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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our English Curriculum meetings - we hope you have found them useful. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to discuss anything further. In the Spring Term we will hold a Maths Curriculum meeting for each year group. Please look out for those dates in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our PTA AGM. If you are able to volunteer for one of the key roles or are willing to become a Class Rep, please can you let the current Committee know as soon as possible. Our next major event is our Christmas Fair. Please can you start bringing in the items listed below in the PTA NEWS section and leave them under the stairs in the foyer for the PTA to sort. Please continue to send in your Sponsored Spellathon money and sell your raffle tickets for the Fair.

The School Governing Body would like to meet with the School Council members on Tuesday 24th November at 6.00-6.30pm. Please can you look out for a separate letter coming home where you can give permission for your child to attend.

Reminder: The Year 5 class assembly will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 9.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to join me in the hall for coffee from 9.00am.

Lisa Walker

Congratulations to Maja Kozak, Theo Silverman, Beatrice Theocharous and Zahra Hussein who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

Well done to all of Year 4 for their fantastic French home learning work! Madame Willoughby was tres impressed!

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

Our thought for this week is "As we wear Remembrance Day poppies on our lapel, let us unite against war and bring the world closer with peace and harmony." Jose Narosky

REMINDER: 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 18th 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.
- ❖ Children will need to wear their school uniform and bring a warm coat as they will be walking from one building to another.
- ❖ Thank you to all the parents who have offered to accompany us on this trip. We only need 3 parent helpers - Ms Lumb-Evans will notify you if you have been selected. Don't forget your packed lunch!

REMINDER: 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.

MESSAGE FROM MRS DOSHI

I would like to say a fond farewell to all the staff, children and parents and carers at Courtland! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and will miss you all dearly! I have been very touched by all your good luck messages, kind words and generous gifts - it is very much appreciated and I feel completely overwhelmed by your support! I would like to wish you and your family all the very best for the future and hope to keep in touch! With warm regards and best wishes, Mrs Doshi.

PTA NEWS:

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November.

- Please keep on selling your raffle tickets, 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
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- 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 and glass jars for our sweet jars cart. Start bringing them in next week and leave under the stairs in the foyer.
 - Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM last Friday, a copy of the minutes from the AGM and the accounts and activities covering the last financial year ending July 2015 will be available from the school's office soon. Regrettably, we failed to elect a new Committee on the day so if anyone is interested in any of the roles, please contact either Roberta Esposito on 07540 064417 or Natalee Powell on 07956 129619. Ultimately, if no one comes forward to support the PTA in a named role and no solution is found, the PTA will fold after Christmas.

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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