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*We understand how to lead physically and mentally healthy lives.*

### Headteacher's News

Good afternoon parents and carers,

We are nearly at the Easter half term and are surprised at how quickly the weeks are going. The children have settled back into school life well and we continue to be grateful to our Courtney community for supporting us in keeping safe by wearing masks, keeping appropriate distances and limiting contact. Please continue to be careful of who you mix with. We know it may be tempting to bend the rules a bit, but for every person you see, you increase the risks. Our children are very honest sharing things they get up to on weekends and places they have been, it is important as the adults that we are the role models for them. We are so close to ending lockdowns, please help us do this!

Attendance is really important for our children and their education, particularly due to the impact of lockdown on some of our children's educational experiences. We will be chasing any absence and late or early pick-ups to ensure that our children are receiving the education they deserve. Please do let the school office know as soon as there are any changes to your child's attendance so that we can support as a school.

We continue to promote our Courtney Crown values and wanted to encourage you this week as part of leading physically and mentally healthy lives to go for long walk or bike ride as a family to enjoy the outdoors or a cook a healthy Easter bake this weekend.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards,  
Georgina Scott

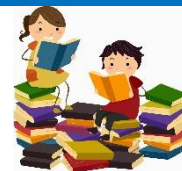
### This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Evija M  
Year 1 Oak: Jaxon E  
Year 2 Ash: Nevaeh E  
Year 3 Lime: Bella-Rose P  
Year 4 Maple: Bradley L  
Year 5 Sycamore: Jasmine P  
Year 6 Cedar: Harry M



## Reading Certificates

Tyler B, Lili B, Dora B, Henry B, Oakleigh H, Lacie M, Isabel S, Cooper H, Skylar A, Ava B, Charlie C, Jack C, Aliana G, Nancy H, Maisie J, Elsie J, Chloe N, Freddie S, Malachi W, George B, Emily C, William C, Lily C, Kai M, Kinga S, Jessica L, Lilly B, Harry J, Caiden H, Carson H, Will F, Kamil S, Dominik Z, Jacob F, Elsie-May L, Megan An, George B, Corey H, Zach H, Darcey F, Millie B, Georgia F, Maya G



## Multiplication Masters

Summer F

### TTRS and Numbots Reminder

We have some great online maths programmes your children can engage in and wanted to remind you of their details

#### Numbots

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to give them 5 minutes on Saturdays and 5 minutes on Sundays (or more!)

Game Types:

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

#### TTRS

We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

Game Types:

<b>Garage</b> 10 coins per correct answer	Players answer the tables selected by their teacher or by TTRS' Auto trainer.  <b>Important:</b> if you feel your child is overwhelmed by the number of tables they're practising, please speak to their teacher. We suggest to teachers to select one table per week with small combinations every third or fourth week.  If your child is on Auto, they will practise the one table chosen for them* in small chunks of 4 questions at a time. Our algorithm selects the table after a Gig game.
<b>Gig</b> 10 coins per correct answer	If your child is on Auto training they will periodically play Gig games to assess which table is best for them to practise in the Garage.  <b>Important:</b> players must give each Gig performance their full concentration to demonstrate their tables skills. They may be returned to an earlier table if not.
<b>Jamming</b> 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, your child chooses the table and the operation ( $\times$ or $\div$ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

## Parents evening

As we continue to return to normal school life we are happy to share that we will be having a parents evening second week of Term 5:

**Tuesday 27th April 3:30-5:30pm**

**Thursday 29th April 3:30-7:00pm**

We will be using Google Meet to facilitate the meetings.

As we have done previously, target sheets and tests will be shared with you for the parents evening. Further details and sign up will follow in due course.

Many thanks!

## Courtney in the Kingswood Voice!

If you get the Kingswood Voice, keep an eye out for a review of Courtney's World Book Day celebrations which should be featuring this month!

## Easter Celebration Meal

This Thursday, we will be celebrating the imminent arrival of Easter with a special Easter Meal of Fish 'n chips or veggie burger and chocolate crispy nests. Yum Yum! See the menu below for more details.

