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Newsletter 13 – 2nd December 2019

We celebrate our similarities and differences and respect the rights of others.

Diary Dates

FoCP Christmas Fair

Year R WOW Event – phonics sessions

Year 3 and 4 WOW event

KS1 Performance - Dress Rehearsal to Grandparents

Christmas Jumper Day

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Choir Trip to Hippodrome

Christmas Dinner Day

Carols at Courtney

Saturday 7th Dec 11.00am–1.00pm

Mon 9th – Fri 13th Dec 9.00–9.30am

Wednesday 11th December 2.45pm

Thursday 12th December @ 2.00pm

Friday 13th December

Friday 13th December @ 2.00pm

Monday 16th December @ 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th December @ 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th Dec 6.30–8.00pm

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 2 Mon 4th November – Fri 21st Dec;

Term 3 Mon 6th January – Fri 14th February;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 24th February, Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News



Sometimes, when something really sad happens, it motivates us to act differently and make a positive change.

Started by Grace selling her hair, spurred on by our Year 6 children and supported by the wider school community, we have raised an enormous £958.40 for Children's Hospice South West. With many family budgets tight, this is a sign of the generosity of you all. The money is already making a difference.

We hope many of your children will enjoy a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th. Please see how to sign them up below.

And finally, I hope to see some of you at our Christmas Fair. Doors open at 11am.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Penny E-G

Year 2 Ash: Isabel H

Year 3 Lime: Lily C

Year 4 Maple: Alex P

Year 5 Sycamore: Jayden S

Year 6 Cedar: Shayla B

Attendance Total 95.5%

YR Cherry 93.4%

Y1 Oak 95.2%

Y2 Ash 94.0%

Y3 Lime 97.0%

Y4 Maple 99.0%

Y5 Sycamore 93.5%

Y6 Cedar 96.8%



Reading Certificates

Oliver P, Charlie G, Oskar J, Dylan J, Kaylee-Rose H, Jessica C, Jacob F, Megan A, Mia F, Lily C, Corey H, Ivey C, Emily C, Iliana B, Kinga S, Evie E, Nevaeh E, Arya B, Fletcher A, Lucia B, Ben R, Megan L, Jack B, Lacey B, Ruby G-M, Sam K, Bryony P, Liam B, Sam W, Carmen C



Multiplication Masters

George G, Lacey F, Harry Mc, Logan P, Aiden H



Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas JUMPER DAY



This year we will be joining in with the National "Wear A Christmas Jumper Day" on **Friday 13th December**. We have chosen to support the charity **Help Homeless Bristol**, a voluntary led group which provides vital support to the homeless close to where we live. I am sure that you will agree that homelessness is a big issue and with the cold weather and the onset of Christmas it is even more saddening for those without a place to call home.

With that in mind we are asking that pupils kindly bring to school a small monetary contribution e.g.

50p or an item from the following list:

Bottled water, fizzy drinks, fruit juice, pot noodle type foods, individually wrapped snack bars, mini marshmallows, chocolate, biscuits, crisps, cereal bars, cuppa soup/ pasta packets, sanitary wear, wet wipes, roll on deodorant, mini shower gel/ shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mini tissue packs.

Any new warm socks, gloves, scarves and hats would be very gratefully received and any preloved warm coats, sleeping bags and tents would be put to very good use. *(If money is tight, please do not feel obliged to send in a donation; nobody will notice who has or who has not contributed but a jumper may still be worn.)*

We will be speaking to the children sensitively about the issue of homelessness and remembering how lucky we all are in comparison to many. We hope you will support this event. **Miss Park**



Reception Class

Reception would like donations of any unwanted:

Wrapping paper, gift ribbon and bows, Christmas decorations (baubles and tinsel) and Christmas cards

Also tent pegs or similar to hold down mesh to go over the sand pit. Thank you

Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 23rd December 7.45am – 3.00pm

We are planning lots of Christmassy fun including making Christmas cakes and decorations. Please return completed forms to the office as quickly as possible as places are filling up fast!

Year R WOW Event

Parents are invited to attend YR phonics sessions being held every morning from Monday 9th Dec to Friday 13th December from 9.00-9.30am.

Year 5 Shoe Making Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 5 were very lucky to receive a shoe making workshop from Ollie and Lucy from Ottowin Footwear. They are Cordwainers (leather shoe makers) who use traditional tools and methods to make very high-quality footwear. Year 5 were struck by their enthusiasm, passion and expertise in making shoes. They were given demonstrations and shown how to use tools: clicking knife; lasting pincers; hole puncher; awl and leather hammers. This workshop ties in brilliantly with the topic of 'What did the Victorians do for us?'. There was a huge shoe making industry in and around Kingswood with factories in Kingswood, Hanham and inner city Bristol during the Victorian era. With a growing need for reducing waste and recycling, the children in Year 5 are using 100% recycled materials to make shoes for themselves. We will share our wonderful creations by the end of term. Thank you Ollie and Lucy for such an immersive and interesting workshop.

You can check out Ollie and Lucy's handiwork at:

<https://www.ottowinfootwear.co.uk/>



OoSC Activities

On Friday 20th December breakfast club will be having a Christmas themed breakfast with Santa. Children will need to be in by 8.15am and spaces are limited so please use the booking system.

Next week we will be making Christmas decorations all week. Send your child in for lots of Christmassy fun!



