



**Newsletter 37 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
 ‘We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks.’

I am able to change  
and be adaptable

**Diary Dates**

**Reception Visit to Avon Valley Railway**

School Production

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PTA End of Term Fun Day

**Y2 Ash Class Assembly**

Y6 Leavers' Party

**PTA Summer Fair**

Individual Reports Home

**Open Afternoon and Twilight for Parents and Carers**

Leavers' Family Breakfast

**Leavers' Assembly**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.30 – 3.00pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 11.00-1.00pm**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1.30 – 5:00pm**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 8.15-9.15am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9.30-10.30am**

**INSET Days**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Headteacher's News**

What a great week we've had!

As well as the corridors ringing with song while the older children practise their production, we have had a number of special events: Ash class had a super visit to Longleat on Wednesday meeting giraffes and lions; also on Wednesday, the choir and some of our trombonists gave a lively performance at our RISE Alliance Music and Dance Festival held at the Kings Oak Hexagon Theatre (poor Mrs Castle rushed from one to the other in all that heat to lead our songsters); and to cap it all off, we had what one parent described as "the best ever" Sports Day on Thursday.

One of the downsides of being a Headteacher is that I sometimes have to miss events because of my wider responsibilities (I was gutted to miss the relays) but I did manage to join in at the start and end of the Sports Day. The children did themselves proud and exhibited many of the skills we have been focusing on this year, including resilience like the tortoise and good teamwork like the bee. For the first time we had gazebos which provided some welcome shade. For the first time we had a range of refreshments provided by the PTA. For the first time we had background music and a PA system. And for the first time we had a family picnic (Mr Jones' idea...). Thank you to all the families who arrived bright and early to help put the gazebos up. Thank you to Mrs Kath, Chris (Mr Kath), Mrs Bracey, Mrs Lear and Mr House for their valuable contributions. But a HUGE thank you to Mr Jones and Mr Thomas for organising the whole event so brilliantly. **D Wood**

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

Year R Cherry: Genevieve

Year 1 Oak: Zaila

Year 2 Ash: Aiden

Year 3 Lime: Harrison

Year 4 Maple: Harry

Year 5 Sycamore: Stevie-Jay

Year 6 Cedar: Rosie

The Hodds Family



**Attendance Total 96.2%**

YR Cherry 96.6%

Y1 Oak 95.0%

Y2 Ash 97.0%

Y3 Lime 95.7%

Y4 Maple 96.2%

Y5 Sycamore 96.2%

Y6 Cedar 96.3%



## Reading Certificates

**Reading 10:**

**Reading 20:**

**Reading 30:** Tyler

**Reading 40:** Harry, Edie, Dominik, Marieanne



## Multiplication Masters

Carson, Harry



## PTA News

### PTA Sports day

Thank you to everyone who helped with the PTA sales at Sports day. The refreshments were very much appreciated and sales raised an impressive £134!

### Plea Summer Fair

The PTA still do not have enough volunteers to man the stalls at the Summer Fair. If staffing levels remain the same, then the event will have to be cancelled which will be such a shame as so much work has gone in to preparing and there are some fantastic stalls. The school has even been donated some fantastic raffle prizes from one of its suppliers, Protocol. If you are coming, **please, please** spare an hour to help man a stall. The sign-up sheets are at the KS2 entrance/exit doors. If enough volunteers have not come forward by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the event will be cancelled.

## Open Afternoon for Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, in the last week of term, we have an Achievement Afternoon and Open Evening. At any time between 1:30 and 3:00, you may come into school, find a quiet place either inside school or in the grounds and look through your child's work and Achievement Folder with them so that you can have some quality time to celebrate the year's journey together. We will ask you to leave just before the end of the day so that the children can be dismissed safely. (Please be aware that you won't be allowed to take your child home early from this.) Between 3:30 and 5:00, you can do the same thing. Teachers will be around at this time in case you want to have a final catch up with them or discuss anything from your child's report. The teachers have all worked extremely hard for your children (teaching is not an easy vocation) so if you do have any nice thoughts about what any of them has done, they would really appreciate it if you took the time to tell them.

