



Headteacher: Mrs Deborah Wood

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Newsletter 7 – 23rd October 2020

We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.

Dates for your Diary	
FoCP Virtual Halloween Balloon Race (see below)	Saturday 31 st October
First Day of Term 2	Tuesday 3 rd November
Parents' Remote Meetings (booking link will be sent)	Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th November
Open Day for Prospective Parents (appointments only)	Saturday 14 th November am

INSET Days (These days are for training purposes.)

Monday 2 nd November 2020	Monday 4 th January 2021	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
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Headteacher's News

It has taken longer than expected to finalise the details, but I am thrilled to be able to tell you that the governors have appointed an energetic and experienced headteacher as my successor. As a leadership team, we managed to meet Ms Scott and showed her round our lovely school; we all thought she was the perfect fit.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher at Courtney Primary School. My name is Georgina Scott, and I am currently an Executive Headteacher at Moorlands Schools Federation in Bath. I have had 3 successful years at this school, and although sad to leave, I am excited to be joining Courtney at this stage of the journey. I am from Bristol, so am looking forward to the prospect of being able to affect change in my local community. I love being creative and enjoy trying my hand at lots of different crafts, although they don't always turn out as planned.

My philosophy for education is one which is based around 'the whole child', acknowledging skills and attributes that every child brings, whilst exposing young minds to a wealth of rich experiences.

It goes without saying that I want to continue to build on the great work currently being done in school, which has been led so well by Mrs Wood. The enthusiasm and commitment the staff team demonstrate is something I have already noticed and can't wait to be part of! I very much look forward to getting to know you all and being part of your friendly school community. Best wishes,



Georgina Scott

And finally, Miss Ford, fingers crossed, will be getting married this half term – an occasion shared by her 15 guests! When we come back she will be Mrs Parkinson. Congratulations to her and Ben from us all. Have a lovely half term break whatever you manage to do. **Deborah Wood**



Whole School Attendance Target
96%

Current Attendance
96.4%



This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Charley CH
Year 1 Oak: Dani C
Year 2 Ash: Megan L
Year 3 Lime: Ruby H
Year 4 Maple: B CH
Year 5 Sycamore: Dominik Z
Year 6 Cedar: Ruby GM



Reading Certificates

Josh G, Chloe N, Elsie J, Jaxon E, Jack C, Dora B, Alex P, Zaila H, Zena G, Molly M, Caiden H, Carson H, Will F, Kamil F, Dominik Z, Carmen C, Archie E, Bradley L, Elsie-May L, Renee J, Corey H, Eva R, Lily B, Ruby H, Ava S, Ellie N, Kinga S, Hayden H, Lily C, Aniyah C, Nevaeh E



Multiplication Masters

Zena G, Jess G, Carmen C, Archie E, Ellis P, Rheo F, Elsie-May L, Rhys I, Ben C, Kai M, Nevaeh E, Charley D, Megan L, Fletcher A



Covid Update

Thank you for all of your continued efforts to make Courtney as safe as it can be. As a staff team, we really appreciate that you have worked with us to stick to the 'rules'.

- Although we are still in an area with relatively lower confirmed Covid cases, as you are no doubt aware, there are growing numbers including contacts of people in our school community. Please do keep sticking to the guidance – Hands, Face, Space – to help keep the virus away from our school.
- During the school holiday, if your child is a confirmed case please can you **EMAIL the school** – don't leave an answer phone message – and someone will check them each day. Could we also ask you to **contact the local authority** who have set up a special half-term contact who you need to inform if you have a confirmed case. The school will then work with the Local Authority to decide who needs to self-isolate. (They are sending us details of this. We will send them out to you as soon as we know.)
- Remember, if any of you do go away on holiday, you will need to adhere to the latest quarantine guidance from the government. Please do not go to a country where you know 2 week self-isolation will be needed afterwards.

Parking

We have had reports of some very dangerous parking with some cars being parked on the actual **zig-zags**, some on the **school** word, some on **double yellow lines** and some doing very very dangerous **three point turns** very close to the entrance the children use to walk into school. Staff members have also complained that their vision trying to get in and out of school is often blocked by vehicles parked in illegal places. Saving an extra few minutes by not having to walk a few metres is simply not worth the risk.

Please can we urge you to park safely and to help keep our precious children safe.



EYFS



Thank you to FOCP from Cherry Class!

Cherry Class would like to say thank you to the FOCP who kindly provided the funds for some new books. We now have lots more wordless picture books and starter phonics books for the children to enjoy at home with their families. This is so helpful at a time when we need to quarantine our books and the children are really enjoying the new ones.

Thank you!

Y5

Year 5 have been very busy this term working on their topic Ancient Greek, here is a photo of some of the Greek artefacts they have been making.



RHS Design a Secret Garden Competition

The RHS campaign for School Gardening are holding a competition to celebrate the release of 'The Secret Garden' film on 23rd October. Your children will be bringing home an entry booklet and sheet of plain paper for them to design their own secret garden.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 17th November 2020. All the details on how to enter are in the booklet.



