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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for returning your slips regarding Monday's Internet Safety meeting. Due to demand, we will be hosting both sessions. For the first session at 3.30pm children will be looked after whilst you are at the meeting, but please note that for the 6 o'clock meeting children will need to be left at home.

Please look out for a letter coming home today regarding Free School Meals Eligibility. Please take time to read the letter as the money the school receives enables us to help your child academically as well as to provide a meal. We will be doing a checking exercise over the next two weeks in line with the Local Authority Identification Service. If you would like to discuss anything, please contact either myself or Mrs Doshi in the Office.

I would like to invite all Reception Parents to a meeting about how we teach Phonics and Reading. The meeting will be at 9.00am in the School Hall. Please make every effort to attend as this will enable your child to take full advantage of everything we offer at Courtland. If possible, please could you ensure that you do not bring along younger siblings as there is a lot of information to digest.

You may have heard the children talking about a new member of staff, Mr Williams, who started this week. He will be working with us this year both in lessons and at playtimes, to help us to deliver our PE Curriculum. We are hoping to enter more competitions this year and play more games at playtimes as a result of having a new member of staff.

Lisa Walker

Congratulations to Wania Khan, Tanya Naghashzadeh, Dorathy Eji, Aveh Aryabod, Ben Edgar and Sanjana Pandey who were all recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

Well done to Andrea Theocharous who won a Silver medal in the Tudor Rose Festival for Dance!

Congratulations to Beatrice Theocharous who won a Bronze medal in the Tudor Rose Festival for Dance!

Well done to Sanya Chag for achieving her 10 metres Swimming Certificate!

Welcome to Ma'Isha Rahman who joined us in Year 6! **Welcome** to Mr Williams who joined us as a Sports Apprentice! We hope you will both be very happy at Courtland School!

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

Our thought for this week is "I treat everyone with respect."

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE GLOBE THEATRE

On Wednesday 21st October, Year 5 will be visiting the Globe Theatre in Southwark, to complement their History topic and Midsummer Night's Dream Play.

- ❖ We are asking for a donation of £10.00 to cover the cost of this trip. This will include the visit and workshop at the Theatre. However, there is no charge for travel on the train for both children and parent helpers.
- ❖ We plan to travel by overground train from Mill Hill Broadway to London Blackfriars. We will leave school at 10.00am to walk to Mill Hill Broadway station and will return to Mill Hill Broadway at 3.15pm. **The children will need to be collected from Mill Hill Broadway at 3.15pm.** We will text if we are running late. Please ensure that you are there to collect your child promptly.
- ❖ The children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink in a disposable bag, labelled with their name.
- ❖ The children will need to wear school uniform, school shoes, as well as a coat/raincoat.
- ❖ The children can also bring up to £2.00 to spend in the gift shop.
- ❖ **Please complete the permission slip below and return it to the school office, together with your donation by Friday 9th October.** Please also indicate on the slip if you are able to help with supervision on the day.

YEAR 6 SCIENCE

Please can your child bring in to School a clean glass jam jar and marbles (if you have any) for our experiment on Forces by Monday 5th October.

BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair will be at Courtland School, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, in the Hall from 3.20pm until 4.00pm. Please come along to support this event as any commission we get will go towards books for our School Library! As well as selling the latest books, they will also have a range of stationery on sale! Thank you for your support.

YEAR 1 CAKE SALE

Well done for helping to raise an amazing £136.45! They will be able to spend this money on resources for their classroom.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Please ensure that you return your permission slip and donation by Friday 25th October, if you have not done so already. Thank you to everyone who has offered their help for this trip. Parent helpers should already have received a text if they have been chosen to help transport us. If your child requires a booster seat, please could they bring it in with them on the day of the trip - please ensure it is labelled with their name.

CLUBS NEWS

- ❖ **Yo-yo Club is now open to children in Years 1 to 6 - (yo-yo's provided!).** There are still places available! Please speak to Mrs Brown if you are interested in joining.
- ❖ **Mandarin Club has now recommenced** - Please speak to Mrs Brown if you are interested in joining.

All Clubs sign-up forms are available outside the office.

REMINDER: HARVEST FESTIVAL

To celebrate Harvest Festival this year, from now until Friday 2nd 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.

PTA NEWS

- ❖ **PTA Covenant Scheme:** if you would like to consider making a regular monthly donation to the PTA please complete the PTA Covenant Scheme letter that was sent home on Friday and return it to school as soon as possible. This request is supported by the Governing Body and Courtland School.
- ❖ **PTA Meeting:** there will be a PTA meeting at 2.30pm on Friday 2nd October, in school. The purpose of this meeting is to start discussing the Christmas Fair so if you have any ideas and would like to make suggestions for the day, we would love to see you! **We would particularly like to hear from anyone who knows a business that would be willing to donate good quality prizes for either the raffle or auction. *New Reception Parents/Carers are warmly welcomed to join us - we would love to see some new faces!***
- ❖ **Upcoming Events:** there will be a Children's Halloween Ball on Wednesday 21st Octobermore information to follow!

Many thanks,
Your PTA

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE GLOBE THEATRE - Wednesday 21st October 2015

CHILD'S NAME _____

I give permission for my child to accompany Year 5 to the Globe Theatre on Wednesday 21st October and enclose a donation of £10.00. I understand that they will be travelling by overground train, and that I need to collect them from Mill Hill Broadway station at 3.15pm.

I am able to help with supervision []

Signed _____



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