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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, Mrs. Reynolds left us to start her maternity leave at the beginning of the summer holidays. It is with the deepest sadness that I have to inform you that her baby daughter, Eve, sadly passed away. Whilst there are no words to console a family at this difficult time, I am sure that you will join us in sending your heartfelt condolences. Eve was treated for several weeks at Great Ormond Street Hospital where she received outstanding care and the family were given fantastic support. In recognition of this, we would like to hold a charity event to raise money for the neo-natal ward. Mr and Mrs Reynolds are very grateful for the precious time they shared with their daughter and take solace in the fact that the days she spent with them were full of giggles, cuddles and dancing.

Please can you talk to your children about this as only you can judge when the time is right and we feel that this news is better dealt with by parents in the home environment before it is talked about in school.

Mrs Reynolds is planning to return to Courtland after the Christmas break.

*Lisa Walker*

**Congratulations** to Oliver Powell, Kordian Zurek, Vibusha Jeyagobikris, Alex McNicholas, Ali Farid Hassan, Hanash Choudhury, Hannah Ashtari, Elise Carpenter and Yusuf Ahmed who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

**Well done** to all of Year 5 for the amazing class assembly showcasing their performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream*!

*Our SEAL theme for this half term is "Getting on and falling out" – anti-bullying week.*

*Our thought for this week is 'Make a noise about bullying'*

## REMINDER: YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Year 5 will be performing A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Shakespeare Festival **next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**.

- Children will come to school as normal and have morning lessons and lunch at school.
- Parent helpers please arrive ready to leave at 1pm.
- The children will need a packed early evening meal with a drink, to have at the Artsdept before their performance.
- Children can also bring a small game with to play during their dinner break before the show, nothing electronic e.g. cards
- If you did not collect your tickets before the class assembly today please pick them up from the office ASAP.
- **All children must be collected from the Artsdept at 9.00pm at the end of the performance.**
- **On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## REMINDER: MUSIC TUITION FOR THE SPRING TERM

If you have not already booked your child's music tuition in school please complete and return the slip below **BY THIS FRIDAY (20<sup>th</sup> November)**.

- Lessons will start during the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 but they MUST be sent in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ROAD SAFETY WEEK 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Next week is Road Safety Week. This is an opportunity to promote road safety in our school community, to raise awareness of the part we can all play in making our roads safer. Please take the time with your children to consider how you use the roads, especially now the evenings are darker. If possible walk, cycle, scooter, car share or park and stride to school. Your children will be involved in activities promoting road safety throughout the week. We will have the local police patrolling the roads around our school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Also over the next few weeks we will be working with MHCHS to implement parking pledges for parents who drive to school - look out for further information coming soon!

## PTA NEWS:

### **Christmas Fair - Next Saturday! (28<sup>th</sup> November).**

- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Wear your Christmas Jumper/ outfit to school.** In return please bring in a gift for the Tombola Stall eg A bottle of wine / Alcohol, unopened box of chocolates, unopened bath/smellies, unopened gifts/to please keep on selling your raffle tickets, and good luck in raising as much money as you can for our school charity!
  - 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 bring in any unwanted gifts, homeware, second hand books, good quality toys and glass jars for our sweet jars cart and leave under the stairs in the foyer.

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### 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 [ ]  
**Or** £195.00 for 30 minute lessons - this may be post-dated to 4<sup>th</sup> 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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