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Newsletter 3 – 25th September 2020

We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 20211
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021

INSET Days

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)		
Monday 2 nd November 2020		
Monday 4 th January 2021		
Tuesday 5 th January 2021		

Headteacher's News

Nature is the Mother of Invention. During these strange times, we have not been able to do many of the things we normally do in the usual way; this has led to some creative thinking. This week, the children in Cherry class met their Year 6 buddies via an online meeting. It is not quite the same as playing and reading together but they have been able to make contact and smile and wave at each other.

Our Parent Teacher Association, Friends of Courtney Primary, are experiencing the same challenges and I am so grateful for, and impressed by, their dedication to keep the group and the fundraising going. Who would have thought that over £900 (and still counting) could be raised with an online Courtney K event? And looking at the photographs, clearly a lot of fun was had, including a swimming option – we could not have organised that at school – and powder paints being thrown.

As you can read further in this newsletter, we really want to encourage our children to take advantage of the freshly cooked hot school meals we have on offer. We have staggered our dinnertimes so that the children can still sit safely together within their bubbles in the hall, whether packed lunches or school dinners. From this week we will be putting the weekly menus in each newsletter so we do hope that you will talk through them with your child. We need to keep the children well fed and keep Mrs Higgs and Mrs Murphy busy in our kitchen!

And finally, we are now coming into the colder weather season. We are going to have the heating on but we are also going to keep the doors and windows open when we can to keep the classrooms well ventilated. Do make sure your child comes in appropriately dressed; school may not be as warm as home. Have a lovely weekend. **D Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Ellie L Year 1 Oak: Isabel S Year 2 Ash: Ozzie F Year 3 Lime: Lilly B Year 4 Maple: Elsie-May L Year 5 Sycamore: Caiden H Year 6 Cedar: Katie D





Current Attendance 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Jayden S

Remember to record those reads each day. The first certificate will be awarded after the first 25 reads.



Multiplication Masters

Fletcher A, George B, Emily C, Tahlia H, Holly H, Megan L, Ben R



Virtual Courtney K

Thank you to all of you who took part in the fundraising event. If you go to the fundraising page https://www.justgiving.com/fo-courtneyprimarysch there are more photographs and some impressive amounts of money raised.

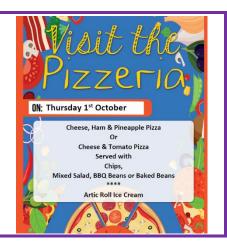




Census Day: Thursday 1st October: Eat in to Help Out at Courtney!

Next Thursday the Government will be looking at our uptake of school meals and will calculate next year's funding for school meals based on our uptake on Thursday - the more dinners are eaten, the better our funding. Consequently, it will really help the school if you could encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday. To help with this, there will be:

- Prizes to be won! Two lucky pupils from each class who find a star on their tray will win a prize!
- The dining hall will become a pizzeria with an especially treaty menu. Thank you for supporting Courtney!



School Meals – Catering for all!

The school and kitchen are working really hard to provide hot meals that are both healthy and appetising for all our pupils. We believe that having a hot nutritious meal in the middle of the day has many benefits for all our children. We have listened to feedback we have received and made the following changes:

- 1. Meal portions for the older children will increase.
- 2. Fish pie will now be with mashed potatoes rather than potato gratin.
- 3. We will set out next week's menu in every newsletter to help families with their meal choices.

We want to hear more from you and your children! Whilst we can't make a completely bespoke menu for our school, we have a choice of two menus we can follow; our current and an alternative menu. (These are both at the bottom on the newsletter.) Next week in class, your child will be asked to vote on which they prefer. Please take the time to go through both menus with your child and discuss which they might prefer.

If you have any feedback that you think might help us improve the provision for our children, please let us know.

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Mac & Cheese with Garlic Bread (hot school meal option) Chick Pea Curry with Bulgar Wheat (vegetarian option) Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna) Artic Roll

Tuesday

Chicken Meatballs Mash & Gravy (hot school meal option) Honey & Ginger Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice (vegetarian option) Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna) Raspberry Oat Slice

Wednesday

Beef Cottage Pie & Gravy (hot school meal option)
Veggie Chilli & Rice (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
St Clements Sponge with Custard

Thursday: Census Day!

Cheese, Ham & Pineapple Pizza (hot school meal option)
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (vegetarian option)
Served with chips, mixed salad, BBQ Beans or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Artic Roll Ice Cream

Friday

Battered Cod with Chips & Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option) Spring Vegetable Pasta & Garlic Bread (vegetarian option) Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna) Carrot Cookie









Clothing Collection

Unfortunately, we are temporarily halting the clothing collections in the clothing banks as the company which empties them are not doing this at the moment. If you can, please find a corner to keep your clothing donations for when we restart collections as it provides an income for our lunchtime play equipment.



Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed?

Has your income dropped?

You may well be eligible to claim free school meals.

If your financial circumstances have changed due to the Covid situation, please look at

the South Glos. website to see if you are now eligible for Free School Meals. For every child in school (even those in the Infants), if you meet the Free School Meal criteria, then the school will offer you money off towards school visits and uniform so it's certainly worth a look:

https://find-information-for-adults-children-

families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A#free



A big thank you and congratulations to all those who took part in the Virtual Courtney K at the weekend. Donations have nearly reached £1000! If you feel inspired, there is still time to complete your own virtual Courtney K this weekend or until the end of September. Although not essential, it would be great if you are also able to ask friends and family to sponsor you whilst doing it to raise money for FoCP. You can set up your own JustGiving fundraising page via this link:



http://www.justqiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=2991734&eid=6123566

However, this is only voluntary – Just taking part is the most important thing!

AGM

We are holding our AGM virtually via Zoom on 8th October 5pm – 6pm where new members will be very welcome. It will provide an excellent opportunity for all parents to hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. If you would like to attend, please email chairfocp@gmail.com for the meeting details.

