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Newsletter 10 – 17th November 2017

‘We are proud of our similarities and differences.’

Creativity

Diary Dates

Teacher Clubs cancelled due to training (Mr Smith and Eco clubs still on.)

Friends of Courtney Primary Meeting – All welcome

Year 3 and 4 WOW Event – Fish Mummification

Flu Immunisation for Years R/1/2/3/4

Christmas Fayre

Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School and Grandparents

Nativity to Parents

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School Christmas Dinner

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 22nd November

Friday 24th November 3:15pm

Wednesday 29th November 1.00-3.00pm

Friday 1st December 1pm

Saturday 2nd December 11am-1pm

Friday 8th December 2pm

Monday 11th December 2pm

Tuesday 12th December 6pm

Wednesday 13th December

Wednesday 13th December 7pm

INSET Days

Monday 18th December 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's News

We have such a lot to feel proud of this week. Our House Captains and Deputy Captains have really stepped up in their leadership by selecting Children in Need products to sell, advertising the sale dates and then raising money for a very good cause. As a side product, their confidence in how they can make changes happen – as well as their group organisational skills - have come on in leaps and bounds.

On top of this, we have had to ask every child in school to do their part to help welcome back one of our girls who has been absent for a long time. We have been so impressed by their sensitivity and care – they have smiled but respected her personal space. Maple Class have stepped up to the plate; ‘Marvellous Maples’ best suits how they have behaved this week and their collective thoughtfulness has been extremely touching.

And finally, we are thrilled that our bid for funding for Play Therapy from Children in Need has been successful and will be guaranteed for another three years. Well done to Mrs Griffiths who was behind the bid (this is on top of the grant she managed to get for the Trim Trail). Mrs Kelly Mogg, our play therapist, will be back continuing her valuable interventions very soon. Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Peter
Year 2 Ash: Sarah
Year 3 Lime: Lacey
Year 4 Maple: All Y4 Class
Year 5 Sycamore: Archie
Year 6 Cedar: Adam



Attendance Total 96.6%

YR Cherry 97.0%
Y1 Oak 94.6%
Y2 Ash 98.4%
Y3 Lime 97.7%
Y4 Maple 94.6%
Y5 Sycamore 97.4%
Y6 Cedar 97.5%



Reading Certificates

Reading 25

Ava, Bonnie, Tommy, Madison, Ricky, Liam, Archie, Lily, Archie, Harrison



Reading 50

Edie, Caiden, Harry, William, Lily, Connor, Mia, Izzy, Brody, Kyle, Cole.



In Recognition of passing The First Star Music Award

Caitlin

Multiplication Masters

Dylan, William, Ellie, Alexandria.



Xmas Fayre

We desperately need helpers at the Xmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December, between 11am – 1pm. Please let Kath Hodds or the office know if you are able to help, even if for an hour. If they do not get enough volunteers they may have to cancel the Fayre, thank you.

Friends of Courtney Primary.



Good afternoon everyone. We are amazed by how many people have taken part in raising money for Children In Need. We are sure that it will be appreciated by the children that are in need the most. It has been a great effort by everybody thank you very much.

We raised £158.00 by selling merchandise and £178.58 through spotacular donations. Total of £336.58

Victoria Hood

£29,400 FOR COURTNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



We were absolutely delighted to hear on Tuesday that Children In Need have awarded the school £29,400 to fund 3 years of Play Therapy. This money will be used to pay for the wonderful Kelly Mogg to attend the school and work with certain students to overcome any difficulties they might be facing.



The timing of the grant coincided perfectly with all our fundraising efforts!

A big thank you to Children in Need for a grant that will make a big difference to our school community!

OoSC

Club Fees

As some of you may know, we have been reviewing the costs of Out of School Fees and considering whether they were appropriate. Unfortunately, there is still quite a gap between our takings and our staff costs. We are working really hard to keep costs to a minimum and to increase our numbers. However, we have decided that in order to ensure the club is sustainable, we need increase our costs. Each session will therefore increase by £0.50 from Monday 4th December 2017. Breakfast Club will therefore be £3.00 (£2.50 for siblings) +£1.00 for food. Afterschool

Club will be £4.50 (£4.00 for siblings).

Next week we will also be circulating a questionnaire to all parents to understand more how and why parents use Out of School Club and whether there are any changes we might be able to make to make it more effective for parents. We would be really grateful if you could take time to complete this and return it to school. Thank you!



Bikeability

Cycling Training for the 21st Century

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES – Christmas Holidays 2017

Bikeability Level 1 Training (School year 3 and above) – 6 places

This 2 hour course takes place in a traffic free environment, designed to improve cycle skills and confidence

Level 3 Training (School year 7 and above must have completed level 2)

This half day course is designed to build on skills learned in Level 2. Trainees will learn about and encounter more complex, busier road situations.

Our skilled mechanics will also be available to check bikes and help with assembly and set up of any new bikes ready for them to be given as Christmas presents.

We will also be accepting donations of any old bikes for our recycle bike project.

Kingswood ~ Grimsbury Farm, Grimsbury Road, BS15 9SE

Level 3 – Monday 18th December – 9am – 1pm (one session required)

Level 1 – Monday 18th December – 9.30am – 11.30am (one session required)

Dr Bike bike checks and new bike assembly – 9.30am-12.30pm (time slots can be booked)

Bradley Stoke ~ Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, BS32 9BS

Level 3 – Tuesday 19th December – 9am – 1pm (one session required)

Level 1 – Tuesday 19th December – 9.30am – 11.30am (one session required)

Dr Bike bike checks and new bike assembly – 9.30am-12.30pm (time slots can be booked)

All elements of the course must be achieved to a competent, confident and consistent standard to gain the Bikeability standard.

The sessions are incremental, so if a trainee misses a session they may not be able to continue on to the next session.

All trainees must have a signed and completed consent form.

Trainees must have and be able to ride a roadworthy bicycle.

Trainees must have a properly fitted cycle helmet.

All Instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.

Email cycle.training@southglos.gov.uk for further details. Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date. Locations of training may vary according to availability.

Congratulations to Maple class, 100% of them have brought in Sparkling Starts.

