

Resilience

Newsletter 3 – 22nd Sept 2017
‘We are resilient and celebrate all our efforts.’

Diary Dates

New Reception Parents meeting – 2018 Intake
Closing Date for Logo Design Competition
Friends of Courtney Primary (FOCP) Meeting (all welcome)
Year 6 Class Assembly
Individual School Photographs
Reception Class WOW Event
Break Up

Thursday 28th September 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 6th October 3:15pm
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Monday 9th October @ 2.40pm
Monday 16th October
Wednesday 18th Oct @ 9.15am
Friday 20th October

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

In the diary dates section, you will notice some WOW events appearing. These are opportunities for each class to show off what they have been learning and for you to either learn alongside your child or share your child's learning, depending on the type of WOW event the teacher has planned. They are intended to show you a glimpse of what happens in school and therefore strengthen our partnership.

Clearly, some of you have work commitments which prevent you being available to attend during the school day, but grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all welcome (though not all at once as then they won't all fit in the classroom!). The WOW events usually last about half an hour.

And finally, well done to our footballers who had a really successful tournament this week (see below). Such hard work on the pitch should be reflected in looking the part so we are going to get new kit!

Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Millie
Year 2 Ash: Marcel
Year 3 Lime: Madison
Year 4 Maple: Harrison
Year 5 Sycamore: Isaac
Year 6 Cedar: Ellie



Attendance Total 96.1%

YR Cherry 98.5%
Y1 Oak 94.9%
Y2 Ash 96.8%
Y3 Lime 97.6%
Y4 Maple 94.6%
Y5 Sycamore 94.3%
Y6 Cedar 98.0%



House Captains

The children have been busy voting for who they would like to represent them this year as their House Captain. The results are as follows:

Badger House – Ashley (Captain), Kelsey (Deputy)

Otter House – Tyler (Captain), Gracie (Deputy)

Deer House – Lauren (Captain), Mason (Deputy)

Hedgehog House – Evie (Captain), Tyler (Deputy)

Fox House – Sam (Captain), Hollie-Rose (Deputy)

Squirrel House – Victoria (Captain), Kyron (Deputy)

Well done everyone.

School Council

The following children have been elected as this years' School Councillors:

Y2 – Jessica and Harry

Y3 – Liam and Ruby

Y4 – Alexander and Grace

Y5 – Brooke and Logan

Y6 – to be confirmed as they have been busy electing House Captains this week

Congratulations to them all.

Revised reading reward scheme – from September 2017

"Reading is breathing in, writing is breathing out"

Following a consultation process with our pupils we have revised our reading reward scheme. It is now called **'Reading 25s'**.

Each day that your child reads outside school hours (listened to and recorded by a parent/carer) counts towards a certificate. When your child has 25 reads, a certificate will be given in assembly and your child's next goal is 50 reads. The certificates will ascend in multiples of 25. Reading books from home or the library also contribute towards the certificates. Please ensure your child has a balanced reading diet of books from home and those sent home from school.

In order to help us make sure we keep proper track of your child's reads, please could you record the number as you go along as set out below

Date	Book title and page number	Comments
4.9.17 1	Superheroes	Great reading. (Signed parent/carer)
5.9.17 2	My life as a Victorian Maid	Good reading, you used the contents page well. (Signed parent/carer)
6.9.17 3	Reptiles	Interesting facts about reptiles! (Signed parent/carer)
When your child reaches a 25 milestone, please indicate in the same way.		
3.10.17 25	My life at sea	We talked about the story together. Great understanding. (Signed parent/carer)

Year 3 and 4 Football

Wednesday also saw 10 Year 3 & 4 boys take part in a football tournament against 11 other schools. Mr Smith reported that the team showed fantastic teamwork, which led to the winning of the majority of their games!



A huge 'Well Done' to Haydn, Ivan, Dylan, Sam and Mark (Y3) and Alexander, Liam, Oliver, Thomas and Henry (Y4).

Year 5 – Wasps!!!

On Wednesday, Year 5 were ushered into the hall for lessons as a wasps nest was discovered outside their classroom. Approximately 3000 wasps decided to make a planter their home out of little bits of wood and cardboard found nearby. Fortunately, the nest has now been removed and Year 5 have returned to lessons as normal. A big 'Well Done' for taking the changes in their stride! **Mr Jones**

Competition Time

Our school PTA is rebranding! Instead of being called a Parent Teachers Association, they are changing their name to 'Friends of Courtney Primary' (FOCP) in order to better reflect the wider range of friends and family members who have an interest in helping the school.

So ... they would like a new logo. We invite all families to submit a design.

RULES:

1. It can be drawn by either adults, children or a mixture of both.
2. It needs to be in colour – but also look effective in a black and white version.
3. Any writing is optional – we can add that at a later stage.
4. Entries should be about A5 size – we will resize the winning logo to suit.
5. Closing date for entries is **Friday 6th October** by 3:15pm

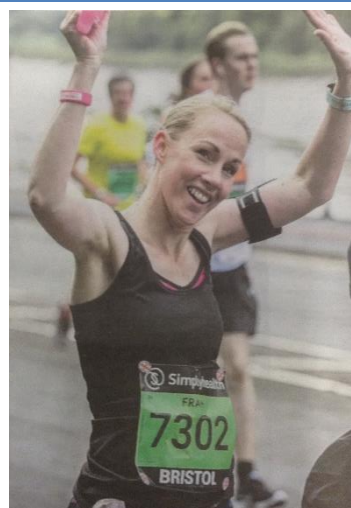


Good luck, everybody. You have to be in it to win it!

FOCP Friends of Courtney Primary

The next FOCP meeting will be on **Friday 6th October at 3.15pm**, everyone welcome.

FOCP have also launched a Twitter and Facebook page for you to keep up to date with events and as a way for you to contact them direct. Look for [@courtneyfriends](#) on both services.



Congratulations

To Mrs Florendine who finished the Bristol Half Marathon in a hugely impressive 1 hour 58 minutes.

To John Billetteri, husband of Julie one of our cleaners, who has made it to the final of the Pride of Britain in the West Country for his charity work.

And to Mrs Castle, who has just passed her Movement to Music instructor's qualification.



The school is very proud of our active, motivated community.

Dogs

A gentle reminder that the school is a dog-free zone.

Please do not bring dogs, whether carried or on a lead, onto the school premises.

Also, if you are waiting for your child at one of the gates because you have a dog with you, could you make sure that you stand back from the entrance so as not to alarm either the children or the dog. We have some pupils and parents who are allergic to dogs and we would like to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all our pupils

Thank you for your support in this.



Initially Yours Uniform Suppliers

You will be really shocked to hear that received a letter from Initially Yours, addressed to all of the school it supplies uniform to, informing us of the abuse some of their young staff experienced on the last couple of days of the summer holidays. This includes being spat at, items thrown at staff and verbal aggression!

We know that none of the parents at Courtney would be involved in such behaviour, but as a consequence next year there will be a strict deadline for all schools to place any orders by of **5th August 2018**.