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# NEWSLETTER

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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 they are an important and integral part of our Home/School partnership. If you were unable to attend you can access the information you need on the class MLE page or the year group page on the website. Also can you ensure you send your email address into school, if you have not already given it to us, so we can add you to the class distribution list.*

*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.*

*Thank You to all the Parents/Carers who helped to raise the large amount of money that was needed for the school to purchase a defibrillator. An amazing £936.70 was raised! We hope to purchase this as soon as possible.*

*Below are the dates we have for the term so far. Please also add to your calendars the dates that were given at the meet the teachers meetings for the rest of the academic year.*

*Miss Lisa Walker*

*This half term our SEAL theme is: New Beginnings  
Thought Of The Week:*

*Anything is possible if you've got enough nerve.*

*J K Rowling*

**Congratulations** to the following children who were voted as the Team Captains for this year

Warwick: Sara Dhanji and Oscar Clark

Bedford: Atena Barani and Thenuk Dhanapala

Watford: Beatrice Theocharous and Mason Gosling

Worcester: Shenna Hirani and Theo Silverman

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Year 3 Meet The Teacher
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Year 5 Meet The Teacher
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Clubs to start this week
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Reception Motor Skills Workshop 9am-9.45am
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Year 1 Cake Sale
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Reception Phonics Meeting 9am-10am
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 - Year 3 Hampstead Heath Trip AM
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Reception Class Learning Together Morning 8.50am -9.20am
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Year 6 Harry Potter Trip
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Year 3 Cake Sale
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Music Festival. *Date to be confirmed*. Could possibly be 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 HALF TERM School finishes at normal time
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 **Inset Day**. No children in school
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - PTA Halloween Disco
- Date of School Photographer to be confirmed
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Reception Class Fire Station Trip
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 - PTA Cake Sale
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 - Year 4 British Museum
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Year 5 Bikeability Week
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Reception Class Reading Meeting 9-10am
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Year 1 Trip to The Royal Gunpowder Mills
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Year 3 Class Assembly
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 - Reception Class Learning Together Morning 8.50am -9.20am
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 - School Photographer in school
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Year 6 Cake Sale
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Year 3 Trip to The Natural History Museum
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Infant Production AM
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Infant Production AM
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Tombola Mufti Day
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - PTA Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - **LAST DAY OF TERM. School finishes at 2.00pm**
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 - **Inset Day**. No children in school
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Year 2 Cake Sale
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium Museum
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Year 4 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 - PTA Movie Night
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Year 2 Class Assembly
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - HALF TERM School finishes at normal time
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 - Reception Class Assembly
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 - Year 6 Trip to The Lincolnfield Centre
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Reception Class Cake Sale
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 - Year 5 Class Assembly
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Wembley half Marathon. *Date to be confirmed*
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Reception Class Assembly
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - Year 5 Cake Sale
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 - Year 1 Trip to The Science Museum
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Reception Class Early Learning Goals Meeting 9.00am
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Parent Consultations
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - **LAST DAY OF TERM. School finishes at 2.00pm**
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - **Inset Day** No children in school
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Year 4 Cake Sale
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Year 1 Class Assembly
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Year 6 SAT's Week
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Year 1 Trip to Mill Green Museum
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - HALF TERM School finishes at normal time
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - PGL Week

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Year 3 Trip to Mount Fitchet
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Year 4 Cake Sale
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Open Morning 8.30am - 9.15am
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Sports Day
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Year 6 Cake Sale
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Moat Mount Fun Run. *Date to be confirmed*
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - PTA Summer Fair
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 - Back up date for Sports Day
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Key Stage 2 Production 7pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Key Stage 2 Production 7pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - **LAST DAY OF TERM. School Finishes at 2pm**

### RECEPTION CLASS

There is a very important Motor Skills and Tapestry user workshop taking place next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Can all Parents/Carers make every effort to attend as important information will be handed out. The meeting will take place at 9.00am - 9.45am in the hall straight after drop off.

