



I am able to change
and be adaptable

Newsletter 38 – 14th July 2017
‘We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks.’
Diary Dates

PTA Summer Fair
Individual Reports Home
Open Afternoon and Twilight for Parents and Carers
Leavers' Family Breakfast
Leavers' Assembly

Saturday 15th July 11.00-1.00pm
Monday 17th July
Tuesday 18th July 1:30 – 5:00pm
Friday 21st July 8.15-9.15am
Friday 21st July 9.30-10.30am

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

It has been another busy week here at Courtney. We have still been plugging away at the Maths and English but on top of that... Cherry class have been on a visit to Avon Valley and even went on a train! Year 3 did some outdoor learning with the RSPB (Tony, the teacher, made a special effort to pop in to tell me what a particularly wonderful time he had had in such a welcoming school and with such well-behaved and enthusiastic children). On top of this the whole school enjoyed a fun afternoon organised by the PTA. And to cap it all, KS2 performed their musical 'Snow White and the Seven Jockeys' in front of a number of large audiences. I am not sure that a play which involves gambling, attempted murder, vanity and greed really fits into our Crown Values but I'll let it go this time! Well done to all involved and thank you to the numerous staff members who gave up their own time to make it all happen.

On Monday, your child will be coming home with their end of year report, which will include attainment against their age expected levels and also levels of attendance. Please pop in after school on Tuesday if you want to discuss any of the content or to give any feedback to the teacher on the learning they planned over the year. Every single one of the teachers has worked extremely hard for your children – it is a myth that their day is 9:00 – 3:15! It would mean a lot to them if you could find the time to let them know if you are happy with what they have done.

Hopefully the weather will remain dry for the Summer Fair tomorrow. See you there.

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This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Indy
Year 1 Oak: Leia-Louise
Year 2 Ash: Eleanor
Year 3 Lime: Kieshia
Year 4 Maple: William
Year 5 Sycamore: Olivia
Year 6 Cedar: Mark



Attendance Total 96.2%

YR Cherry 96.6%
Y1 Oak 95.0%
Y2 Ash 96.9%
Y3 Lime 95.7%
Y4 Maple 96.2%
Y5 Sycamore 96.4%
Y6 Cedar 96.3%



Reading Certificates

Reading 10: Marcel
Reading 20: Liam
Reading 30: Kyle, Jessica
Reading 40: William, Kamil, Caitlyn



Multiplication Masters

Imogen, Aleah, Joseph, Kaylee-Rose



Readers

Well done to all of our fantastic readers. A special mention to Megan in Year 6, who has read 92 books this year!

KS2 Production

We would like to say how proud we are of the KS2 children who took part in 'Snow White and the Seven Jockeys'. They showed great courage and confidence. The singing by all four year groups was fantastic!

Y6 deserve a special mention for all of the hard work they put into the rehearsals over the last two weeks. They performed brilliantly and really entertained their audiences on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Well done to them all!

Mrs Westcott and Mrs Castle



New reading reward scheme – from September 2017

Thank you to all families and children who have enthusiastically engaged with our reading reward scheme – *Reading 5s*, this year. Following discussions with many children from EYFS to Year 6, we have decided to alter our reading reward scheme to reward every effort to read. However, our school expectation for every child to read at least five times a week remains.

Our new reading reward scheme will be called 'Reading 25s', which is an accumulative approach used successfully by many other schools. To put it simply, every day a child reads outside of school (listened to and recorded by a parent/carer) counts towards a certificate. When a child has 25 reads, a certificate will be given in assembly and the child's next goal is 50 reads. The certificates will ascend in multiples of 25.

Over the summer holiday, your child can:

- Continue to work towards their 50 week certificate;
- Take part in the South Gloucestershire Summer Reading Challenge – *Animal Antics*.

Further details of this challenge can be found in a flyer accompanying your child home, or at the following website:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/libraries-childrens-services/record-breakers-summer-reading-challenge-2015/>

Out of School Club - Up Coming Events:

Summer Extravaganza End of Term party – 19th July
Book early to avoid disappointment.



New Uniform Suppliers

We are in the process of changing uniform suppliers. From now on you will be able to purchase all the school uniform and bags from one supplier, Initially Yours.

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clubs and individuals
Sales & Enquiries: 0117 956 0909



From Monday 12th June, you can buy directly from their website: <http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk> or go in to one of their stores, the nearest is in Kingswood. You can then arrange for the clothes to be delivered to you at home (for a fee) or to the store or the school. We hope that in changing to just one supplier with a shop nearby we will make purchasing easier for parents.

We still have some stock in school which we will be selling on a first come first served basis. If you would like to buy more uniform for September from the office, come and see us quickly!!!

Summer Reading Challenge

The theme for this year's reading challenge organised by South Glos. libraries is 'Animal Agents'. Check out their website for special events happening over the Summer.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/libraries-childrens-services/record-breakers-summer-reading-challenge-2015/>



Lifeskills

LEARNING FOR LIVING

Poster Competition



Fabulous Prizes to be won!

Design a poster to help us spread some important safety messages and you could win amazing prizes.

Your poster should be about one (or all!) of these safety messages:-

 **Road Safety**
 **Water Safety**

 **Fire Safety**
 **First Aid**

Make them as fun and colourful as you can. Don't forget to put your name, age, telephone number and the name of your school on the back so that we can let you know if you win.

**Bring your poster to our big
Doors Open Day Event
on 9th September 2017 and you will
receive an extra free gift!**

All the posters will be put up around the Lifeskills Centre on Doors Open Day where there will be lots of other fun things to do including games, treasure hunts and stalls run by the British Transport Police, the RNLI, the Fire Service, Gas Safe Charity and many more.

If you can't make it to the open day you can post your entries to us at:
Lifeskills, The Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol, BS1 6XN.

The closing date for the competition is 9th September 2017.

Visit our website on www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk
for more ideas and information.





The Barn Café

Summer 2017
Grimsbury Farm, BS15 9SE




Throughout the school holiday period we will be arranging activities to keep the children entertained.

For our upcoming events please find us on  

(Friends of Grimsbury Farm)






Cash only






We prepare daily: paninis, baguettes, cakes, jacket potatoes, salads and a variety of drinks and snacks.



Monday to Thursday 0930-1600

Friday 1030-1500

Saturday and Sunday 1030-1530



AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS.



Thank you to everyone who came or got in touch for the first group. It has been a very positive experience. Often the prospect of a long holiday seems daunting not to just as parents but also to our children. The next meeting is planned for us to share and support each (and also network) on tips and suggestions for managing the holidays and the behaviours that we frequently need to manage.

This self-help support and social group is for any parent who has a child with, or feels they may have a child with Autism. The plan is to meet once or twice a term and maybe have day trips during the holidays. I will invite guest organisations to speak or provide resources and information. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided! I look forward to meeting you.

Thursday 20th July 2017 **Saturday 22nd July 2017**

9:30 – 11:30

At St Stephen's Junior School, Lansdown Road,
Kingwood, Bristol, BS15 1XD

In case you can't make a weekday

14:00-15:30

Oldbury Court Estate café Oldbury Ct Rd,
Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2JH

There's a play park and lots of open space for our children to run around in.

I would like an idea of numbers attending so please return this slip to the office at St Stephen's Junior School or Email me on: adelepottenprice@gmail.com

Your Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

20/7/15 at St Stephen's School

22/7/17 at Oldbury Court Estate