



Newsletter 11 – 30th November 2018

'We are proud of our similarities and difference
and understand the rights of others.'

Diary Dates

Year 6 WOW Event

Year 3 WOW Event

Y4 WOW Event – Class Assembly: Bones and Bodies

YR WOW Event

Infant Production Dress Rehearsal to school and grandparents

Infant Production to Parents & Carers

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School Christmas Dinner

Monday 3rd December 9.10am

Friday 7th December 1.15-1.45pm

Monday 10th December 2.45-3.10pm

Tuesday 11th December 2.30pm

Friday 14th December 2pm

Monday 17th December 2pm

Tuesday 18th December 6pm

Wednesday 19th December

INSET Days 2018-19: Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

If you have been watching the television programme 'School', you will be aware of the serious funding crisis there is in South Gloucestershire, particularly linked to children with Special Educational Needs. Part of my role is to make the best decisions to make sure we have the best and most highly-trained teaching staff who can provide the right conditions for each child to be academically, socially and emotionally the very best they can be.

How can you help and receive £30 towards school uniform? We are always looking for ways to increase our funding, and one of our sources of income is the Pupil Premium Funding which is awarded for any child who is, or has been, eligible for Free School Meals at any time within a six year period. Although Infant children do not directly pay for their school dinners, we can still get this Pupil Premium Funding for school. Amongst other things, this money helps us to retain our high teaching assistant support, pays for the reading assistants, pays for specialist Speech and Language and subsidises our Family Link Worker time. If you think you may be eligible and are not already registered, please could I urge you to contact the school office and they will go through the application online with you. Details are set out below.

And finally, another proud moment. Sycamore class (Y5) visited a synagogue this week and the lady leading the tour was so impressed with the behaviour, enthusiasm and prior knowledge of our children that she took the trouble to phone school to let me know. Mrs Elmore was also given a special mention. Well done to all.

Hopefully, I'll see most of you at our Christmas Fair tomorrow. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak:

Year 2 Ash: Rhys I

Year 3 Lime: Alexandria P

Year 4 Maple: George G

Year 5 Sycamore: Ruby B

Year 6 Cedar: Caitlin C



Attendance Total 97.3%

YR Cherry 95.4%

Y1 Oak 97.0%

Y2 Ash 97.1%

Y3 Lime 98.6%

Y4 Maple 97.8%

Y5 Sycamore 98.0%

Y6 Cedar 97.1%



Reading Certificates

Lily-Mai M, Lily-Mae D, Isabel H, Ellie N, Skyla P, Ruby H, Ivey C, Connor R, William M, Harvey M, Dean H, Lily-Mae H, Issy H, Tyler D, Kamil S, Oscar W, Lacey B, Ruby B, Marieanne M, Henry W, Liam C, Shayla B, Samantha P

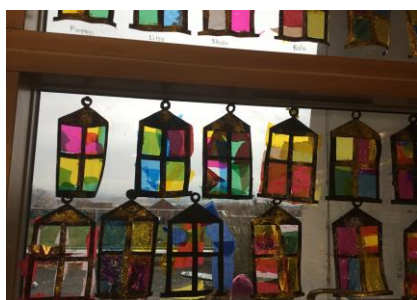


Multiplication Masters

Millie C, William M, William F



Year 1 WOW Event



On Monday, lucky pupils from Oak and Ash class had the opportunity to take part in a Striking Festival at Mangotsfield Secondary School. The children played 6 different games (including golf, football and cricket) against 11 other schools.

Mr Smith was very happy to announce that Courtney came 4th out of 12! An amazing result! Well done to those children and a BIG thank you to Mr Smith for joining them.

Mr Jones

On Tuesday, Ash class were delighted to have their parents join them for a multiplication lesson.

Mr Jones taught them tips and tricks to help their children learn their times tables. Ash class started by showing off their skills using the counting stick, they then made posters using triangles to support their learning of the 3x tables. A big Thank You to all parents who came along!



Courtney Library needs you – Monday 10th – Friday 14th December

Work on our library continues and we now need to spend considerable time scanning all our books into an electronic library system that we have purchased. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this process. The work is very simple and involves sitting in our calming and inspirational library space. If you can offer any time (30 minutes – an afternoon or morning) during that week to help, we would really appreciate it!

Feel free to volunteer in pairs so you can have fun with a friend!

Hair Bows

Please can we remind you that hair bows should be in a school colour (yellow, blue, black) and roughly be no wider than the palm of a hand.

Earrings

If your child has pierced ears, then only studs should be worn. Ideally, on PE Days, please could you send your child to school without their earrings.

For children in KS2, any child will be asked to remove their own earrings before PE if they are able. If this is not possible, then the earrings will be taped up.

Pupil Premium – Can you Help? Have your Circumstances Changed?

Please don't be confused by the 'free school meals' label. We can get extra funding if you are eligible even if you currently don't pay for your child's dinners due to their age.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- *Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)*
- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The guaranteed element of Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

You can apply online via the Citizen Portal using the link below <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

or just pop into our school office and someone will be able to advise or go through the application with you.

Friends of Courtney Primary News

The FoCP have a limited number of 'Elf on the Shelf' bags for sale @ £7 each. Please see Kath in the playground if you are interested.



Educational support services

The office have received some leaflets about a company offering private educational support services (tutoring etc.). If you would like a copy of the leaflet, please ask at the office.

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Our programme for next week is:

Monday – Christmas Decorations

Tuesday – Disco

Wednesday – Free play

Thursday – Cookie baking

Friday – Junk modelling

Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club. Hope you all have an amazing half term.



Holiday Club – spaces going fast

There is now only limited availability for Mr Smith's holiday club. If you would like to use it, please book as soon as possible! Booking forms are available from outside the office. Holiday club days:

Saturday 15th December

Monday 24th December

Wednesday 3rd January

Thursday 4th January

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Speaker Series – Event 2

"An Evening with Dean Beadle"

Thursday 31 January 2019 6.30pm – 8.30pm
BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG

Cost: Professionals £40 Parents/Autistic People £20



In 1998, Dean Beadle was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. Now, 20 years on, Dean shares how he grew to understand, accept and ultimately celebrate being autistic.

Dean Beadle has toured the UK and overseas for fourteen years sharing his experiences of life on the autism spectrum. He is also a former journalist and, for the past two years, has been singing at charity balls and events nationwide.

In his talk, Dean will give insight into various topics such as: Sensory needs, special interests, anxiety, social/emotional needs, relationships, sexuality and school life. This, like all of Dean's talks, is sure to make for a thought provoking, insightful and humorous evening.

The talk will be followed by a short musical performance by Dean, accompanied on keyboard by Judith Nockolds.

Further information available at: ststraining@southalos.gov.uk or telephone 01454 868165

Places for this speaker series event are now available to book at <http://cpd.sosts.org.uk/cpd> Ref CONF/18/620

Additional dates for this series include:

Event 3 – Date to be confirmed – April 2019 - keynote speaker Robyn Steward at BAWA, Filton

Community News

Stories Round the Tree at Kingswood Library

Join library staff for seasonal stories and festive fun on Wednesday 19th December from 5.45 – 6.45pm. Come along in your Pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly toy to join in the fun!

This is a free event but booking is required to attend, please ask staff. Suitable for children aged 4 - 10

All children need to be accompanied by an adult