## Sickness

A reminder if your child experiences Diarrhoea or Vomiting, the NHS guidance states that you must not return to school for 48h.

### How to treat diarrhoea and vomiting yourself

You can usually treat yourself or your child at home. The most important thing is to have lots of fluids to avoid dehydration.

#### Do

- ✓ stay at home and get plenty of rest
- ✓ drink lots of fluids, such as water or squash – take small sips if you feel sick
- ✓ carry on breast or bottle feeding your baby – if they're being sick, try giving small feeds more often than usual
- ✓ give babies on formula or solid foods small sips of water between feeds
- ✓ eat when you feel able to – you do not need to eat or avoid any specific foods
- ✓ take [paracetamol](#) if you're in discomfort – check the leaflet before giving it to your child

#### Don't

- ✗ do not have fruit juice or fizzy drinks – they can make diarrhoea worse
- ✗ do not make baby formula weaker – use it at its usual strength
- ✗ do not give children under 12 medicine to stop diarrhoea
- ✗ do not give aspirin to children under 16

### How long diarrhoea and vomiting last

In adults and children:

- diarrhoea usually stops within 5 to 7 days
- vomiting usually stops in 1 or 2 days

### Diarrhoea and vomiting can spread easily

#### Important

Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days.

To help avoid spreading an infection:

#### Do

- ✓ [wash your hands](#) with soap and water frequently
- ✓ wash any clothing or bedding that has poo or vomit on it separately on a hot wash
- ✓ clean toilet seats, flush handles, taps, surfaces and door handles every day



## Make the Rules for April Fool's!

For **one day only** school will allow children (and school staff!) to choose some additional rules in exchange for a small fee. Children may choose to 'make' one of the rules below for free, but should pay 50p for each additional rule on **Thursday 1st April**.

Please can children bring in their money on the morning of **Thursday 1st April** and a collection will be made within their class. Alternatively if you have internet banking, you may prefer to pay online via this link: [https://app.offspring.co/-VN1R\\_Rd6](https://app.offspring.co/-VN1R_Rd6). Money raised will benefit all children at Courtney Primary.

**Only the rules in the list may be made on the Make the Rules Day. This is no April Fool!**

These rules can be made for **one day only!** So it will back to normal school uniform and normal rules on the first day back after Easter (i.e. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April).

## Easter Virtual Balloon Race 🎈 - Win a Hamper!

The Easter virtual balloon race launches from Turkey on 4th April. To enter the race, simply create an account and buy a virtual balloon via the following link:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1493>

Each balloon costs £3 and you can buy one balloon per family or as many balloons as you like to compete against other family members and friends!

National prizes for the race are:

First prize = £500 Cash; 2nd prize = Apple iPad; 3rd prize = 10 winners of £10 Book Tokens

However, the FOCP bought balloon that travels furthest will win an Easter hamper including chocolate and wine! Good luck!

Contact/Follow Us

Please contact us by email [chairfocp@gmail.com](mailto:chairfocp@gmail.com) if you have any comments/questions.

Or follow our "Courtney FOCP" page on Facebook (search for @focpcourtney) or @CourtneyFocp on Twitter.



## Information from the local authority:

The local authority has asked us to share the following attachments with you:

- How to report a positive case over the Easter Holidays (see the Easter schools reporting positive cases attachment).
- What testing is available to families (please see the leaflet LOMP testing graphic).
- Holiday Activities: see the leaflet Holiday Activities and Food offer for a list of holiday schemes available. This are free to families entitled to Free School Meals and most are available for a fee to all other families.



**Menu w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday**

Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Jacket Wedges  
Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry (veg option)  
Apple Crumble & Custard

**Tuesday**

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake  
Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (veg option)  
Strawberry Mousse

**Wednesday**

Roast of the day with Gravy  
Cheese & Onion Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes (veg option)  
Strawberry Jelly & Peach Slices

**Thursday**

See Poster below

Jacket potatoes (with either beans, cheese or tuna) Fruit and Yogurt available every day.

