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# NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome to all the children that have started in our Reception class. We hope you will be very happy at Courtland School!*

*Could all Parents/Carers please read the information below from the PTA. I urge as many of you as possible to attend this meeting, as without the PTA Committee the school would not be able to raise funds for many of the wonderful things that the school has been able to purchase over the years.*

### **PTA ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

*The PTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their help and generosity in raising funds for the school in the last academic year. Your time and money make an enormous difference to the quality of our children' education.*

*In the last two terms, we raised enough money to fit every class with a new interactive white board along with making the playground a more interesting environment. These are just two examples of your generosity at work.*

*So, thank you to all.*

*We are holding the PTA Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of October at 8pm at school**; we would be so pleased to see as many of you as are able to attend.*

*There is change afoot, **some members of the PTA will be retiring from the committee and we need to decide how the school's PTA moves forward.***

*We would like innovative ideas on how best to approach funding areas that are no longer covered in government budgets for schools, for instance up-to-date IT, specialist workshops, playground equipment to name but a few. The time of the meeting has been specifically chosen to try and allow as many of you as possible to attend. So please don't leave me sitting alone in the hall!*

*Anne Livesey  
PTA Treasurer.*

*Miss Lisa Walker*

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

*The only person you should try to be better than, is the person you were yesterday.*

*Congratulations* to Husna Rabi who was recorded in the Golden Book for her outstanding work.

*Congratulations* to the Gardening Club for being awarded the Gold Certificate for the Summer Gardening Competition 2017.

*Well Done* to Daniel Jay who was awarded 'Player of the week' at Harrow RFC under 10's age group.

*Well Done* to Hubert Zalucki, Year 3, who is now training with QPR Football Club. He was one of 6 children chosen in London.

*Well Done* to Kamron Patel for achieving his Bronze Survival Certificate in Swimming. *Well Done* to Kayah Patel for achieving her Stroke Improvement Award in Backstroke.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Year 2 Infant Music Festival
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 - Drop in morning
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Drop in morning

#### **Term Dates for 2018-2019 Academic Year**

##### **Autumn Term**

First Half: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Half Term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Second Half: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

##### **Spring Term**

First Half: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Half Term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

Second Half: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Easter Bank Holiday Weekend: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

##### **Summer Term**

First Half: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

Second Half: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### **STAFF TRAINING DAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

#### **YEAR 6**

The new Saracens High School is opening in Colindale, Barnet in September 2018 for Year 7 pupils (who are currently in Year 6). They will be holding an **Open Evening** for parents interested in finding out more about the school, its vision and ethos, how pupils will be empowered to "be the best they can possibly be" and the admissions policy and application process.

Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, **7-9pm**

Location: **Besthub** Training Centre, Lanacre Avenue, Colindale, NW9 5FN

For visitors arriving by car, please allow time to find parking as parking is limited on site. For further information about the school, please visit [www.thesaracenshighschool.co.uk](http://www.thesaracenshighschool.co.uk) Please also see the flyer attached to the newsletter.

### RECEPTION CLASS

A trip to Mill Hill Fire Station has been arranged for Reception class on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. They will leave school at 10am and travel by bus to the fire station and be back in time for lunch. Please complete the reply slip and return to Mrs Rose by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We will only need a few helpers on this trip. Please indicate on the tear off slip below if you are able to help.

### FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CLUBS

Please see the attached flyer from Barnet Public Health about free healthy lifestyle clubs in Barnet. These are for children between the ages of 4-12 years and their families. All information can be found in the flyer.

### FREE TALK

Later this year we would like to offer Parents/Carers the opportunity to come and listen to an inspirational speaker who gives talks on tips for effective parenting, including how to help your children cope with home learning. The speaker is a previous teacher who has also been a manager at Parentline Plus, the largest parenting charity in the UK. Furthermore, she has been a scriptwriter for "Sesame Street" and a contributor of stories for "Playschool" as well as writing several children's books and reading schemes for educational publishers such as Macmillans, Heinemanns, Nelsons and Oxford University Press.

Before we can book this talk we need to gauge interest. Please complete the slip below and put it in the red box outside of the School Office if you would be interested in attending. There would be no charge for this event.

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### REPLY SLIP

I would be interested in attending the parenting talk later in year.

Name of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Mrs Rose

### RECEPTION CLASS VISIT TO MILL HILL FIRE STATION

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

I give permission for my child to accompany Reception Class to Mill Hill Fire Station on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and to travel there by bus.

Please tick where appropriate

I am able to help with supervision on this trip and I have an Oyster card to use on the bus.

I am not able to help with supervision on this trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

