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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

**URGENT:** We are desperately seeking people to fill the positions on the PTA as we are in danger of it collapsing. Please see the note below from the PTA, as it is imperative we find a way of keeping the PTA going. Every parent is a member of the PTA, but without somebody stepping forward to take up the roles of the committee, it will inevitably fold. Please, please, please do not allow this to happen - **your children need you!**

Please also note a change of date for the Christmas Fair: It will now be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, not Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Further to last week's newsletter, we will be holding an English Curriculum Event on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.30pm. This will be in the form of a meeting for each year group to inform parents about the changes to the English Curriculum. Each class teacher will explain how the Curriculum has changed and what the children will be covering during this year. Please make every effort to attend as this will enable you to understand what they are learning and also to support them with their home learning. The children will be supervised in the playground, whilst you attend the meetings in your child's classroom.

The Year 4 class assembly will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to join me in the hall for coffee from 9.00am.

*Lisa Walker*

**Congratulations** to Amelia Moqrane, Teddy Boxall, Isha Chag, Apple Marici who were all recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

**Well done** to Ryan Chakroune for achieving his 20 metres Swimming Certificate!

**Congratulations** to the following children who were praised in Achievement Assembly this week:

- Year 2: Dylan Mamajanov, Liam Godarzi, Aliza Hussain.
- Year 3: Kiara Mikniche, Wania Khan.
- Year 4: Zahra Hussein, Lily-Grace Dunne, Tamana Rabi, Janvi Makwana.
- Year 5: Sara Kortach, Aria Chubdar Khushkhui, Chloe Silverman, Junaid Alemdar.
- Year 6: Lilly Briffa, Kelechi Ebodili, Syan Shah, Mannan Sethia.

**Well done** to all the children who participated in the Cross Country Run at Allianz Park last week: Gabi Kozak, Theo Silverman, Ruby Havens, Teddy Boxall, Sara Kortach, Noah Gray, Vlad Pintea, Ovidiu Pintea, Beatrice Theocharous, Andrea Theocharous, Chloe Silverman and Sasha Richardson! The whole team were a credit to the School! A special thank you to Mr Williams for all this support at the event!  
**Congratulations** to Courtland School for retaining our Gold Accreditation for our Travel Plan! Lilly Briffa and Kelechi Ebodili collected the award on our behalf yesterday at a special awards ceremony in London!

*Our SEAL theme for this half term is "New Beginnings"  
Our thought for this week is "I try to learn something new each day."*

#### **ASSEMBLY GIVEN BY YOU!**

We would be very interested to hear from any parent who would like to take some or all of an assembly about your religion, a religious festival or the country you or your family come from. You can do this individually or with another parent. Please contact Mrs Rose if you are interested, thank you.

#### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS APPOINTMENT TIMES**

The parent consultations appointment times will be sent home in the next few days by the class teachers in Year 1 to 6. Any changes that need to be made to the times allocated should be referred directly to the class teacher and not the school office please.

#### **ON-LINE LIBRARY**

Please encourage your child to take a moment to visit our on-line library:  
<https://u020600.microlibrarian.net>

You can help them login using your child's username and password - both their username and password is their 4 digit barcode found in their planner or on their plastic reading wallet. On-line, the children will be able to access E-books, write reviews for others to read, and browse the library catalogue. Please encourage your child to make good use of this valuable resource! If you have any questions, please see Mrs Rose or Mrs Swinburne, thank you.

#### **YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS**

Year 1 will be consolidating their learning about Guy Fawkes with a trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

- ❖ We will be travelling by coach and will leave school at 9.10am and be back in time for the end of the school day.
  - ❖ The cost of this trip will be £18.00 per child, which includes the cost of the coach, entrance and workshops.
  - ❖ We will need a limited number of parent helpers on the day. If you are able to help, please indicate on the permission slip. Please can you return your slip and donations by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the very latest.
  - ❖ Children will need to wear their school uniform and bring a coat as they will be walking from one building to another.
  - ❖ **We can provide a free school packed lunch for your child to take with them - 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: a packed lunch and a drink in a disposable carrier bag, labelled with their name, (no nuts, fizzy drinks or sweets please). Please indicate your preference on the slip below.**
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## PARENT HELPERS IN SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help in classes. The class teachers are in the process of sorting out the times and dates, thank you, Mrs Swinburne.

## CLUBS NEWS

- **Art Club:** Renee is offering a free taster class to anyone who would be potentially interested in joining (children in Years 1-6) on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - the theme for the session will be 'Spooky'. Please come to the office to give your child's name - limited places available!
- **Cheerleading Club:** They are offering a free taster session to anyone who would be potentially interested in joining (children in Years 3-6) on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please come to the office to give your child's name - limited places available!

## PTA NEWS

### **PTA AGM - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 pm, at school.**

The current Committee will be leaving the PTA and we are looking for some new blood, new ideas and new enthusiasm to take it forward. Over the next few days we will be sending out information about the positions available on the committee and what the PTA do.

- We need as many people as possible to be there please, this is your PTA committee and your opportunity to vote in the new Committee for the PTA to continue. Did you know the PTA was set up as the school's charity in 1976? Do come along and keep the legacy alive! There will also be a review of our accounts and activities for the past 12 months.

**Halloween Ball** - a reminder that there will be a Courtland Halloween Ball on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 5 pm for Infants and 6.30pm for Juniors.

**Christmas Fair** - this year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

- If you have a business you would like to promote on the day or know someone who would like to have a stall at the fair to promote their business and support the school, please contact Natalee Powell on 07956 129619.
- As always, any parent/carer/guardian who can support the fair by running an event or activity, we need to hear from you: whether you can do face painting, manicures, henna tattoos, art and craft, jewellery making, anything that will help raise funds on the day, do get in touch with Natalee a.s.a.p.
- Bric a Brac - start saving any unwanted gifts, homeware, second hand books, good quality toys and glass jars for our sweet jars cart.

**Martyn Gerrard boards** - remember to complete and post in the PTA postbox the Martyn Gerrard's opt-out letter by this Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, if you do not want a board sponsoring the Christmas Fair.

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**YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

I give permission for my child to accompany Year 1 to The Royal Gunpowder Mills on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, and I enclose a donation of £18.00.

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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