Friends of Courtney Primary Fair

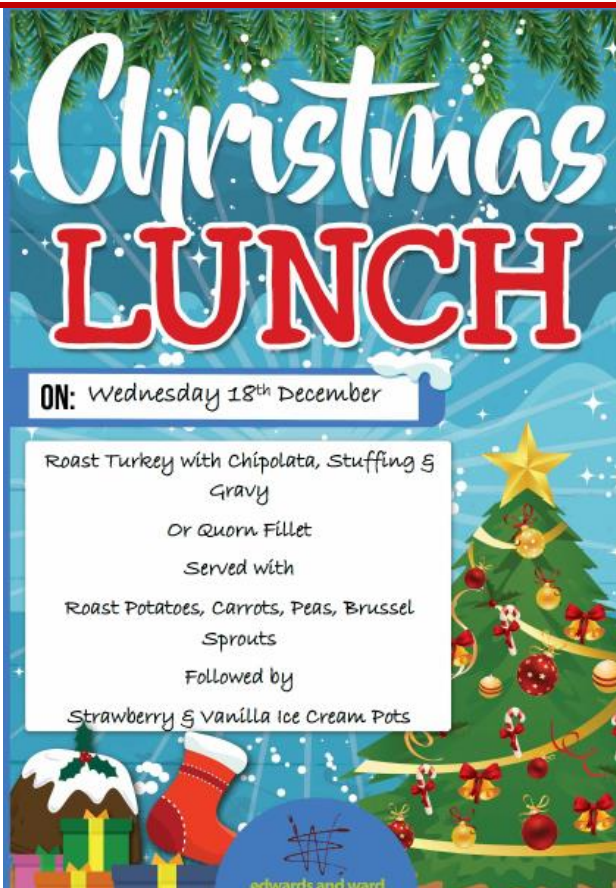
Reminder: Tomorrow is the **FoCP Christmas Fair** from 11am to 1pm. Please come along and join us for lots of fun. Stalls includes Santa's Grotto, Adult and Children's tombolas, Teddy Tombola, Lucky Dip, our new Christmas Tree Pong game and much more! There is still a chance to win the Family Hamper and Toy Hampers at the fair. The winners will be announced at 12.45pm during the fair.

Thank you to all who have helped in the preparations for the fair and those who are volunteering to be on a stall. Money raised will most likely go towards upgrading the Reception play area and new Wall Art in the library, amongst other things.



Friends of Courtney Primary Christmas Merchandise

Thank you to all families who bought Christmas cards and merchandise with their child's drawing. FOCP raised £170 for the school. We hope the cards will also bring lots of joy to our families.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December. In order to establish the numbers to cater for, we will be texting parents/carers on Monday 9th December and asking you to text back with a Yes or No for your child/children. Please look out for the text.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Harvest Collection Thank You



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*Free courses starting in January 2020.

Cadbury Heath Area			
Course Title	Date and Time	Venue	No weeks
Functional Skills Maths	Tues 12.30pm-2.30pm; Starts 7 th January 2020	Batch Community Centre	21 weeks
Introduction to Using Spreadsheets (IT course)	Weds 1pm-3pm Starts 15 th January 2020	Batch Community Centre	5 weeks
Functional Skills English	Thurs 9.45am-11.45am Starts 9 th January 2020	Batch Community Centre	22 weeks
Developing Writing Styles (Creative Writing)	Thurs 10am-12pm Starts 16 th January 2020	Batch Community Centre	10 weeks
Writing for Competitions (Creative Writing)	Thurs 1pm-3pm Starts 16 th January 2020	Batch Community Centre	10 weeks
NOCN Level 1 Award in Childcare	Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm Starts 16 th January 2020	Warmley Community Centre	10 weeks
First Aid at Work (Accredited Course)	Tues 10am-2pm 21 st & 28 th January 2020	Longwell Green Community Centre	2 weeks
Hanham Area			
IT for Improvers	Mon 1pm-3pm Starts 20 th January 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
ESOL in the Community **	Tues 10am-12pm Starts 21 st January 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
NOCN Level 1 Award in Health & Social Care	Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm Starts 23 rd January 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
Functional Skills Maths	Fri 10am-12pm Starts 10 th January 2020	Hanham Community Centre	21 weeks
Sewing for Wellbeing	Weds 10am-12pm Starts 22 nd April 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
Kingswood Area			
Functional Skills Maths	Tues 9.30am-11.30am Starts 7 th January 2020	The Park Centre	21 weeks
NOCN Level 1 Award in Office Admin Skills	Weds 9.30am-12pm Starts 8 th January 2020	Kingsmeadow@Madeforever	12 weeks
ESOL in the Community	Weds 9.30am-11.30am Starts 22 nd January 2020	Kingswood Civic Centre	10 weeks
Functional Skills English	Weds 10am-12pm Starts 8 th January 2020	The Park Centre	22 weeks
Functional Skills English	Weds 1pm-3pm Starts 8 th January 2020	The Park Centre	22 weeks
Functional Skills ICT	Weds 12.45pm-2.45pm Starts 22 nd January 2020	The Park Centre	15 weeks
Developing your Study Skills	Weds 1pm-3pm Starts 22 nd January 2020	Kingswood Civic Centre	8 weeks

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*For adults aged 19+ with low or no qualifications.

**ESOL courses are for those whose English is not their first language. These courses and accredited employability courses are subject to fees unless you are on means-tested benefits. Please ring for further information

For further details, and to book a place please contact Mark Lawrence, Community Learning Development Worker on 01454 864613, email: mark.lawrence2@southglos.gov.uk or check out: www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning



