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Newsletter 18 – 24th January 2020

We committ ourselves to ambitious targets at home and at school

Diary Dates

Y4 WOW Event (Times Tables Rock Stars)

Y1 and 2 WOW Event - Phonics

Year R WOW Event

Year 3 WOW Event – Maths focus

Safer Internet Day

Y5 & 6 WOW 2 – Mayan Curriculum & Safer Internet Day (E-safety recap)

Last Day of Term

FoCP Spring Disco

Y6 Life Skills visit has been rearranged for 13th July 2020

Monday 27th Jan @ 9.00am

W/C Monday 3rd Feb 1.00-1.30pm

Monday 3rd Feb @ 9.00am

Wednesday 5th Feb @ 2.45pm

Tues 11th Feb

Tues 11th Feb 8:50-10.00am (after drop off)

Friday 14th February

Friday 20th March 6.00-7.30pm

Term Dates 2019-20:

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

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

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

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

Headteacher's News

You may have seen in the news that Greta Thunberg has been speaking in Davos this week, once again raising the issue of climate change and the need to make changes to save the planet.

Here at Courtney, we are very keen to make changes to our practices to reduce our carbon footprint and impact on the planet. We have "eco monitors" to help ensure all lights are turned off in unused rooms and this week, we have signed up to only use "green" electricity and gas from April. This will cost the school a little bit more money but we believe that this is one way we can make changes to help sustain our planet. On top of that, our FoCP are already making great strides into reducing their use of single-use plastic at events. We are currently looking at ways we can ask our pupils to do more to further reduce our impact. If you have any ideas or would like to help us with this, please get in touch.

And finally, we are ending our week with a special treat as the choir are performing in our Celebration Assembly at the end of the day. If anyone has any Scottish connections, have a Happy Burns Night tomorrow. **D Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Ava B

Year 1 Oak: Emily C

Year 2 Ash: Ruby H

Year 3 Lime: Peter M

Year 4 Maple: Molly Mc

Year 5 Sycamore: Oscar W

Year 6 Cedar: Liam C

Attendance Total 95.9%

YR Cherry 94.4%

Y1 Oak 96.0%

Y2 Ash 95.0%

Y3 Lime 97.1%

Y4 Maple 98.7%

Y5 Sycamore 93.8%

Y6 Cedar 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Ellie N, Marcel Z, Megan A, Peter M, Jessica G, Mia F, Rheo F, Jessica L, Joey H, Oliver A, Katie D, Ruby M, Mark W, Ella-Mae L.



Multiplication Masters

Eva R, Brody C-H, Jacob F, Indy Mc, Demi-Leigh G, Bella-Rose P, Jessica L, Oliver S, Lilly B, Ivan C, Katie D.



Sports News

This week saw 3 sporting events.

In the first sporting event of the week four Year 5/6 children took a trip to Mangotsfield school to participate in a New Age Kurling event. This game requires skill, concentration and tactical awareness. All four children did themselves and Courtney proud. They played 5 games and came top on 2 of them. Thank you to the parents who came to watch.

Team:

Logan, Eleanor R, Archie C, Lacey F

Today saw the Dodgeball team play at UWE in the regional finals. We played 4 games (D,L,D,W) coming 3rd out of 12 teams. Our final game, in particular, saw a great comeback and a well fought game. It has been a huge achievement for Courtney to get this far, let alone coming 3rd in our group. In addition, the sportsmanship that our team showed to others made us even more proud. The next Dodgeball event will be in March.

Team:

Oscar W, Tom W, Henry W, Kiesha B, Samantha P, Maiah P, Alex C.

Our third and final event is the football match that takes place after school today.

Mr Smith



Year 1 and 2 WOW Event

Year 1 and 2's WOW event this term will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come and watch how phonics is taught in KS1. Week commencing 3rd February, parents are invited to watch our phonics lesson from 1:00 until 1:30. There will be a sign up sheet available for the Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week outside the doors at pick up time next week. There will space for 7/8 adults per day. Looking forward to seeing you all,

Miss Ford and Miss Inman

Library

Remember our school library is open every Thursday straight after school. Come and choose a new book and look at our fabulous new wall art.

