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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reminder for English Curriculum meetings:

- Monday 9th November : 3.30pm Yr 5 & Yr 6
- Tuesday 10th November: 8.30am Yr 1 & Yr 2
- Tuesday 10th November: 3.30pm Yr 3 & Yr 4

We have split the days, in order for you to be able to attend different class sessions for your child's year group. The meetings will take place in your child's classroom. Please make every effort to attend.

Please do not forget that Sponsored Spellings will be tested this week. We will text you once your class has completed their spellings. Please send in the Sponsor Form and money as soon as possible, as the money we raise will go towards replacing the sound system in the Hall.

Hopefully, you all had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher the week before the Half Term break. If you were unable to make this meeting, please contact the Class Teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Please make a note of the PTA AGM meeting on Friday 6th November, 2.15pm, at School. The PTA is setting up a new Committee and need your support. Without this, the PTA will unfortunately be unable to continue. They provide community cohesion as well as helping to raise vital funds for our School. Thank you.

Lisa Walker

Good luck and farewell: Next week we shall be saying farewell to Mrs Doshi, our School Secretary. She will be leaving Courtland on Tuesday 10th November, after six and a half years. Mrs Doshi is leaving us to start a new venture. The staff, Governors and children would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to her for her hard work and dedication to the Courtland community! We will miss her and wish her good luck for the future!

Farewell to Mrs Gonsalves who will be starting her Maternity Leave at the end of this week!

Congratulations to the whole Courtland community for winning a School of Excellence Trophy for promoting the use of public transport in our Travel Plan! Our JTA's, Lilly Briffa and Kelechi Ebodili, collected the Trophy and Certificate from TfL at City Hall yesterday!

Well done to Year 2 for performing beautifully at the Barnet Infant Music Festival! A huge thank you to Miss Wakefield who composed our individual entry to complement the story of "The Little Red Hen"!

Congratulations to Hiren Ramanlal who was recorded in the Golden Book for his outstanding work!

Thank you to School Council for behaving impeccably whilst representing us at The Houses of Parliament!

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who were very successful at the Totteridge Academy Festival - a special well done to Klodi Grajqevci for winning the Spelling Bee!

Our SEAL theme for this half term is "Getting on and falling out"

Our thought for this week is "My values guide me to do what is right."

SCHOOL MEALS

- There are a few adjustments to the School lunch menu this term - a copy of the new menu will be available on the school website by the end of this week.
- The cost of school lunches for the second half of the Autumn Term is £73.10 (from 3rd November to 18th December). Payment must be made in advance for the half term or full term. 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 Doshi.
- From Monday 2nd November we will be on week 4 of the 4 week rolling lunch menu. You can view the menu on the parent information board outside the school office or on our website.
- 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.

BIKEABILITY REMINDER: Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November

If your child is taking part in the Bikeability Training, please remember that they need to have their bike and helmet at School every day next week. They will be able to leave their bike at School in the bike shed if you wish. You will have already been notified by text if your child has a place. If there are any parents who can help to bring the bikes down into the playground each morning, it would be much appreciated.

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Year 5 will be performing in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Artsdepot on Wednesday 25th November.

- Children will come to school as normal and have morning lessons and lunch at school.
 - We need parent helpers to transport children to the Artsdepot in Finchley, leaving school at 1.00pm. Parents will not be allowed to stay with us - we only need you to drop us there.
 - The children will need a packed early evening meal with a drink, to have at the Artsdepot before their performance.
 - A text will follow shortly to ask parents to come to the school office to collect their tickets if they have ordered it via the school. Please note that these tickets cannot be reprinted/reissued and must be therefore signed for at collection and it is your responsibility thereafter to keep them safe.
 - **All children must be collected from the Artsdepot at 9.00pm at the end of the performance.**
 - **On Thursday 26th November, as the children will have had a late night, you have the option to bring your child into school by 9.40am at the very latest, if you wish to do so.**
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- **Please complete the permission slip below and return it to Mrs Rose by Wednesday 11th November. Please indicate on the slip if you are able to help transport us there. If you are giving permission for your child to be collected by someone else, please indicate this on the slip below.**

REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The order form for your child's school photograph should have come home to you yesterday.

- ***We have been advised by the company that you need to return your order form to the school office by 9.00am on Thursday 5th November. Late orders may incur an extra charge.***
- Please follow the instructions provided when completing the order form, and return it with the correct payment in the envelope provided.
- Please ensure that you seal the envelope and write your child's name and year on the front, together with the order value.

MUSIC TUITION FOR THE SPRING TERM

As you know, we have to book our peripatetic music teachers in advance, so can parents/carers of children currently learning an instrument in school please complete and return the slip below **by Friday 20th November.**

- Lessons will start during the week commencing Monday 11th January 2016 and will run for 10 weeks. The cost will be **£97.50 per child for a 15 minute lesson each week, for 10 weeks.** You can book 30 minute lessons by paying **£195.00**. Please note that the school does not make any profit from this service - the cost is simply passed directly on to the parent/carer and is co-ordinated by the School.
- ***Cheques should be made payable to Courtland School and may be post-dated to 4th January 2016 but they MUST be sent in by Friday 20th November 2015 to reserve your child's place.*** If you do not return the form by this date, a place cannot be booked for your child.

If your child wishes to start to learn an instrument, please indicate this on the slip below and you will be notified after Friday 20th November should there be a space for the Spring Term. (The instruments currently being taught in school are violin, keyboard, piano and guitar.) Please do not send any payment until it has been confirmed that your child can commence lessons.

PTA NEWS:

PTA AGM - Friday 6th November at 2.15 pm, at school.

As you should be aware by now, the current Committee is leaving the PTA and we are renewing our call for new blood, new ideas and new enthusiasm to take the charity forward.

- **We need parents/carers to come along and 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! As Miss Walker said, it will be a great shame if our school's charity had to close after so many years of supporting the school to deliver the outstanding learning experiences our children enjoy at Courtland, please don't let this happen! There will also be a review of the charity's accounts and activities in the past 12 months.**

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November.

- Raffle Tickets: watch out for your raffle tickets coming home with your child/ren today, and good luck in raising as much money as you can for our school charity!
 - 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.
 - Any parent/carer/guardian who can support the fair by running an event or activity, please do come forward now: 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 - continue to save any unwanted gifts, homeware, second hand books, good quality toys
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and glass jars for our sweet jars cart.

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL - Wednesday 25th November 2015

CHILD'S NAME _____

I give permission for my child to attend the SSF Performance at the Artsdepot, travelling by parent helper car.

I can help transport ___ children with seatbelts to the Artsdepot.

My child needs a booster seat and I will send it in to school with them on this day.

I will collect my child from the Artsdepot at 9.00pm on Wednesday 25th November.

I am unable to collect my child from the Artsdepot and therefore I have made arrangements and give permission for them to go home with

_____.

Signed _____

MUSIC LESSONS FOR SPRING TERM 2016

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR _____

INSTRUMENT AND/OR TEACHER

I would like my child to continue to learn music in school and enclose a cheque/cash for £97.50 (10 weeks at £9.70) - this may be post-dated to 4th January 2016
Or £195.00 for 30 minute lessons - this may be post-dated to 4th January 2016

I do not wish my child to continue to receive music tuition in school

I would like my child to start receiving tuition in school, should there be a space available (please write what they are interested in learning) _____

Signed _____



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