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### *Newsletter 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016*

'We work well together and on our own.'

#### **Diary Dates**

Teamwork

Parents'/Carers' Evening
Year 6 Sevington Victorian School Trip
Parents'/Carers' Evening
Aspiration and Enterprise Week (please see letter below)
Individual pupil photos
Year 5 @Bristol School Trip
Out of School Club Logo Competition Ends
Reception Class – WOW Event
Break Up for Half Term
Year 3 Earth Science Centre School Trip

INSET Days Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-7pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-7pm Week beg Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Headteacher's News**

Last night, the parents/carers of children in Cherry class came to a Phonics Evening. There was a bit of letter formation practice, some Jolly Phonics actions and some segmenting and blending of sounds. Hopefully, all of you who attended will find it useful when helping your child at home. Thank you for coming and thank you to Mrs Florendine, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Young who, between them, ran the information sharing and the crèche.

Today will also see the first class assembly since I started here at Courtney. Cedar class have bravely agreed to go first; I am sure their learning on 'Growth Mindsets' will stand them in good stead. Have a good weekend.

**Deborah Wood** 

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

Year R Cherry:
Year 1 Oak: Evie
Year 2 Ash: Lacey
Year 3 Lime: Rosie
Year 4 Maple: Lily-Mae
Year 5 Sycamore: Freya
Year 6 Cedar: Ben



#### **Attendance**

YR Cherry 97.1% Y1 Oak 95.9% Y2 Ash 95.6% Y3 Lime 96.5% Y4 Maple 94.8% Y5 Sycamore 95.8%





#### **Aspiration and Enterprise Week**

Year 3 are collecting jars (no lids) of any shape or size for our Aspiration and Enterprise week, please bring them by 14<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **School Census**

Thank you so much to all the parents who supported the school by encouraging your child to have school dinners yesterday. We had a great uptake which should help our funds for the next financial year. Congratulations to the 4 lucky finders of our winning trays!

#### **Money Payments**

The Office are currently looking at ways to streamline the process for paying money to help parents and staff. We will be doing this in 2 ways:

Firstly, we are looking to introduce an online payment system so you can make your payments at home online, in the office with a card or in a shop via Paypoint. We will be trialling this system with the Y3 trip to Earth Science Centre (letters coming home shortly). All being well we will be looking to introduce it across the school before Christmas.

Secondly, we want to simplify the way cash payments are made. When paying by cash please can you pay in 1 of 2 ways. Please come to reception where we will have a payments box and envelopes which you can mark the name of the child, amount and what the payment is for. Or please send the money in with your child in an envelope marked with their name, the amount and what it is for.

Please can you not pass loose money to teachers on the door or ask your child to leave money in the office. We want to be sure your money is accounted for and reaches the right place!

#### **Out of School Cooked Breakfasts!**

We are delighted to announce that on the last Friday of the month, the Breakfast Club Staff will be serving a cooked breakfast of bacon and eggs! The dates for these will be:

Thursday 20th October

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

You are able to just send your child in on the day. However, if you do know in advance that you would like your child to attend that Friday and that they would like a cooked breakfast, please do let us know so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone!



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#### **Dear Parents**

#### Aspiration and Enterprise Week 17th October - 20th October 2016

I write to inform you about our exciting week coming up in school soon and ways that you might want to get involved. The purpose of the week is for the children to think about what jobs they might like in the future, what skills these might involve and ways to make and be sensible with money.

#### Monday 17th October - Dress as your future self' day

We will be having a 'dress as your future self' day on launch the week. This involves the children dressing up as the job they might like to do in the future. Costumes do not have to be elaborate! We will be having a 'fashion show' as part of the school assembly that day.

#### **During the week** - Make a product to sell

Each class will be making a product or providing a service to sell on. Discussions will be had about profitability, especially with the older children, so teachers may be getting in contact with parents to see if they can donate any recyclable materials. Glass jars are particularly needed.

#### **Visitors to School**

We are hoping that we will have a variety of people from the local community into school to talk to the class about their jobs and what it entails.

If you feel you are able to do the same, please contact the school office so that we can arrange with you.

#### Thursday 20th October - Enterprise Fayre

The school will be open from 2.45pm so that you can look at what the children have made and purchase some items from any class, not just from your own children's class. Any profits will be shared between the class and a charity, to be decided by the children themselves during the week. We suggest a maximum of £2 to spend on these items, although many items will be costed at much less.

As we will be teaching the children about where money comes from, it would be good if you could reinforce this idea at home in the coming week. We would like to suggest that any money spent at the fayre is earned (rather than coming from that magic money tree at the bottom of the garden.) Attached is a form to use if you wish.

Ways that they could earn money could include helping around the house by washing up, keeping bedroom tidy, making bed or relinquishing another treat such having a bag of sweets!

Yours Sincerely
Theresa Gee
Deputy Headteacher/PSHE Leader



## My Money-Earning Sheet

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Who I did a job for	What job I did	How much I earned

Total