Friends of Courtney Primary

If you work for a beauty salon (or know someone who does), we would be very grateful for any donations of beauty treatment vouchers such as a manicure, facial or cut and blow dry etc that could be used for our Mother's Day Raffle. We would also welcome any unwanted gifts that may be suitable.



Friends of Courtney Primary school have a new Facebook page to keep you up to date on all the latest events happening, please like us at @focpcourtney

Homework Club

We are noticing that there is still a small amount of children in the school that are not completing their homework or reading at least three times per week at home, as the Courtney School expectations state.

For those children in KS2, we are going to hold a Homework Club with Miss Park on Friday lunchtimes between 12 and 12.30.

As our Home Learning Policy states:

Our policy is built on our belief that:

- ***a child who misses completing their home learning is put at a severe disadvantage in terms of their progress.***
- ***a child who reinforces their key skills at home is more confident in class and therefore happier.***
- ***getting into good home learning habits, starting small, will stand them in good stead for later in life.***

There will still be the chance to eat and to get some fresh air and a run round.

From time to time there may be exceptional circumstances when unexpected or unusual home circumstances make it difficult to complete homework. Please do contact your child's teacher if this is the case and temporary adjustments can be made.

Recruiting – Clerk to Governors

Courtney Primary School is seeking to appoint a Clerk to commence duties with effect from 25 February 2020. The holder of office will be required to liaise with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors / Committees in order to set an appropriate agenda. They will then be required to take detailed, accurate minutes and type them up.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has experience as an administrator
- Is IT literate
- Is well organised
- Has good communication skills
- Is able to take accurate minutes at meetings
- Is able to maintain impartiality and handle confidential minutes
- Is able to attend training sessions during evenings and daytime
- Is capable of advising Governors on changes and updates in legislation and other requirements.

You should be reliable and have a flexible approach. Previous clerking experience is desirable though not essential as training and support will be available.

Start Date: 25th February 2020

Fee: £1,200 - £1,400 per annum (subject to experience)

Position: Part-Time Casual Office Holder Position

Hours: Variable. It is based on 13 meetings (6 Full Governing Body meetings, 4 Resources Committee Meetings and 3 Curriculum meetings) per year. The majority of these meetings are held at 7pm in the evening. All meetings take place in term time.

Closing date: **7th February 2020, 12pm**

Interviews: Week commencing 10th February.

For more information on how to apply, please look at the Recruitment page of our website.

OoSC

The following activities will be taking in place in club each week:

Monday - Junk modelling masterpieces!

Wednesday – Arts and craft workshop

Thursday – Cooking creativity



The extremely popular **Film night** will be returning on Friday 14th February with the new **Lion King**. Book your places now as this tends to sell out!

OoSC are also happy to enable any children in club to do their homework any day of the week.

Community News

Resound Family Resources Newsletter Spring 2020



Parenting is full of highs and lows. Having someone to share these with can make all the difference.

Resound Family Resources offer a number of services for parents which are run by a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers.

Find us on fb: Resound Family @resoundfamilybristol

All enquiries about parenting courses please

email: parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk

Or for Parent Buddies: parentbuddies@resoundbristol.co.uk

Parent Buddies has launched as a separate charity and now have their own website www.parentbuddies.co.uk so please take a look.

'Care for the Family' Positive Parenting Courses

Time Out for Parents Handling Anger in the Family

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 March

7.30pm – 9.30pm

On-line booking opens beginning of February

14 spaces available

Time Out for Parents Children with Additional Needs

Wednesdays 29 April, 6, 13, 20 May, 3, 10, 17 June (break for half term 27 May)

9.30am – 11.30am

On-line booking opens beginning of March.

14 spaces available

To find out more or to book on these courses please visit

www.resoundbristol.co.uk/families or contact: parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk

Mangotsfield Coffee and Support

Support group for parents who have children with additional needs. Do drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and a chat. Just turn up, bring a friend if you like. No need to book.

9.30-11am first Tuesday of the month at Resound

(term-time only) Resound is working in partnership with South Glos Parents

Parent Buddies

Providing confidential short-term informal support within agreed time-scales. Parent Buddies are trained volunteers who offer parents, grandparents and carers a listening ear and support with a particular parenting issue.

Parents can self-refer or be referred.

Contact parentbuddies@resoundbristol.co.uk

www.parentbuddies.co.uk



To find out more about any of these services or to book on our courses please contact:

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