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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new term! We hope you have all had an enjoyable, restful break with your children! Thank you on behalf of all the staff for all your cards, gifts and messages at the end of last term - they were very much appreciated.

Thank you for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week as these are an important and integral part of our Home/School Partnership. If you were unable to attend please can you ensure you send your email address into school so we can add you to the class distribution list

Please can we highlight the importance of you informing the school office if any of your contact details have changed; in particular for the teachers2parents text messaging service, as you may miss out on important communications from the school.

Once again, may we remind you that if your child will be absent from school due to a religious festival/observance, you must complete a leave of absence request form in advance. These are available on our website or outside the school office.

Please see next week's newsletter for important diary dates. As discussed at the Meet The Teacher events, please register your interest for the on-line Safety Briefing on Monday 5th October. Please state your preference for times and once all slips have been returned we will confirm the actual time. Please return your slips by next Wednesday 16th September.

Lisa Walker

Congratulations to last year's Star Pupils who were: Kordian Zurek, Wania Khan, Ganga Nair, Junaid Alemdar, Sacha Battley and Yasmin Aziz. **Well done** to the following children who were issued with a special Headteachers Award in the final assembly: Noah Choudhury, Carmen Jemiolo, Leeyah Alemdar and Sacha Battley.

Congratulations to Max Plesner who was recorded in the Golden Book for his outstanding work!

Well done to the following children who were elected as new House Captains for this year:

- **Warwick:** Andrea Theocharous and Ovidiu Pinteau
- **Worcester:** Nayab Zarif and Ziyah Mitha
- **Bedford:** Zoya Shah and Jesse Kettle
- **Watford:** Zara Samia and Mannan Sethia

Congratulations to Mrs Reynolds who had a beautiful baby girl in the Summer holidays! I am sure you will join us in wishing her and her family all the very best for the future!

Welcome to Mika Eyal who has joined us in Year 6!

*Our SEAL theme for this half term is "New Beginnings"
Our thought for this week is "I like to get to know children
who are different from me."*

SCHOOL MEALS

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Children in Years 3 to 6 need to pay for their school meals; the cost is £2.15 per day.
- The cost of school lunches for the first half of the Autumn Term is £81.70 (from 2nd September to 23rd October). The amount for the second half term is £73.10 (from 3rd November to 18th December). The total for this term is therefore £154.80. Payment must be made in advance for the half term or full term. If you wish to pay weekly, it is £10.75 per week, payable in advance on Monday morning for that week. Please send your school lunch payments to the school office as soon as possible (cash or cheque payable to Courtland School). You may also pay by card to the LBB Catering Services on 020 8359 5055 and they will reimburse the school. Please check your current balance with Mrs Doshi.
- From Monday 7th September we will be on week 1 of the 4 week rolling lunch menu. You can view the menu on the parent information board outside the school office or on our website.
- If you wish your child to start/stop school lunches please come into the school office and pick up a form. If you wish to stop school lunches, the kitchen will require you to give them half a term's notice.

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Year 5 will be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop at the Artsdepot on Thursday 1st October.

- Children will come to school as normal and have morning lessons and lunch at school.
- We need parent helpers to transport children to the Artsdepot in Finchley, leaving school at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Parents will not be allowed to stay with us for this workshop.
- **All children must be collected from the Artsdepot at 4.00pm (not school).**

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to Mrs Rose/School Office by Wednesday 16th September. If you are giving permission for your child to be collected by some else, please indicate this on the slip below.

YEAR 6 WORKBOOKS

You may be aware that in Year 6 the children use Workbooks for Maths and English. I regularly set pages from the books in class and they are often used for home learning. I have found them to be an excellent and valuable resource for help with SATs. Therefore, please send in cash or a cheque for £8 made payable to Courtland School for the English and Maths books. This is a significant discount on shop prices. Please send this in as soon as possible so that we can start using them, thank you, Mrs Tunkel. Please complete the slip below and return it to the School Office together with your payment.

YEAR 6 DVD PERMISSION

Year 6 will be watching PG certificate films in school to support their learning. We will assume your permission unless we hear otherwise from you - please let Mrs Tunkel know asap if you have any concerns.

CLUBS NEWS

Please see the timetable for all clubs for this term located outside the school office.

- Where the individual club providers have provided us with registration forms, they are available outside the

school office.

- Please return the forms together with the payment to the school office as soon as possible as places are generally allocated by club providers on a first come, first served basis. If you have any queries regarding a specific club, please contact the club provider directly in the first instance, or Mrs Brown.
- Please note that all after school clubs (apart from Cookery Club) finish at 4.30pm and all children need to be collected promptly from the top of the playground steps.
- **Gardening Club** slips are available in the office. There are a few places still available.
- **Cookery Club** information and slip will follow in next week's newsletter.
- **Choir Club** information and slip is given below.
- **Netball Club** information and slip is given below.

NETBALL CLUB

Netball Club will start on Wednesday 16th September. It is open to all children in Years 5 and 6. The session lasts one hour from 3.30-4.30pm and we hope to enter the league again this year.

