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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.

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.

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

Our SEAL theme for this half term is "New Beginnings"

Our thought for this week is

"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve."

J K Rowling

Congratulations to Sara Kortach for achieving Grade 3 Piano, and to Louise Torreiro for achieving a Distinction in Classical Ballet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 14th September 3.30pm Year 3 Meet the Teacher
- Thursday 15th September 3.30pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher
- Monday 19th September Year 3 Trip to Hampstead Heath Morning
- Tuesday 20th September 9.00am New Reception parents (Group 2) to meet Miss Walker in the school hall
- Thursday 22nd September Group of Year 5/6 children to Aldenham School Science Workshops Morning
- Tuesday 27th September 9.00am New Reception parents (Group 3) to meet Miss Walker in the school hall
- Tuesday 27th September Year 1 Cake Sale
- Week beginning Monday 10th October words and sponsor forms to come home for the sponsored spell
- Thursday 6th October Year 3 Food Awareness workshop at St. Josephs School in Hendon
- Tuesday 11th October 9.00am Phonics meeting for Reception parents
- Thursday 13th October Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
- Week beginning 17th October children to be tested on the sponsored spell words
- Thursday 20th October Height and weight checks for Reception Class
- Thursday 20th October NSPCC workshops for Years 5 and 6.
- Thursday 20th October Year 3 Cake Sale
- Friday 21st October MUFTI DAY £1 donation
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th October: HALF TERM
- Monday 31st October: INSET DAY
- Tuesday 1st November Children return to school
- Wednesday 2nd November Year 3 trip to Natural History Museum
- 3.30pm PTA Cake Sale. PTA Halloween Disco in the evening, details to follow
- Thursday 3rd November Reception class trip to the Fire Station
- Wednesday 9th November Year 2 trip to Museum of London
- Friday 11th November Year 4 trip to British Museum
- Tuesday 15th November Year 1 trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills
- Wednesday 16th November Year 5 trip to The Globe Theatre
- Friday 18th November 9.30am Year 3 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 7th December Reception, Year1 and Year 2 Christmas Production AM
- Thursday 8th December Reception, Year1 and Year 2 Christmas Production AM
- Friday 9th December Mufti Day please bring a gift for the tombola.
- Saturday 10th December Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 21st December break for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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 £70.95 (from 7th September - 21st October 2016). The amount for the second half term is £77.40 (from 1st November - 21st December). 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**.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Following our Harvest Festival assembly on Monday 12th September we will be collecting tins (eg soups, vegetables, beans) and packets of dry food (eg soup, rice, pasta) for a Harvest display in the foyer. Our collection will be going to the Friendship Club at John Keble Church. Please bring your donations into school where your child should give them to the class teacher. Thank you for your support and generosity

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.**
- We are running short of tissues in school and are asking you if you would be willing to donate a box. If you could add a box or two to your own shopping we would be very grateful.

INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

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*

LIBRARY

Thank you to Mrs Esposito for helping to organise and catalogue the school library at the end of last term. We will let you know when the library is opened.

PARENTS HELPING IN CLASS

If you would like to help in school, either with general classroom help, reading or with library duties, please fill in the slip below for Mrs Swinburne and return it to the school office by Friday 23rd September. 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.

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.

NETBALL CLUB

Netball Club will start on Wednesday 21st 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 *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

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 20th September and run until Tuesday 18th 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** (Thursday 15th 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 20th 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 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, 8.45-9.15am.**
- Please note the new time of 8.45am start for years 1-3.
- 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.

BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

The above club will start again tomorrow Thursday 15th September.

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. 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 at the bottom of this newsletter.
- **Choir Club** information and slip is given below.
- **Netball Club** information and slip is given below.

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 21st September 2016.

Signed _____

GARDENING CLUB

(Tuesday 20th September - Tuesday 18th 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 _____

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
(8.45am to 9.15am on Friday mornings: for Years 1 to 3).

Signed _____

PARENT HELPERS

My name: _____

Child's Name & Year _____

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

- [] classroom support
- [] one to one reading
- [] library duties

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