



I am able to
change and be
adaptable

Newsletter 34 – 16th June 2017
 ‘We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks.’
Diary Dates

Y4 Assembly PTA Meeting Y5 Bake Sale Y5 Secondary Experience Day @ King's Oak Academy YR Shuffle Up Morning Y1 – Y5 Shuffle Up Morning Y6 Kings Oak Transition Day Y3 RSPB Session YR Assembly Y4 Debate @ Longwell Green Y6 SBL Transition Day Y2 Longleat Visit Whole School Sports Day (info below) School Production School Production PTA End of Term Fun Day Y2 Assembly Y6 Leavers Party PTA Summer Fair Leavers Breakfast Leavers Assembly	Monday 19th June 2:45pm Friday 23 rd June 3.15pm Friday 23rd June 3.15pm Monday 26 th June Wednesday 28th June Thursday 29 th June Thursday 29th June Thursday 29 th June 1.00-2.30pm Friday 30th June 2.30pm Friday 30 th June 12.00-3.30pm Friday 30th June Wednesday 5 th July Thursday 6th July 9:30am start Tuesday 11 th July 6.30pm Wednesday 12th July 6.30pm Thursday 13 th July 1.30 – 3.00pm Friday 14th July 2.30pm Friday 14 th July 6.00pm Saturday 15th July 11.00-1.00pm Friday 21 st July 8.15-9.15am Friday 21st July 9.30-10.30am
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INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Tuesday 31st October 2017
Monday 18th December 2017
Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's News

Tonight you should have received a copy of your child's attendance so far for this academic year. I do appreciate that some of you who I have worked with this year have really tried to minimise absence, especially those with ongoing medical needs or an unexpected longer illness. Unfortunately, we still have ¼ of our children whose attendance is below the national expectation of 96.1% through a combination of illness and/or unauthorised holidays. This means that ¼ of our children are missing 1 day every other week! In order to try to address this, we will be asking our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Steve Gozra, to work with families towards the end of the Autumn term, who have both had under 96% attendance at the end of this year and have started the new academic year off with low attendance. Clearly, if the children aren't in school, we can't teach them. If you have any suggestions on how we can work with you to help improve attendance, please do let us know.

And finally, the sun is shining. I am trying to persuade my reluctant husband to come camping with me... **D Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Alicja
 Year 1 Oak: Edie
 Year 2 Ash: Ellie
 Year 3 Lime: Ella-Mae
 Year 4 Maple: Isaac, The Whole Class
 Year 5 Sycamore: Lily Mae
 Year 6 Cedar: Bence



Attendance Total 96.2%

YR Cherry 96.4%
 Y1 Oak 94.9%
 Y2 Ash 96.9%
 Y3 Lime 96.0%
 Y4 Maple 96.2%
 Y5 Sycamore 96.3%
 Y6 Cedar 96.3%



Reading Certificates

Reading 10: Peter

Reading 20: Aaliyha, Benjamin, Olivia

Reading 30: Dorothy, Lily, Freya

Reading 40: Harry, Beatrice, Imogen, Ashley, Tyler, Evie, Alesha



Multiplication Masters

Oliver, Theo, Alesha



Hot Weather

Hurrah that the sun is out! Please can we remind you to make sure that your child has a water bottle in school (fortunately our water fountains are all in action now), bring in a hat to wear and come wearing sunscreen.



PTA News

BBQ request

Organisation of the Summer Fayre is gathering pace and the PTA are working really hard to plan a spectacular event. They are looking for large BBQs. Do any families have a large BBQ that you could bring to the school for the weekend of 15/16th July? They are also looking for people to man the BBQ's! Thank you.

Hamper

Congratulations to Angelique Hollingdrake won the Father's Day Hamper.

Raffle

From Monday 19th June until the Summer Fayre, the PTA will be selling raffle tickets to for 1 x boy toy panda with large brand new Lego City set and 1 x girl toy panda with brand new Lego Disney Princess set. Tickets will be £1.50 per strip.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Friday 23rd June at 2pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Progress Towards 'Good'

One of the areas Ofsted identified that we needed to improve was developing 'Problem Solving and Reasoning' in Maths. We are really fortunate to have Mrs Westcott on our staff, even more so because she is a Maths specialist. Our staff training has resulted in every child, every week having an opportunity to develop their learning in this area. From our last 'book look' we are confident that this is now happening and our next step is to make sure that pitch and expectation is just right. The Local Authority and NEXUS teaching school have been providing valuable support and challenge to ensure that we have covered everything we need to and have a robust monitoring system in place.

Sports Day

More details for Sports Day will follow soon, but for those of you who need to book time off work, here's a rough guide (NB times aren't exact):



9:45 – 10:30 Y1 and Y2 carousel activities, KS2 Races

10:40 – 11:25 YR, Y1 and Y2 Races, KS2 carousel activities

All followed by House Relay Races.

As your letter will have told you, there will be the opportunity for a picnic and a bit of fun time with your children from 12:00 if you are able to stay (and weather permitting, of course).