### 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 the lunches for the first half of the Autumn Term is £68.80 (from 6<sup>th</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017). The amount for the second half term is £79.55 (from 31<sup>st</sup> October - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017). The total for this term is therefore £148.35. **Payment must be made in advance;** 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 Hall.
- You can view the menu on the blue parent/carer information board which is inside the school office or on our website. It is subject to change as we have no control over the delivery timetable of the ingredients.
- 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 3

Year 3 Parents/Carers, may I remind you now that your children are in Year 3 the Universal Free School Meals has ended. Therefore if your child would like a school lunch you will need to let Mrs Hall know. School lunches cost £10.75 weekly and must be paid half termly in advance. Please see above for the cost of this half terms lunches. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please come and talk to Mrs Hall.

### CHANGES TO EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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. If you have changed any telephone numbers, address, email address etc please can you inform Mrs Hall, by email, as soon as possible (any numbers you send in reply to the teacher email will be forwarded to Mrs Hall).

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The parent of a Year 1 child is looking for a Courtland parent who would be willing to look after her daughter every day after school for approximately 1-1.5 hours in their home. If you are interested in doing this please come and see Mrs Hall. Thank You.

### PARENTS HELPING IN CLASS

If you would like to help in school, either with general classroom help or reading with the children. Please fill in the slip below for Mrs Tunkel and return it to the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please be advised that you will not be able to work with your child or be placed in your child's class unless you are helping them to change their library books. Thank you for your support.

### Y3 SWIMMING

Please look out for the swimming rota which will be coming home this week which will tell you which group your child will be in for swimming and on which dates that group will swim.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.
- Some clubs must be booked and paid for online. This is stated on the individual flyers.
- If a club is not bookable on online, you should 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. **Please put your form and money in an envelope and write the name of the club on the front and put it in the red box outside the School Office.** 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 finish at 4.30pm and all children need to be collected promptly from the top of the playground steps.
- **Gardening Club** slips are available at the bottom of this newsletter.
- **Choir Club** information and slip is given below.
- **Netball Club** information and slip is given below.
- **Lego Club** information and slip is given below.

### NETBALL CLUB

Netball Club will start on **Monday** 18<sup>th</sup> 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 take place on **MONDAYS**. 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

### GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club run by Mrs Gill will be running again this term. This will take place on Tuesdays after school 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

- It will commence on ***Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and run until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (5 weeks)***. The total cost will be £10 per child for the duration of the club - £2 per session.
- We can **only offer places to children in Year 4, 5 & 6**. Please note that only 8 places are available.
- Please complete the slip below and return it with your payment by **TOMORROW MORNING** (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September) if you would like your child to join. Please note that we will confirm by text that your child has a place in the club starting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Should there be poor weather, the club may have to be cancelled at short notice - we will text parents to inform them.
- Don't forget to send your child in with old tracksuit bottoms and some wellington boots/old shoes as they will get muddy!

### CHOIR CLUB

Choir with Miss Wakefield will resume next week!

- *Please note that if you were in the choir last year, you do not 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, 8.45-9.15am.**
- Reception Class children will be invited to join choir later in the year.
- 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.

### MILL HILL AUTUMN MARKET

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum will be holding their Autumn Market in Mill Hill Broadway 11am - 6pm. The festival will include food, drink and a gift market. For further information please email [udenson@btinternet.com](mailto:udenson@btinternet.com) or visit [www.udensoncaldbeck.co.uk](http://www.udensoncaldbeck.co.uk). Everybody welcome.

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### LEGO CLUB

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to join Lego Club (Friday lunchtime 12.15 -1.00pm), commencing on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. I enclose £5.00 for the club fees.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I understand places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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### NETBALL CLUB

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to join Netball Club (Mondays after school until 4.30pm), commencing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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### GARDENING CLUB

*(Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016)*

TO: School Office

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to join the Gardening Club on Tuesdays, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. I enclose £10 for the club fees.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHOIR**

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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

[ ] I give permission for my child to participate in Infant Choir  
*(8.45am to 9.15am on Friday mornings: for Years 1 - 3).*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT HELPERS**

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with: (please tick as applicable)

[ ] classroom support

[ ] one to one reading

I am available on the following days and times (please list):