School Visits for 2021 Reception Starters

We have one more Open Morning left for those families who want to have a look round Courtney before making their decision on where to send their child in September 2021.

It will take place on:

Saturday 14th November 10am – 12 noon

Visits will be via timed **appointment only**.

A list of names and contact details will be kept for Track and Trace purposes and there will be a one-way system in place. Staff will be available but will be positioned outside (weather permitting) or in larger well-ventilated areas.



School Meals

Bonfire Night Bonanza

On Thursday 5th November (the first Thursday back) we will be celebrating Bonfire Night with a Bonfire Bonanza of Hotdogs, pizza Catherine wheels, jacket potatoes and toffee apples. Yum! See poster.

New Menu

The children have spoken! All classes voted for the Lion Menu which will be replacing our current menu in the first few weeks of Term 2. We will send out the new menus and let you know when the change is going to happen early next term. Some of the benefits of the menu are pizza every Monday, Fish Finger Friday every week and the return of the popular bolognise!

Menu when school returns after half term:

Monday

Inset Day

Tuesday

Chicken and Sweetcorn pasta bake (hot school meal option)
Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Broccoli, Mixed Salad
Beetroot Brownie

Wednesday

Beef Burger with Jacket Wedges & Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)
Vegetable Chow Mein (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Peas & Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Chocolate Blancmange

Thursday:

Bonfire Bonanza Menu as poster below

Friday

Bubble Crumb Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce (hot school meal option)
Veggie Hot Dog & Chips with Tomato Sauce (vegetarian option)
Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, beans or tuna)
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Strawberry Jelly with Pineapple chunks

BONFIRE BONANZA

ON: Thursday 5th November

Bonfire Hog Dogs
Or
Pizza Catherine Wheel
Or
Campfire Jacket Potato with Choice of
Fillings
Served with
Crackling Fries, Popping Peas, Golden Star
Sweetcorn
Dunking Toffee Apple Sponge


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FOCP News

Normally around this time of year we would be busy organising the Halloween Disco and Christmas Fair. Sadly, these are not possible this year so we are looking at other ways to raise money which ultimately benefit all children at the school (library wall art, sports items, Christmas party refreshments etc). Please support us if you are able to. We really do appreciate it.

Virtual *Halloween* Balloon Race

The Virtual Balloon Race launches from Dracula's Castle on 31st October and runs for 7 days. To enter the race, simply create an account and buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/745>

Each balloon costs £3, and because they are virtual, they are 100% eco-friendly. You can buy one balloon per family or as many balloons as you like to compete against other family members and friends!

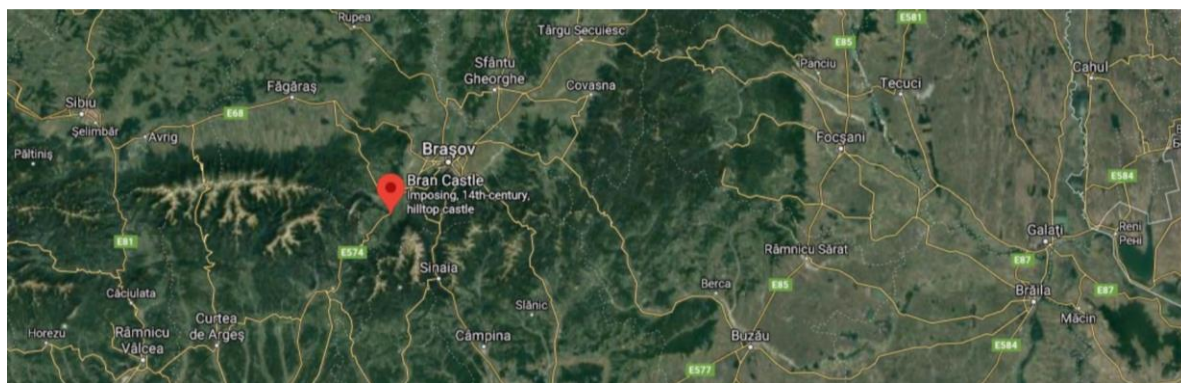
Once purchased, you can decorate/customise your own balloon, changing parameters such as helium content, shape and colour.

National prizes for the race are:

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. 10 winners of £10 Book Tokens

However, by supporting the Friends of Courtney Primary in the race, we will be giving £25 to the FOCP balloon that travels furthest and £10 to the second furthest balloon.

Once the race starts, you can track your balloon(s) via your own online dashboard.



Please ensure you follow the link below to buy your balloons:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/745>

(or from the ecoracing home page, click on Buy / Gift Balloons and select Friends of Courtney Primary - Halloween Race).

Amazon Smile



You can now support Friends of Courtney Primary when buying from Amazon. By shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk, they will donate to FOCP at no 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>

easyfundraising

FOCP are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focourtneyprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

DIWALI FESTIVAL

A community celebration

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER
4.30- 5.15PM

STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK
SEARCH FOR PATCHWAY
FESTIVAL
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE
VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRADLEY STOKE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AVON
INDIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PATCHWAY FESTIVAL
SOUTHERN BROOKS COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

