



Newsletter 14 – December 18th 2015

‘We are resourceful and resilient in the challenges we face.’



Diary Dates

Deadline for club requests
 Open Afternoon for reception 2016 intake
 New Clubs start

Wednesday 6th January 2016
 Thursday 7th January 2:00-3:00pm
 Week beg 11th January 2016

INSET Days
Friday 27th May

Headteacher’s News

We have had a fabulous last week with parties, a talent show, a trombone and recorder concert, Carols by Candlelight and a special assembly led by our choir. High quality work on reading, writing and maths has continued in the mornings and some of the children have surprised us by producing their best writing so far this year; we thought that they’d be too tired but oh no! I hope Santa will bring me some new Headteacher stickers to replenish my dwindling stock.

It has been lovely to see so many of you being able to join us with our activities. Thank you to all of you who volunteered to set up for the parties. Thank you, also, to those who got ‘persuaded’ to help with pedestrian training. I think the heavy rain saved itself for just when you were outside.

Having come to the end of the Autumn term, I want to publicly thank all of the staff at Courtney – every single one of them goes above and beyond for your children. I bet not many of you realise that the teachers’ days start very early (the first person is in at 7am) and on most days there are a lot of teachers leaving at 6pm. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

And finally, I hope you all have a restful Christmas holiday and manage to share some quality time with your friends and family. I, personally, am looking forward to a few leisurely mornings. Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Deborah Wood

This week’s Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Kayla
 Jack
 Year 2 Ash: Oliver
 Year 3 Lime: Josh
 Year 4 Maple: Kelsey
 Year 5 Sycamore: Aaron
 Year 6 Cedar: Emma



This week’s Multiplication Certificates

Oliver	Bethany	Elijah
Madison	Lewis	Izaak
Joe	Marieanne	Henry
Dylan	Kian	Samuel
James	Daniel	Millie
Ben	Ella	Abbie
Lucie-Jo		

Attendance

YR Cherry 98.0%
 Y1 Oak 96.5%
 Y2 Ash 96.7%
 Y3 Lime 97.5%
 Y4 Maple 96.6%
 Y5 Sycamore 96.2%
 Y6 Cedar 96.8%

Total 96.9%



Termly House Points Winners = Otters

As a reward, all Otters can wear clothes of their choice on the first Friday back to school (8th January). They could wear their House colour if they want...
 Congratulations to the green Otter team.

Spring Term Clubs

Please look at the list of clubs for next term at the bottom of this Newsletter. There won’t be any clubs, other than Wake and Shake, until the start of the second week. Could you please send in requests for places by Wednesday 6th January at the latest.

Cherry Class

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Morris in Reception class is having a baby. She will be starting her maternity leave just after February half term. Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to be able to appoint an experienced EYFS practitioner – Mrs Jenny Thomas - who will work closely with Mrs Florendine and Mrs Phillips.

Photographs and Social Media

At the start of each school event, we remind you that you are allowed to take photographs but you have not been given permission to put pictures of children other than your own on social media. Please could we politely remind you that, unless you have special permission from the parents/carers of children in your photographs, any pictures that you take should not be shared.

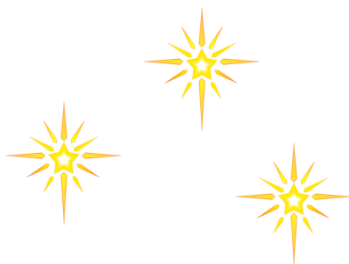
The Latest on Twitter



Courtney Primary @CourtneyPrimary · Dec 16
Infant Christmas party is in full swing and a special visitor has dropped in!



Courtney Primary @CourtneyPrimary · Dec 11
Year 3 had a great time at Holy Trinity Church this afternoon as part of learning about different holy places.



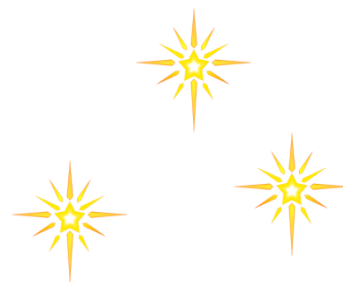
Fruit for KS2 (Year 3-6)

If you would like your child to receive fruit daily for Term 3 the cost will be £3.13 or for the whole school year the cost will be £15.27. Please send payment into the school office with child's name and year group, cheques to be made payable to Courtney Primary School.