Teaching Staff 2017-18

Y1 Oak Miss Insley		<p>I have really enjoyed my first year teaching Year 1. The children have developed their key learning skills in lots of subjects, what a fantastic adventure they've embarked on! Outside of school I love to watch Disney films, I really like the music - you may hear me singing in the classroom! This summer I will be searching for my first home and will also get to spend lots of time with my family, hopefully we will have lots of sunny days in the garden.</p>
Y2 Ash Miss Elmore		<p>Having been at Courtney for nearly a year now, I have had a fantastic time teaching in year 2. In fact, I've enjoyed it so much I thought I'd do it again next year! I am an avid lover of world travel and have spent time exploring South East Asia, Europe and America - this summer I will be road tripping around Canada. My other hobbies include theatre and cookery - although as the children will tell you, it's the eating part that I love best!</p>
Y3 Lime Miss Ford		<p>I've had a wonderful time working at Longwell Green Primary school in Year 2 for the last year and I'm really excited about the progression to teaching in Year 3. I love to travel and have spent a lot of time abroad over the last two years. I spent some time teaching in America and this summer I will be spending a month in Thailand, as well as preparing my class for September! I'm really looking forward to working in a school that has such a lovely building and grounds and working within a caring, supportive community.</p>
Y4 Maple Mr Thomas		<p>What a busy but enjoyable two terms I have enjoyed at Courtney so far! It is been really exciting to be part of the journey that the school is currently on. After many years teaching in Year 1 and 2, I look forward to continuing in Year 4 next year. The children have shown amazing enthusiasm and engagement in their learning, especially their sparkling start work from home. At home, I can often be found chasing my two little boys around. This will undoubtedly be the theme of the whole summer holidays! In my own time, I enjoy playing and watching as much rugby as I can. This will include a tag rugby club next year at Courtney! I can't wait to see what next year has to offer. Have a lovely end to the summer term and a restful summer holidays.</p>
Y5 Sycamore Mr Jones		<p>After a really good first year at Courtney, I am truly excited to be in Year 5 once again. This year held many exciting events and I cannot wait to do it all over again! I have a very busy summer planned – with nearly half of it back packing sunny Croatia! My passions do not stop at travelling; I am a huge fan of anything Harry Potter and Lego (it's even more exciting when they are combined). I have also recently taken up running with the hope of partaking in events soon, so if you see me on a run, please feel free to say 'Hello!'</p>
Y6 Cedar Mrs Westcott		<p>This has been my first year at Courtney and I have enjoyed becoming part of this school family. I have already spent some time with some of the Y5 children who will be in my class next year and I am greatly looking forward to teaching them. Over the summer I will be spending time with my children – I have two sons - enjoying day trips out and a two-week holiday in Ireland with our extended family. My interests include playing the piano and reading when I have the time! I will be aiming to help next year's Y6 class to really enjoy their final year at Courtney.</p>

You may notice the absence of Mrs Thomas from our staffing for next year. Although she has been with us for about 18 months now and is part of our team, Mrs Thomas only ever intended to stay for Mrs Morris' maternity leave.... We have been really lucky that she was willing and able to complete the year with Reception in order that they kept the continuity. So thank you very much to her. Mrs Thomas will now try to combine her passion of History with that of teaching, by looking for a post in one of our historical visitor attractions in the locality.

Our eSafety Top Tips!

1

People you don't know are strangers. They're not always who they say they are.



2

Be nice to people like you would on the playground.



3

Keep your personal information private.



4

If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, tell a grown-up you trust.



SMART

Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

On the school website there is a You Tube parents guide that you may find useful.

Ask your child to tell you what they like most about the internet and why e.g. sites they visit, ways to communicate, games they play etc.

What does a better internet mean to them?
Is it safer, more fun, kinder, more to do, easier to use?

Ask your child what they would like others to do to improve the internet and make it a better place.

What could your child do to make the internet a better place?
Do they have creative skills or ideas to create a new website or app?

Encourage your child to do good digital deeds to help others. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend that would benefit from their help and support.

Ask your child if they know where to go for help, where to find safety advice and privacy settings, and how to report or block on the services they use.

Ask your child what they would do if they saw hateful content online. Who could they turn to for help?

Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there any activities you could enjoy as a family?

Ask your child to tell you how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you to deal with online issues? Where did they learn them?

For more information and advice, visit www.saferinternet.org.uk

New Uniform Suppliers

We are in the process of changing uniform suppliers. From now on you will be able to purchase all the school uniform and bags from one supplier, Initially Yours.



For schools, businesses,
clubs and individuals
Sales & Enquiries: 0117 956 0909



From Monday 12th June, you can buy directly from their website: <http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk> or go in to one of their stores, the nearest is in Kingswood. You can then arrange for the clothes to be delivered to you at home (for a fee) or to the store or the school. We hope that in changing to just one supplier with a shop nearby we will make purchasing easier for parents.

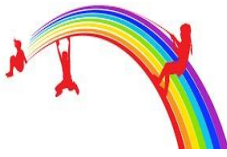
We still have some stock in school which we will be selling on a first come first served basis. If you would like to buy more uniform for September from the office, come and see us quickly!!!

Please keep our gateways clear!

We would be really grateful if parents could not block the gateways or pavements at drop off and pick up. It is fantastic that some parents want to chat and we love that our school community is so friendly and warm. However, please could you ensure these meetings don't stop parents or passers-by from walking past. Thank you!

Autism South West Network

for parents and carers of children and young people who have autism or social communication difficulties



The meeting is open to all parents/carers

Understanding Sensory Differences

9.30-11.30 a.m. on Friday 23rd June 2017

Longwell Green Primary School, Ellacombe Road, BS30 9BA

5.00-7.00 p.m. on Thursday 29th June 2017 (repeat session)

Raysfield Infants School, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6JE

Meet other parents who have a child with autism.

Ask questions about autism.

Find support and advice from autism specialists.

Learn about sensory sensitivities and how to support your child

Receive a free resource to take away.

Enjoy light refreshments.



Further information from claire.phillips@southglos.gov.uk 01454 868598

If possible, please email to let me know that you are attending or ring the number above.

£10 per parent or £15 per family (cheques or cash on the day)

Follow **@autismsouthwest** for autism advice and information.