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# NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Huge congratulations to everybody who helped out at the Christmas Fair. We raised an amazing £4,100 and are hoping to get another £1,000 match funding, bringing the total to £5,100. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work before, after and during the fair as always it is very much appreciated. Everybody working together helped raise this fantastic amount of money which will ultimately benefit all the children at Courtland School. Thank You.*

*Well done to all the children and staff in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 for the superb Infant Production of Santa's On Strike! It left all of us here with a warm glow which started the festive season off beautifully! It was lovely to see so many parents, carers & grandparents there. We were humbled to hear how far some people travelled to support us. I'm sure you were as proud of the children as we were.*

*As a special treat, on the last day of term all children can wear their own clothes to school for all their hard work this term. They will not be required to bring a donation on this occasion.*

*On behalf of everyone at Courtland I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We hope you all enjoy the festive season with your family and friends.*

*This is the last newsletter for this term. I would like to remind you the children finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and return back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.*

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*Miss Lisa Walker*

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

***Our value for this month is: Patience.***

***Everything comes to you at the right moment. Be patient.***

***Congratulations to Thewjaan Kaludura, Ajay Teeluck, Siblu Ali, and Cameron Fozilov, who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work.***

*Congratulations to Kayah Patel who achieved her Grade 1 Piano certificate, Amber Plesner for achieving her Goldfish 1 Swimming certificate, Samyar Sohani for achieving his Level 4 Gymnastics certificate and his Karate Green Belt certificate, Tamana Rabi for achieving her Blue Belt in Taekwondo certificate, Ryan Chakroune for achieving his certificate in Perform Silver Challenge, Daniel Augerec for achieving his 10 metres Swimming certificate, and Husna Rabi for achieving her Level 6 Gymnastics award.*

*Congratulations to Kailan Naker who was awarded a Magical Maths award in the Achievement Assembly.*

## **PANTOMIME**

We will be having a pantomime in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December as a special treat for the children for all their hard work this term. Many thanks to the PTA for providing the funds to make this possible.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

The children will be having their Christmas parties on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

- Infants will have their parties in the morning and the Juniors in the afternoon.
- *The children can come to school in their party clothes (ensure they are warm enough for outside playtimes).*
- *The children should bring their own plate of party food and drink labelled with their name. Please remember: do not send fizzy drinks or any items containing nuts*

## **YEAR 2 PYJAMA PARTY**

Year 2 will be having a pyjama party in school tomorrow (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December). Children should bring their pyjamas, dressing gown, slippers etc into school in a named carrier bag.

## **RECEPTION CLASS**

Next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Reception Class may bring a game (non-electric) into school to play during the day. Please bring games into school in a named carrier bag.

## **SCIENCE FAIR/HOMEWORK OVER CHRISTMAS**

We will be holding our first Science Fair on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The children's homework, over the Christmas break, will be to prepare for the Science Fair. Please see attached letters regarding this. KS1 have a different letter to KS2. Both letters are attached.

## **CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS!**

After the Christmas holidays we are looking for a Parent/Carer Scientist to come into school to talk to the children about their work, as part of our focus for Science Week. If you are a scientist and are able to give an hour or two, would you please contact Mrs Hall in the School Office. Thank You.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Children in Years 3 to 6 need to pay for their school meals; the cost is £2.15 per day.

- The cost of the lunches for the first half of the Spring Term is £62.35 (from 4<sup>th</sup> January - 10 February 2017). **Payment must be made in advance;** 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 Hall.
- You can view the menu on the blue parent/carers information board which is inside the school office or on our website. It is subject to change as we have no control over the delivery timetable of the ingredients.
- 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**.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Year 3 swimming lessons will begin again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January with Swordfish swimming first. If you have not already paid for the Spring term please can you make a payment before 10<sup>th</sup> January. Thank You.

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Music lessons will start again week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and will run for 10 weeks. Keyboard/Piano with Ann Hudson is on Mondays, Guitar with Rob Patterson is on Tuesdays and Guitar/Keyboard with Alan Gruner is on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their music book and instrument (if they have these) in school on the correct day each week.

### **PANTOMIME IN ST. ALBANS**

We have been made aware of some confusion regarding the price of these tickets and therefore would like to clarify this. Parents were offered the chance to buy pantomime tickets for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December for the production at the Alban Arena in St. Albans. The PTA were able to secure tickets at a reduced price as a group booking of £11.00 each. The tickets were offered to parents at a price of £15.00 per ticket, which is still lower than the £17.25 for children and £19.75 for adults that parents would have been charged had they booked direct with the Arena. The profit made went straight into the PTA bank account and therefore was another way of raising funds for Courtland school. The PTA were also able to negotiate a free ice cream for every child on the day. We would like to thank The PTA (especially Mrs Sam Gray and Mrs Natalee Powell) for organising this event as a lovely way of ending this term.



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