Clubs for the Spring Term

Club	Leader	Who	Cost	Day	Time	Extra Info
Multiskills	Mr Smith	Y1/2	Free	Monday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Football	Mr Smith	Y2/3	Free	Tuesday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Dodgeball	Mr Smith	Y4/5	Free	Wednesday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Multiskills	Mr Smith	Y5/6	Free	Thursday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Multiskills	Mr Smith	Y3/4	Free	Friday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Football Team Training	Mr Bennett	Y5/6	Free	Friday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Board Game Battlers	Mr Houston	Y2/3	Free	Thursday	3:15-4:15	Please, fill in request form
Eco Club (lots of gardening)	Mrs Hodds, Mrs Prendergast and Mrs Adams	All	Free	Wednesday	3:15-4:15	Existing members do not need to reapply. Newbies please fill in request form.
Recorders	Mrs Gee	Y3/4	£10 start then free	Friday	Dinnertime	Existing members. If interested in joining, see Mrs Gee.
Knitting	Miss Turner	KS2	KS2	Wednesday	Dinnertime	New requests will get priority. £1 for needles.
Science Club	Mrs Parker	Y3	tbc	Thursday	3:15-4:15	Information will follow in Term 3
Ninja Maths	Miss Brown	Y3/4	free	Thursday	Dinnertime	Please fill in request form
KS2 Choir	Mrs Castle	Y3-6	Free	Thursday	Dinnertime	
Digital Leaders	Mr Houston	Y2-6	Free	Thursday	Dinnertime	Existing members only



Request Form to join a club

F.A.O. _____ (please write name of leader)

Name of Club _____

Day of Club _____

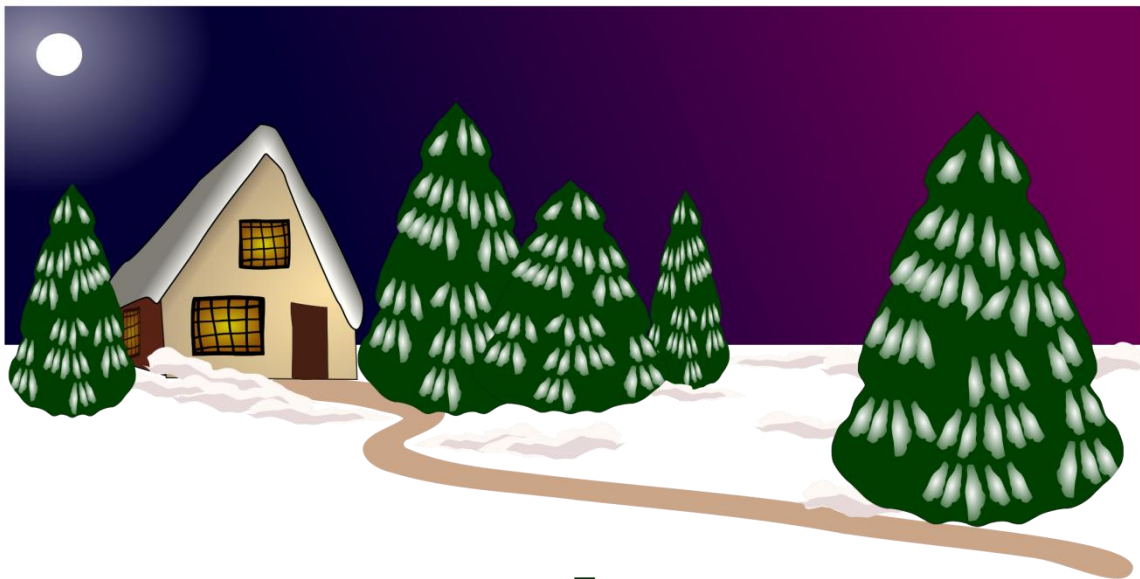
Child's Name: _____ Year _____

Signed: _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

Please return this form or a handwritten note to the School Office by Wednesday 6th January 2016

Christmas holiday activities

South Gloucestershire's libraries have a range of fun activities planned to help keep children entertained during December and over the Christmas holidays including story times, rhyme times and crafts. All activities are free to join in unless otherwise stated on the website, <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/libraries-childrens-services/holiday-events-in-libraries/>



Merry Christmas

