



Newsletter 21 – 8th March 2019

*'We take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing,
even when it's difficult.'*

Diary Dates

Speed, Agility and Quickness Festival Y2

Y2 Scooter Training

Infant Agility Y1& Y2

Agility Session Y3& Y4

Red Nose Day: Wear something red for a donation

Poetry Week

Parents & Carers Evening

Parents & Carers Evening Y2 only

Dress up as book character on Poetry Day

Parents & Carers Evening

House Poetry Slam (wear House T-shirt)

Book Fair Arrives

Year 1 Class Assembly

School Disco

STEM Week: (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). All WOW Events.

Tag Rugby Festival Y3&Y4

Monday 11th March

Tuesday 12th March

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

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Week Beginning 18th March

Tuesday 19th March 4.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Thursday 21st March 4.00-7.00pm

Friday 22nd March

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Monday 25th March @ 2.45pm

Friday 29th March 6.00-7.30pm

Week Beginning 1st April

Wednesday 3rd April pm

Headteacher's News

Yesterday, we had our latest visit from the Local Authority as they continue to track and support us on our journey to an Ofsted rating of 'Good'. This time we asked them to add a wider curriculum focus as this is an area they hadn't previously looked at. Some of the areas of strength they identified in their visit were:

- The learning behaviours of our children.
- The broad and balanced curriculum we provide with plenty of opportunities to both inspire and to apply skills.
- A strong Science curriculum which has plenty of practical learning.
- The strength and passion of the subject leaders.

We continue to strive for improvement so that we provide each of your children with the high-quality education they deserve.

And finally, I do hope that your children are enjoying our new library. It is now up and running with the school librarians are now trained to run dinnertime lending clubs. Have a good weekend. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Penny E-G

Year 1 Oak: Oliver S

Year 2 Ash: Ashley B

Year 3 Lime: Mitchell E

Year 4 Maple: Jack B

Year 5 Sycamore: Josh B

Year 6 Cedar: Lewis B



Attendance Total 97.0%

YR Cherry 94.3%

Y1 Oak 96.8%

Y2 Ash 97.5%

Y3 Lime 98.4%

Y4 Maple 97.8%

Y5 Sycamore 97.3%

Y6 Cedar 97.1%



Reading Certificates

Eva R, George B, Rheo F, Leia-Louise P, Kamil S, Caitlyn J, Kane F, Peter M, Kinga S, Eleanor R, Jack B, Lacey B, Isaac G, Ava S, Kallum G, Bradley L, Samantha P, Marieanne M, Thomas W, Grace S, Kaylee-Rose H, Joseph G, Ruby B, Kieshia B



Multiplication Masters

Leia-Louise P, William M, Alexandria P, Harry J, George G, Ruby M, Beatrice S, Katie D



World Book and Poetry Day Mash Up 21st March 2019

We are celebrating World Book Day and World Poetry Day on Thursday 21st March. Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. This celebration also ties in with our Poetry week and RE week. As a result, we have decided to base the poems on the theme 'Windows on the soul'. After a poetry slam on the Friday (more details to follow), ten selected poems will be sent to NATRE (National Association of Teachers of Religious Education) as part of our WIRE (Widening Inclusion in RE) award.



Events during the week

On Monday, there'll be a whole-school immersion activity for the children based on the theme. On Thursday (World Poetry Day), the children and staff will come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Following the success of last year, there will also be a parade of World Book Day outfits in the afternoon. In their House teams, children will also have a shared reading time on that day. On Friday, again in House Teams, there will be a poetry slam where the children will read their poems and hear poems from other children from other classes. We have invited Reverend Beverly (Holy Trinity Church) to judge the poems for entry in the WIRE award competition.

Library competition

To support the second phase of the library developments (wall decorations), children are being sent home with a task (see attached) to choose their favourite book quote and character. During World Book and Poetry Day, classes will vote for their top 5 from their class and, if possible, these quotes and characters will be included in the library design.

Swimming Gala

Well done to our swimming gala team who represented Courtney at our first ever Swimming Gala. You should all be really proud!



Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March it is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to wear a red top, hair ornament or nose in return for a suggested donation of £1.

Eco Club

We urgently need clean, empty 2 litre fizzy drinks bottles. Please bring them to the office, thank you.



FoCP

Tickets for the school disco will be on sale from next week at pick up and drop off outside the Library doors.

The Friends of Courtney Primary want to hear from you! If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to fundraise or indeed spend money for the school, send an email to **chairfocp@gmail.com**. Any sensible ideas will be considered! The more we raise, the more we spend, all in the interests of our children at the school.

Community

Community Children's Health Partnership

NHS

School Age Speech and Language Therapy Team

Training for Teachers and SENCo's

Developing Communication in the Home for Parents

How to make your home Communication Friendly

Free Speech and Language Training for parents/carers with children attending Bristol & South Glos Schools.

Training Objectives

Session 1

- How communication develops
- What is a communication friendly environment?
- Parent/carer: child interaction strategies
- The physical and sensory environment

Session 2

- Feedback from session 1
- The importance of rules and routines for encouraging communication
- Using visuals to support communication at home

Please attend **both** training sessions

Location: Knowle Clinic, Broadfield Road, BS4 2UH

Dates: Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 21st May 2019

Times: 9.30 – 12.30

To Book a place, email: SLTtrainingteam@cchp.nhs.uk

By Monday 22nd April 2019

Lifeskills Centre, Bristol Evening Post tokens

As you may be aware Lifeskills was unsuccessful in gaining funding to cover free visits to the Centre during 2018/19 for Year 6 children entitled to free school meals. This meant that many schools have been asked to pay the standard fee for all children.

The good news is that Lifeskills has been nominated for an Airbus Community Award which, if we win, will be specifically used to pay for free visits for children from high health need areas.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WIN!

Lifeskills has the chance of winning a share of £20,000. Tokens are being printed in the Bristol Post between now and 18th March, we need to collect as many as possible in order to win.

Can you spread the word about the competition and ask parents, teachers or school staff to start collecting tokens? You will need to make sure that any tokens collected are sent in before the closing date of 18th March.