## Year 5 Cake Sale Update

Two Fridays ago, Sycamore class held a bake sale to sponsor an acre of the Brazilian Rainforest to stop deforestation. I am really happy to announce, from the bake sale, we raised £81.60 - this is an astonishing amount! Since then, we have also had a secret donation of £18.40 meaning that has raised our grand total of £100! We are now in the process of securing an acre. More information to follow...

I just want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of Sycamore class! They came up with the idea all on their own and they executed it without any support - the posters around school, amazing cakes and some even did a presentation in a school assembly. Their dedication is brilliant and I am extremely proud to call them my class. Thank you Year 5.

## Eco Club

The winners of the Grow The Tallest Sunflower competition are:

Individual Competition – Lacey B

Class Competition – Reception Class

## Sports Day

Firstly, we want to say a big Thank You to everyone who came and joined us in celebrating our 2017 Sports Day! It was a real success, we really enjoyed the atmosphere. The Parents Picnic was a triumph, we know we enjoyed having our lunch with parents and children from our classes.

However, we could not have had such a successful Sports Day without the support from many people. A big Thank You to Kath, Chris, Dean and Aiden Hobbs for being in school at 6:30am to help build the gazebos; Mike House for bringing his decks and being DJ for the day; the PTA for their refreshments; all of the parents who lent the school their gazebos - we are really grateful. Finally, to all of the Courtney staff for their ever continuing support.

Mr Jones and Mr Thomas

### Final Points Results:

Deer: 645

Otters: 755

Squirrels: 820

Hedgehogs: 860

Badgers: 930

Foxes: 965

A big well done to the Foxes but equally a big well done to all of the children for all of their hard work, dedication and sportsmanship.





### Out of School Club - Up Coming Events:

Pizza, pool and bowling evening – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Extravaganza End of Term party – 19<sup>th</sup> July

Book early to avoid disappointment.



### Year 4 Debating at Longwell Green

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, eight children from Year 4 (Maple Class) travelled to Longwell Green Primary School for a debating event. During the afternoon, there were four motions debated by teams from Courtney, Redfield Edge, Cadbury Heath and the hosting school, Longwell Green. Our children debated two motions: Fidget spinners should be banned in school (**for**); There should be no age limit on social media platforms (**against**). Both teams had opportunity to share their views before receiving questions from the opposing team and the audience. The children who represented the school could not have done such an outstanding job, if it wasn't for the support of the rest of their class. We would like to thank Longwell Green for hosting, and the kind parents for offering lifts to the event. Mr Thomas.



### Sainsbury's Vouchers

The deadline for cashing in Sainsbury's vouchers is fast approaching. If you have any vouchers hanging around at home, please could you bring them in to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you!

### 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.



For schools, businesses,  
clubs and individuals  
Sales & Enquiries: 0117 956 0909



From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**

## RISE Music and Dance Festival

Representing Courtney – the KS2 choir!



## Lifeskills Centre

Following school visits a lot of children ask us if they are able to visit Lifeskills with their families. I'm pleased to confirm that Lifeskills will be open on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September as part of Bristol Doors Open Day.

**Please note, this is the only day of the year we will be open to the public.**

# Lifeskills OPEN DAY

10am - 4pm  
Last entry  
3:30pm

- ★ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017
- ★ The Lifeskills Centre
- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Create Centre
- ★ near Hotwells, Bristol
- ★ BS1 6XN

Stalls by the Police, Fire Service, RNLI and many more.

Lots of activities  
including treasure hunts,  
crafts, information stalls  
and competitions

Fun activities  
for all!

## Apple Camp for kids at Apple, Cabot Circus

Join Apple Camp, a free three-day programme for kids aged 8 to 12. They'll broaden their creative horizons by making films, composing musical stories, coding games and robots, and more using Apple products.

[https://concierge.apple.com/camp/R252/en\\_GB](https://concierge.apple.com/camp/R252/en_GB)



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