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## Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!**

This term has flown by! I cannot believe I am writing this on the last day of term 2 and that the next time we write to you it will be 2022! What a wonderful way to have ended the term with all of the Christmas festivities. The nativity was a huge success and it was wonderful to see our children remembering their lines, singing songs and signing having learnt so much. They were all very proud of themselves for overcoming nerves and standing up in front of parents and carers, and I know we were all proud of the children too. I would like to thank Mr Lord, Mr Green, Mrs Westcott, Miss Brown, Miss Mundy, Ms Long and Ms Cogan for all of their hard work in making that production so special.

The Carols by Candle Light event was another huge success. Our actors and actresses, choir and musicians put on a real treat for the community over two nights with the second being even better than the first. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed learning their parts and performing despite the nerves and apprehension before hand. Many children could be heard saying they wanted to do it again as soon as they had finished! I would like to thank Miss Inman, Miss Tarbard, Mrs Mathews, Mrs Owereh, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Radford for all of their hard work in creating such wonderful evenings for our parents and carers.

I would also like to thank Mrs Derrick, Mrs Barrington, Mrs Radford, Mrs Foxhall, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Foxcroft, Mrs Hughes, Miss Derrick and Ms Higgs, our chef, for making lunch times an enjoyable experience for our children and making Christmas dinner day a huge success. To the admin team Mrs Hall and Mrs Belton for organising tickets, communication and reminders to allow the events to take place with such success. My first Christmas at Courtney has been truly magical.

A final thank you to all of you parents and carers, who have helped learn lines, practice songs and remember costumes. All whilst knowing that the shows may need to be cancelled at any minute. I believe one of the greatest things about Courtney, is the dedication and commitment to the school.

### **January 2022**

Staff return to school on the Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of January which is an inset day. Children return to school on **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

Whilst we hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year, we are mindful of the increasing numbers in confirmed Coronavirus cases with the new Omicron variant. In anticipation of any changes to the running



of schools in the new year, we attach details of how we would be working should another Lockdown be announced with regards to remote learning.

### Newsletter

This week we hear about the successes taking place in Y3. The children have been working extremely hard and what has been noticeable not only in class, but also around the school, is the shared support and team work for all of the children in looking out for one another and offering reassurance when feeling nervous. Well done Lime Class!

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year!

Keep smiling, keep shining!

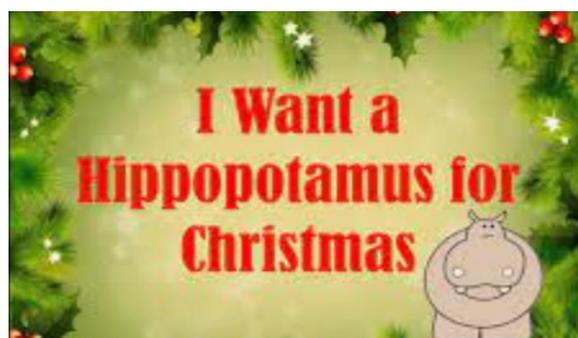
Kind regards,  
Georgina Scott

### News from Year 3

Year 3 have been practicing so hard for Carols by Candlelight and our end of term performances! Even our least enthusiastic singers have grown to love our class song "I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas". Mrs Owereh, Miss Inman, Mrs Murphy and Miss Foxcroft have been so impressed by the way each and every member of the class has not only learnt the lyrics and catchy tune, but have also perfected amusing actions to compliment the words. The whole piece comes together brilliantly. It is sure to bring a big smile to anyone lucky enough to watch Year 3 perform at the concerts or in assembly.

Emily says "I love our song! It's so funny and cheeky! I also love listening to my sister in year 5 sing her solo in the show, I'm so proud of her."

Vinnie says "I really do want a hippopotamus for Christmas!"



In science we have been learning all about our bones and the role they play in giving us structure and protecting our organs. We did an interesting experiment where a chocolate tea cake represented our brain or spine. We had to design a structure to protect our organ when it was dropped from a height. We were inspired by our bodies and came up with some very clever designs! We made sure to carry out a fair experiment and then evaluated our results. Year 3 are super scientists!



## Diary Events

### **Break Up**

*Inset Day*

### **Back to School**

*EYFS Reading Workshop*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January @ 2.00pm*

### **This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:**

Year 1 Oak: Steven S and Ella B

Year 2 Ash: Josh G and the Whole Class

Year 3 Lime: Hayden H and William C

Year 4 Maple: Isabel H, Lilly Bu and Bella P

Year 5 Sycamore: Pheonix H and Megan A

Year 6 Cedar: Freya M and William M



### **Reading Certificates**

Clara L, Kingsley T, Edith H, William H, Arthur G, Frank D

Jenson W, Maya G, Zach H, Kara L, Katy D, Darcey F, Charley CH, Esmail R

Eva R, Corey H, Brody CH, Elliot M, George B, Mia F, Iyla-Rae S, Lily B, Jess G

Olly S, Lilly Bu

### **Multiplication Masters**

Eva R

### **Out of School Club**

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 you will have to pay for breakfast and after school club at the time of booking. Arbor will not let you book a space without payment.

**Children will not be accepted at either breakfast or after school club unless you have pre-booked and paid.**

In an emergency situation children will be accepted at Breakfast club, without booking, but you will be required to pay by cash at the time of dropping off.

You can book via the Arbor system or by calling the School Office.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in January.

## FOCP News

### Merry Christmas from FOCP

We would like to thank all the parents and carers that have helped us to raise funds this year. You have been amazing and supported each event with enthusiasm. Our recent 2 events, the Big Christmas Wrap and the Christmas raffle, have raised £495 for Courtney Primary school. We are also continuing to raise money via Amazon Smile and easyfundraising simply by shopping online. If you have not already signed up to either of these schemes, please check our Facebook page (Courtney FOCP) for more information and links.

### Thank You's

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Scott who has supported FoCP since she joined Courtney Primary as Headteacher. Also, a big thank you to all the teachers and Courtney Primary staff, who have been busy helping us to promote FoCP events. Lastly, many thanks to all our wonderful committee members and volunteers, your commitment and support is invaluable, especially when thinking of ways for the children to have fun and get the best experiences during moments this year when we have been faced with Covid restrictions.

THANK YOU everyone! What a super Courtney Primary community we are proud to be a part of.

Merry Christmas and here's to more success in 2022.

All your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks  
FoCP.



# New financial support available



There are many reasons why you may be finding it difficult to cope financially.



You can apply for immediate and ongoing advice and financial support around essential outgoings such as:

water food energy housing costs and other essentials such as warm clothing and fuel.

We have a range of support options available to help customers who are struggling financially. This could be for a number of reasons:

- being made redundant
- a cut in working hours
- owning a business that has been closed due to lockdown
- increased living costs
- a cut in income

[www.southglos.gov.uk/essential-support](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/essential-support)

## This support is flexible and can give you support for your immediate or long-term needs

To apply for support you must:

- live in South Gloucestershire
- be over the age of 16

The fund is only available until 31 March 2022.

### How to apply

Complete the form online at:

[www.southglos.gov.uk/essential-support](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/essential-support)

Email:

[OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk)

Call:

01454 868009

In person:

South Gloucestershire Council One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Yate or Patchway, see [www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus) for details or call the number above.



### What happens next?

We will review your application and may seek supporting evidence to help us assess your claim.

After you apply you will hear from us within two working days for immediate support and five working days for long term support.

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