this week which support us in knowing how to progress the children's learning further.

What have you done today to make you feel proud? (M People want to know)

A wonderful moment took place today when our school council stood in front of the whole school to share how they would like to fundraise for Harvest. They talked about the needs of the homeless unpacked a backpack of essentials and reflected on how it might be to live without a home. A member of Helping Homeless Believe supported the school council and answered questions. You may find your child or children come home wanting to know more about the homeless and how to help. As mentioned in our last letter we will be raising money by coming in on **Friday 22nd October** (last day of term) in **non-school clothes** and are asking them to **please bring a gold or silver coin** as a donation. The pride on the school council's face of knowing they were part of doing a great deed was touching.

We are also going to be taking donations (see below) for our harvest collection next week and appreciate your support with this.

Friends Of Courtney Primary (FOCP)

Our wonderful have been at it again and have arranged some exciting events coming up. If you are new to our school, these are always great ways of getting to know our community. We, as a school, would like to welcome the new members who have joined and to thank the existing team for continuing. We are fortunate to have such an active community and are sure the virtual balloon race will be a great success.

Weather update and donations

The weather is taking a turn, but our children are still outside having a wonderful time at play and lunchtimes, so thank you all for sending weather appropriate clothes and footwear, it makes for a drier afternoon. As a rule of thumb,



we do try to get out as much as possible making the most of our lovely grounds. In the event of heavy downpour, we will be keeping our children inside and would like to welcome donations of board games (all pieces present) to provide our children with further opportunities to work together in a fun way. If you happen to have any games that you and your family do not use, we would welcome them into the school happily! Please drop off any donations to the school office.

We appreciate your continued support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards,
Georgina Scott

Diary Events

Open Morning for Sept 2022 intake (booking required)

Open Evening for Sept 2022 intake (booking required)

Open Morning for Sept 2022 intake (adults only)

Non Uniform Day

Harvest Food Collection

Break Up

Term 2 Starts

School Photos

Anti Bullying Week

Saturday 16th Oct @ 10.00am

Monday 18th Oct @ 5.30pm

Wednesday 20th Oct @ 10.00am

Friday 22nd October

Friday 22nd October

Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November

Friday 12th November

W/c Monday 15th November

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: George B and Emilia B

Year 2 Ash: Nancy H and Isabel S

Year 3 Lime: Fletcher A and Ozzie F

Year 4 Maple: Ellie N and Madison H

Year 5 Sycamore: Indy Mc

Year 6 Cedar: Dominik Z, Leia- Louise P and Mitchell E



Reading Certificates

Emily C, Hubert K, Hayden H, Kinga S, Evie E, Corey H, Lily C, Eva R, George B, Jess G, Elliot M, Fletcher A, William C, Vinnie S, Aniyah C, Hubert K, Megan L, Kai M, Lucia B, Charley D, Oliver S, Bella P, Lily B, Amelia LP, Theo H, Jenson W, George B, Darcie F, Kara L,



Multiplication Masters

Dara K, Maisie-Anne CW

News from Year 3

Our non-fiction book is called '**Welcome to my world**' and is all about exploring the routines of children from round the world. It is fascinating! Recently we tried out some playground games from different countries. We had a go at *Knee Jumping* which is a traditional Inuit game, *Ampe*, a game from Ghana which is a little like 'rock, paper scissors' but using your legs, *Jianzi* from China and our favourite from Japan called *fukuwarai* which is like 'pin the tail on the donkey' but we think it's more fun! Can you find where our new games are from on a map?

Year 6 Sevington Visit



Harvest Collection 2021

We are collecting food the East Bristol Foodbank this Harvest and are asking for donations. Please bring in to school between Monday 18th to Thursday 21st October. Please see the list below for items that they are in need of. Many thanks.



Trussell Trust foodbanks provide three days of emergency food to local individuals and families in crisis. Frontline care professionals including health visitors, social workers and school liaison officers refer people who are facing hunger to the foodbank. As well as receiving nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food parcels, people visiting the foodbank are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies who are able to help resolve the underlying cause of the problem.

By donating to the foodbank you can help support local people in crisis, thank you!

eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk
ebfoodbank@inhope.uk
07584625082

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If you would like to help further, then please consider making a monetary Donation.

This would help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as help us develop sustainable projects.



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Non-Uniform Day 22nd October to Raise Money for Helping Homeless Believe

Today, Trish from 'Helping Homeless Believe' met with our school councillors in Y3 and Y4 to thank the school for choosing to support the charity. She explained to them what items homeless people often carry with them, such as a sleeping bag and water. The group then led an assembly for the whole school to explain how the money from the non-uniform day would be spent primarily on food items and toiletries. Please remember to bring in a silver or gold coin on Friday 22nd October to support this important cause. Thank you!



