

Curiosity

## Newsletter 19 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

'We set ourselves ambitious targets and dare to have big dreams.'

### Diary Dates

Calculation Information Evening Y1 & Y2

**Year 6 SATs Meeting**

School Disco

**Parents'/Carers' Evening 1**

Parents'/Carers' Evening 2

**Sports Day**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 5-6pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 5-6pm**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.00-7.30pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Holidays:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb; Mon 26 March – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April; Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

### Headteacher's News

Thank you very much to each of you who has helped us to keep our attendance above our 96% target. With all the snuffles and bugs going round, this has been an achievement in itself! Every day counts when it comes to school so please can I remind you that holidays should be taken in holiday time and medical appointments made after school when at all possible. Our teachers can only teach if the children are in and any absence means that gaps in learning are created.

And finally, this week we say a very fond farewell to Mrs Lorraine Young - star of our Out of School Club, Teaching Assistant and occasional dinner supervisor. She has been a positive presence at Courtney and every day she has come in with that wide smile and warm welcome from dawn to dusk. I know that she will miss us as much as we will miss her. We wish her all the very best in her new job. Have a lovely holiday everyone. **Deborah Wood**

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

Year R Cherry: Jessica

Year 1 Oak: Megan

Year 2 Ash: Leia Louise

Year 3 Lime: Liam

Year 4 Maple: Ella-Mae / Cole / Bethany

Year 5 Sycamore: Dean

Year 6 Cedar: Freya



### Attendance Total 96.5%

YR Cherry 96.9%

Y1 Oak 95.0%

Y2 Ash 98.5%

Y3 Lime 97.4%

Y4 Maple 94.8%

Y5 Sycamore 96.5%

Y6 Cedar 97.4%



### Reading Certificates

**These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:**

Evie, Ashley, Lily, Katie, Dylan, Jessica, Alexander, Bethany, Cole, Ella, Lily-Mae, Imogen, Cameron, Dominik, Edie, Archie, Lily-Mae, Madison, Isabel, Mark, Ricky, Evelyn, Eva, Tyler



### Multiplication Masters

Josh



### Key Stage 2 SATs

Just a reminder to you that the KS2 SATs week which affects our Year 6 is the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May this year. Look out for the Parents' Meeting which will be happening soon.

## Better than one Star

We were really disappointed when the Bristol Post recently published a table in which they rated Courtney Primary as having one out of five stars. We know we are better than that!



## Academic

We are still working on our gaps, but there is a lot to be proud of. The Mathematics consultant who has been supporting the school recently reported:

*"...the books held a wealth of evidence which demonstrated clear differentiation and progression in learning...Higher ability pupils engaged in a good amount of reasoning opportunities."*

The English consultant who has been working with us since September, visited again this week. She said:  
*"Purposeful writing is now a strength...Children are writing more accurately and using a wider range of appropriate grammar because the reason for writing is so secure."*

At the end of last year 2017:

- Our Good Level of Development (GLD) - the measure at the end of Reception class - was above National (Courtney 71%, National 70.7%).
- Children meeting the Phonics Threshold in Y1 was well above National (Courtney 86.4%, National 81.2%).
- Only one child had not met the Phonics Threshold by the time they left Y2.
- At the end of KS1, in Y2: our Reading was above National (Courtney 78.6%, National 75.5%) and our Maths Greater Depth was above National (Courtney 28.6%, National 20.5%).
- At the end of KS2, in Y6, our progress was:
  - in Reading average compared to National
  - in Writing our progress was better than average compared to National (however because of the confidence intervals, it only appears as average on the published table).

Unfortunately, in 2017 only, the tests for the children proved a step too far for some of the children. Quite a few of them were so close but just fell short of the 'expected' mark especially in Mathematics. This, then brought our Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics percentage down.

## Leadership

In our latest Local Authority Review, they reported:

*"Senior Leaders have an increased, shared understanding of the range of support being provided by external advisers..."*

The combined work of the leaders has been acknowledged to have actions focused on clear priorities and that whole school consistency is clear, especially in the learning environments.

## Behaviour

The dance teachers and supply teachers who have been working in our school over the last two terms have, without exception, complimented us on the behaviour of our children. They all work in a range of other schools and say that ours is one of the nicest to visit.

We are so fortunate to have hard-working and reflective professionals who all work tirelessly to ensure the emotional, social and academic needs of your children are met. The first teachers arrive at about 7am, the last leave when the school is locked up at 6pm. The dedication they give to their role so that each child is able to reach their potential and make a positive contribution to society as they grow up is second to none.

We are not a one star school! If ever you need reassurance that we are doing the best for your child, or even want to come and see the school in action at a time other than a WOW event, please do come and let us know.

## Menu Changes for the coming year

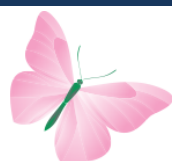


### Chinese New Year

- Chinese Chicken Noodles
- Chicken and Pineapple
- Vegetable Chow Mein
- Oriental Fried Rice
- Cucumber and Carrot Sticks
- Fruit Fritters

Thursday 22nd February 2018

February	March	April	May	June
Chinese New Year Thursday 22nd February	Sports Relief 17th - 23rd March	St Georges Day Monday 23rd April	Spring Carnival Monday 14th May	Father's day Monday 18th June
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Little Foodies Theme Days</h3>				
World chocolate day Thursday 5th July	National Roald Dahl Day Thursday 13th September	Surprise Pudding Week 21st - 26th October	Bonfire Night Tuesday 6th November	Christmas Dinner
July	September	October	November	December



## Little Princess Trust

A charity to provide real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss

Grace from year 4 is raising money for the little princess trust , a charity who makes wigs for children suffering with hair loss, by having her hair cut shorter.

We are supporting her and the charity with the school council running a cake sale after school on Thursday 22nd September.

You can also donate by going onto the just giving page and search for Grace Strickland.

### Courtney is recruiting!

We are still looking to 1 [Out of School Club Supervisor](#) and we are also looking to recruit a [Lunch Break Supervisor](#). More information is on our website on the 'Recruitment' page in 'General information' and also on the Eteach Job Website. Please spread the work to anyone who you think might be interested.