



General News

Welcome back to the new half term, which as always, promises to be a particularly busy one, filled with concerts, Christmas plays and carol services, as well as all of the day-to-day learning that continues to take place. Year 6 will also be learning how to stay safe on their bikes as part of Bikeability and our outdoor learning and Forest School sessions also continue. We would like to thank parents for all the harvest donations that were received and donated to The Salvation Army, and well done to Year 3 who performed a fabulous Harvest assembly. We welcome Mrs Drury to our team, who will be working in year 2.

Parents' Evening Reminder

You will shortly be receiving notification of your appointment date and time for Parents' Evening from your child's class teacher. If you have not yet returned the slip to school, please do so quickly to ensure you do not miss out on this important opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new school year and the progress they are making at school. Thank you.

PTFA News

Thank you to our hard-working PTFA and all who support. The cake sale raised an amazing £212.20 and the Halloween Discos raised £762. The next event is the Bag2School Collection on Tuesday 13th November—please bring any unwanted clothes donations into school by this date. Donations of clean, good quality soft toys are now being taken for the Christmas Fair.

100 Years Since WW1 Week: W/C 19th November 2018

We will be commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1 via a week of activities at school. The children will be taking part in literacy and art activities and contributing making a poppy towards our display. We hope to bring the First World War to life for pupils and to raise pupils' awareness of the golden threads linking their lives today back to the First World War generation, ensuring that Remembrance is understood and available to all, and handed to the next generation. In 2018 The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying Thank You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. You can support this using '#thankyou' on social media. More details will follow in a separate letter.

Wise Owl Awards

As normal, two children per class are chosen by their teachers each half term, to receive the Wise Owl award, which is presented to them in assembly in recognition of hard work and a fantastic attitude to their work and learning. This year, these children will become our school prefects for the following half term. The Wise Owl Prefects for this half term have been presented with a special badge and ribbon, to proudly wear with their school uniform in class, so that everyone is aware of who they are. The ribbons will then be passed on to the next set of Wise Owl Prefects next half term. The names of our winners for this term are below—well done to all who achieved this special recognition.

Year 1: Scarlett Davis and Doyle Duggan

Year 2: Gracie Stevens and Emily Twining

Year 3: Ava Shirley and Ayan Zahid

Year 4: Sade Akinbi and Olivia Klin

Year 5: Emily Brooker and Micah Larbi

Year 6: Feyi Akinbi and Amber Shields

Congratulations

Netball Results:

18/10/18 League match:
Courtwood (1) vs Cumnor House (7).
Friendly: 1 - 1

30/10/18 League match:
Courtwood (5) Vs Ridgeway (1).
Friendly: 5—0 Ridgeway.

Football Results:

8/10/18 Primary Schools Cup
Courtwood (0) vs Royal Russell (3)

15/10/18 Small Schools Cup
Courtwood (4) vs Gilbert Scott (1)

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Reception	96.8%	11 lates
Year 1	96.9%	6 lates
Year 2	97.7%	24 lates
Year 3	94.4%	7 lates
Year 4	98.0%	7 lates
Year 5	95.7%	24 lates
Year 6	95.9%	6 lates

Positions of Responsibility

School Council Reps:

Year 1 - Sydney Baker and Ethan-James Anyaeji
Year 2 - Reyvan and Kian
Year 3 - Archie Dwyer and Reece Tydeman
Year 4 - Sade Akinbi and Olivia Klin
Year 5 - Leo Day and Lily Riches
Year 6 - Loui McGrath and Krit Aidan

RIPPLE Award Winners for Autumn 1

Congratulations to our winners of the prestigious RIPPLE awards. These are awarded to children who continuously exemplify our school learning behaviours and available for you to view in the folder by the school office. They have displayed our school learning behaviours of Resilience, Independence, Perseverance, Practise, Listening and Effort.

Alexander O'Hagan; Harley Casper-Lee; Sherri Li; Tyler Slattery; Abdullah Zahid; Ben Edwards; Elijah Grant.

Facebook: Remember to keep up to date with all school news and events so you never miss a thing; search '**Courtwood Primary Parents**' and request to join the group. Please note the page is only for parents who have children at the school.

Attendance

- Congratulations to the 153 pupils who achieved 95% plus attendance for the first half of Autumn Term.
- Of these, 124 pupils achieved 100% attendance.

Parents and carers will have received a 'Green' traffic light letter informing them of this achievement. If your child is slightly below the 95% target you may have received an 'Amber' traffic light letter, making you aware of their current attendance percentage. Please do not take offence, these are simply to keep you informed of where your child is at throughout the year, rather than only becoming aware of it in the end of year school report.

We are now working with Sarah Philpott, from WPA, a company that The Collegiate Trust use to help manage and track attendance. Sarah is in school weekly and will be working with us to support any families who are not meeting the 95% attendance target, persist in taking term-time holidays, or are regularly late to school. Thank you to all those families who ensure your children are at school on time regularly.

Upcoming Diary Dates

November

- 05.11.18— Y6 Bikeability Week
- 06.11.18—Parent's Evening, 4.00– 7.30pm
- 07.11.18—Parent's Evening, 3.30—6.00pm
- 15.11.18—Y2 Visit to Hindu Temple
- 19.11.18—100 Years Since WW1 Week
- 20.11.18—Dad's Breakfast at 8am
- 26.11.18—Y2/Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents
- 30.11.18—PTFA Christmas Fair, 3.30-5.30pm

Fundraising

Currently we have raised **£205**—thank you to all who have contributed.

The next time you log in to ParentPay please have a quick look at the new link at the bottom of the page. We have set up a fundraising link 'Fundraising Donations' to enable anyone who wishes to support the school in this way to be able to do so. If you click on it you will be able to donate an amount of money of your choice, to the school.