Children will need to wear their PE kit for practice - this will now take place on **WEDNESDAYS**. Please provide your child with a snack. For Netball club to continue running we need at least 14 children to take part. This club does not charge a fee.

Please sign the permission slip below and hand in to the office or directly to me, thank you -Miss Costello.

CHOIR CLUB

Choir with Miss Wakefield will resume this week!

- Please note that if you were in the choir last year, you will still need to fill in another slip for this academic year.
- **Choir for Years 4 to 6 will be held on Thursday lunchtimes, 12.45-1.15pm.**
- **Choir for Years 1 to 3 will be held before school on Fridays, 8.30-8.55am.**
- New children, particularly for Year 1 are very welcome to join!
- However, please note that if you sign up to choir, you must commit to half a term in the choir. If you do not wish to attend choir anymore, Miss Wakefield will need written notice from a parent or guardian and you will be able to stop once it is the end of that term and not beforehand.
- Please complete and return the slip below to the school office asap.

MESSAGE FROM MRS BROWN/MEDICAL ROOM

- Just to remind you that the school is a 'nut free' zone, so please do not send any food items that may contain nuts (such as cereal bars, sandwich spreads), or be cooked using nut based oils, as we do have some children and staff that are severely allergic to these.
- May I remind you that only stud earring are permitted to be worn at school. The children must be able to remove the earrings themselves for PE lessons, or not wear them on the days that they have PE. No other jewellery is permitted in school. Please see Mrs Brown if your child needs to wear any item in school for religious reasons; where special permission may be granted.
- I am authorised to give children **prescribed medication during school hours. It must be in its original packet/bottle/tube etc, and be in date - parents/carers must complete an authorisation form for me.**
- Please could you ensure that if your child has been off school due to sickness/upset stomach, your child must not return to school until they have had 48 hours clearance of these symptoms. Please contact Mrs Brown if you are unsure.
- Please ensure that you label all items of your child's uniform and PE kit as well as shoes, plimsolls, coat/raincoat etc.

INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER

Please pick up a form from the School Office/Mrs Brown if your child in Year 5 or Year 6 travels to school independently. It is important we hold current data for the safety of your child. ***Please complete this form even if you may have notified us previously.***

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

All children in Year 3 will be going swimming this year to Northway School. Please note that they will be walking there and back, so ensure that your child has a raincoat/appropriate clothes for that day.

- On Tuesday 15th September, all children will be going swimming and will be assessed on their

ability level by the instructor. Thereafter they will be placed in a group and each group will swim alternate weeks. *Therefore all children will need to bring in their swimming kit on Tuesday 15th September (swimming costume, swimming hat, towel - all labelled with their name) in a bag labelled with their name - this can be a carrier bag.* Please note that you are not permitted to send your child with anything else, such as shower gel, deodorant, talcum powder etc.

- We will be shortly requesting a donation of £15 per child per term.
- Please look out for the swimming rota coming home shortly, once the groups have been allocated.
- We will need parent helpers who are DBS cleared (previously called CRB) to help take the children swimming each week. If you can help, please can you let the office know as soon as possible.

PE LESSONS

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit (all clearly labelled with their name) in school at all times. The correct PE kit is red Courtland T-shirt, white shorts and plain black tracksuit bottoms, black plimsolls as well as trainers (for use outdoors). Please also ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly labelled with their name.

THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT

The Disability Discrimination Act requires schools to monitor regularly their provision for disabled pupils, staff and parents. Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font or Braille, providing a signer, explaining things over the phone, wheelchair access.

ON-LINE SAFETY BRIEFING - Monday 5th October 2015

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR: _____

I am interested in attending the on-line safety briefing in school on Monday 5th October. I am able to attend:

3.30pm to 4.30pm

6.00pm to 7.00pm

I can attend either of the times above and have no preference on the time chosen.

Signed _____

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL - Thursday 1st October 2015

CHILD'S NAME _____

I give permission for my child to attend the SSF Workshop at the Artsdepot, travelling by parent helper car.

I can help transport ____ children with seatbelts to the Artsdepot.

My child needs a booster seat and I will send it in to school with them on this day.

I will collect my child from the Artsdepot at 4.00pm on Thursday 1st October.

I am unable to collect my child from the Artsdepot and therefore I have made arrangements and give permission for them to go home with _____.

Signed _____

YEAR 6 WORKBOOKS

CHILD'S NAME _____

I enclose cash/a cheque for £8.00 to pay for the Year 6 workbooks for my child.

Signed _____

NETBALL CLUB

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR _____

I give permission for my child to join Netball Club (Wednesdays after school until 4.30pm), commencing on Wednesday 16th September 2015.

Signed _____

CHOIR

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR _____

I give permission for my child to participate in Choir
(12.45pm - 1.15pm on Thursday lunchtimes: for Years 4 to 6).

I give permission for my child to participate in Choir
(8.30am to 8.55am on Friday mornings: for Years 1 to 3).

Signed _____



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