Out of School Club

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the After School Club team. Mrs Hughes joins us as an After School Club Assistant and Miss Derrick is very kindly giving up her own time to volunteer with us two afternoons a week - a huge thank you from us all! Many of the children will already know Mrs Hughes and Miss Derrick. Mrs Hughes who has two children of her own at Courtney Primary, also works as a Lunch Supervisor and is also a much-valued member of Friends of Courtney Primary. Miss Derrick has volunteered regularly at the school this year and last school year worked alongside other members of our fantastic lunch team to support Year 1 at lunchtimes.

A message from Mrs Hughes

In my spare time I like to spend time with my family and our pets (a dog, cat and 2 Guinea pigs). My 2 children attend Courtney and are in year 5 and year 1. We like to go on walks with our dog, Archie and find new places to explore. I didn't realise there were so many lovely walks around Kingswood. I'm really looking forward to getting to know all the Courtney children (and staff) and making lots of memories with everyone.

Miss Derrick is a former pupil of Courtney Primary. She enjoys arts and crafts and passed a recent Art exam with a distinction! She is currently planning some exciting Bonfire Night themed activities for after half term - watch this space!

We are thrilled to have them both on board and know that they will bring lots of fun, enthusiasm, and ideas to After School Club and are both passionate about delivering high quality after school club activities and care to our children.



We look forward to seeing everyone.

Plan for week commencing 17th October:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Petrifying pumpkin hunt and pumpkin carving	Halloween decorations and spooky spider webs	Trick or treat bingo and biscuit decorating	Horrifying Halloween party and gruesome games

It is important that all children are booked into club prior to them attending as there is a limit on the number of children able to attend. You can book either via the Arbor system or by calling the Office.

FOCP News

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual AGM last week. We are pleased to confirm that the elected committee members are as follows:

Chair - Beki Le Petit
Vice Chair - Lynne Mahony
Secretary - Hayley Cordina-Wilson
Treasurer - Georgina Farmiloe

We have organised a Virtual Balloon Race for Halloween. Buy your Balloons at <https://ecoracing.co/user/page?id=1928> £3 a balloon.

As Christmas is coming, lots of shopping online please to help support FOCP through Easy Fundraiser and Amazon Smile.
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1042399-0>

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focourtneyprimary/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=prosharebox

Many thanks
FOCP.



WHAT'S ON IN THE OCTOBER HALF TERM?

STAY ACTIVE. HEALTHY. HAPPY WITH OUR OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAMME

Our Forever Sport Holiday camps offer the chance for children to take part in a number of different sports from football and tag rugby to hockey, dodgeball, and gymnastics! With a strong focus on fun and social interaction, the camps are a safe environment for children to play sport and enjoy being active. Browse our full programme below:

Cadbury Heath Multi-Sports Camp
Venue: Cadbury Heath Primary School, BS30 8GB
Dates: Mon 26th - Thurs 28th of October
Time: 9am - 4pm
Price: £10.00 per day or £24.00 for 3 days
School Years: 1 - 6

The Tynings Multi-Sports Camp
Venue: The Tynings Primary School, BS16 4SG
Dates: Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th of October
Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm
£17.50 per day or £43.50 for 3 days

Early Pick-up and Drop Off:

The Tynings - early drop off from 8.30am and late pick up until 4.30pm. Early drop off and late pick up £4.00 each per day. £8.00 for a early drop off and late pick up on the same day.

Yeo Moor Primary School Multi-Sports Camp
Venue: Yeo Moor Primary School, BS21 6JL
Dates: Tues 26th - Friday 29th of October
Halloween themed day on Friday 29th.
Price: £17.50 per day or £43.50 for 3 days

Flyers Basketball Holiday Camp
Venue: Cotham School, BS6 8DT
Dates: Monday 26th - Thursday 28th of October
Time: 9am - 4pm
Open to children in school years 3 - 11
£22.50 per day, discounts available

Early Pick-up and Drop Off:

Yeo Moor - early drop off from 8.00am and late pick up until 5.00pm. Early drop off and late pick up £4.00 each per day. £8.00 for a early drop off and late pick up on the same day.

Camp coming soon...

TO BOOK:

Visit <http://bit.ly/BSFHOLIDAYCAMP> or call 0117 963 0683 (Mon-Fri, 10-5pm)

KEEPING YOU SAFE

 A rapid follow up to return to government guidance

 Limited equipment used

 Bubbles of small groups

 Reduced number of coaches to reduce risk

 Hand washing/ equipment cleaned regularly

 Daily health checks for staff

