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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please look out for a letter coming home this week explaining the Courtland Covenant Scheme and how you can make a regular donation to the school's charity. There is no obligation to participate but anything you can give will go towards improving facilities for our children and will enable us to continue to fund trips and invest in valuable equipment, extra curricula educational activities and improve the school's premises for the benefit of both learning and playing.

Please check the website for term dates for this year and next. In case you hadn't noticed, please be aware that the Easter Weekend in 2016 falls before the 2 week Easter Break.

*Lisa Walker*

**Congratulations to Haniya Khan, Shanel Lakhani, Samyar Sohani, Kotaro Kimbara, Nahla Bates and Reuben Taylor who were all recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!**

**Welcome to George Livesey, Josh Parmar, Ajay Teeluck, Nisbat Badami, Cameron Fozilov, Kailan Naker, Marc Oproiu, Shay Vaghjiani, Ibrahim Ahmed, Amelie Bourne, Ramin Hasemi and Aimee Sylvester who joined us in Reception class! We hope you will all be very happy at Courtland School!**

*Our SEAL theme for this half term is "New Beginnings"*  
*Our thought for this week is "I appreciate my family, my teachers, and my school."*

## YEAR 1 CAKE SALE

The Year 1 Cake Sale will be held after school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The theme is Smiley Faces! Please help us by baking or buying cakes to support this theme. You may leave the cakes in the school office on the morning of the cake sale. The monies raised will go directly back to the class holding the sale. They will be able to spend this

money on resources for their classroom.

### **YEAR 3 TRIP TO HAMPSTEAD HEATH**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October Year 3 will be visiting Hampstead Heath to support their Science topic. They will be travelling to Gospel Oak Station by overground train. Please look out for a separate letter from Mrs Afford coming home shortly. We will need some parent helpers to accompany us.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help Mrs Swinburne and the Year 6 Librarians organise and set up the School Library on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, all day. **If you are free to help us for all, or part of the day, please let Mrs Swinburne or the School Office know.** All offers of help will be gratefully received!

**Also, could parents who have helped with Class Library last year let Mrs Swinburne know if they are able to continue to help with the same class this year?** You may send a note or you can complete and return the slip below.

### **CLUBS NEWS**

- ❖ **We have a new exciting club starting next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September run by "Sam, Sam, the Yo-yo Man" who held workshops in school last year - This is a Yo-yo Club for children in Years 3 to 6.** It will run for 10 weeks, after school: 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and cost £35 per child per term (yo-yo's provided!). Please complete a sign up form and return it together with your payment by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to the Office/Mrs Brown - we only have 10 spaces! The forms are available outside the School Office. We will text to confirm that your child has a place.
- ❖ **We also have another new club starting next week on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - This is a Lego Club for children in Years 2 to 6.** It will run on Tuesday lunchtimes, 12.30 to 1.15pm, run by Ms Ayala and Ms Speakman (Jamie Sherwood's mum). The cost is £5 per term and it will run for 10 weeks - there are a maximum of 15 places. Please complete the slip below and return it together with your payment by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to the Office/Mrs Brown. Printed copies of the slip are also available in the office. We will text to confirm that your child has a place. **We would still be very grateful for any donations of unwanted Lego!**
- ❖ **Unfortunately, Mandarin Club will not continue this term, unless we get more children registering an interest - Please speak to Mrs Brown if you are interested.**

### **YEAR 2 BARNET INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Year 2 have been invited to take part in the 2015 Barnet Infant Music Festival on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. The Festival gives the children an opportunity to share music with children from other schools. Regretfully, due to the large number of children involved, there is not enough room at the venue to invite all parents.

- The children will be performing at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove, Edgware HA8 0QF and we would like to take the children there and back by public transport. Please let us know on the permission slip below if you can accompany us on the bus - we will need several helpers!
- We will be leaving School at 9.30am to walk to the bus stop.
- Please ensure that your child has a raincoat/coat, as appropriate for the weather.
- ***Please send your child with an easy to eat piece of fruit, such as an apple or banana, which they can eat before the performance.***
- Please note that they will return back to school at approximately 12.45pm and therefore we will be unable to provide them with a hot lunch. We can however, provide packed lunch in school. You can choose to have a free school packed lunch - this will include a drink, cake, pot of finger vegetables, a piece of fruit and a sandwich (please tick one of the sandwich options) or you can choose to send your child in with their own packed lunch from home. Please return your slips by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the very latest so we can pre-order the school packed lunches.

### **REMINDER: HARVEST FESTIVAL**

To celebrate Harvest Festival this year, from now until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we will be collecting only tins (eg soups, vegetables, beans) and packets of dry food (eg soup, rice, pasta, biscuits) for a Harvest display in the foyer. Our collection will be going to the Friendship Club at John Keble Church as in previous years. Thank you for your support and generosity, Mrs Swinburne and Mrs Gonsalves.

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### REMINDER: PARENT HELPERS

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 25<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your support.

### MESSAGE FROM EAST BARNET MUSIC CENTRE

We have the following available at East Barnet Music Centre, East Barnet Academy, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet EN4 8PU.

- Group Recorder Tuition:  
Yr1 at 10.20am, Yr2 at 10.55am, Yr3 at 10.10am. The 30mins session costs £55 per term.
- Guitar Ensemble:  
Guitarists of minimum Grade 2 Standard are welcome. The group rehearses at 11.00am for 30mins and costs £30 per term.
- African Drumming Ensemble:  
Students of any standard welcome. The group rehearses at 11am for 30mins and costs £22 per term.

If you are interested with any of the above please call or text Rita Porzi, Head of Centre, on 07773 893721.

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### LEGO CLUB

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

I give permission for my child to join Lego Club on Tuesday lunchtimes, and enclose £5.00 for the Club's fees.

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
- library duties

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**YEAR 2 BARNET INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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

I give permission for my child to accompany Year 2 to The Barnet Infant Music Festival at Woodcroft School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and understand that they will be travelling by public transport.

I am able to help with supervision

I would like my child to have a free school packed lunch. This will include a drink, cake, pot of finger vegetables, a piece of fruit and a sandwich (please choose a sandwich option by ticking one box in the table below)

Filing option	White bread	Wholemeal bread
<i>Tuna mayonnaise with cucumber</i>		
<i>Egg mayonnaise</i>		
<i>Tuna mayonnaise</i>		
<i>Chicken mayonnaise</i>		
<i>Ham</i>		
<i>Cheese</i>		
<i>Chicken</i>		
<i>Turkey</i>		

*I will send my child in with their own packed lunch from home.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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