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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to performing our Christmas show, *The Night Before Christmas*, on Thursday and Friday morning. If you have not received your programme then see your class teacher as they have all the request slips. We appreciate that it is difficult, but please make arrangements to have your pre-school children looked after as any noise is very distracting for the children whilst they are performing.

Please help to support our fundraising day on Monday in honour of Mrs Reynolds' daughter, Eve, who sadly passed away last month. We are raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital as mentioned in an earlier newsletter. We are asking for a minimum of £2 but if you would like to give more it will be very gratefully received. There is also a collecting box in the office. We are aiming to raise as much as possible for this very worthwhile cause. Please see the section below for more details.

Lisa Walker

Congratulations to Dillan Talwar, Lakesha Patel, Daniel Lie, Rushil Lakhani, Shenon Kosgallana & Jamie Sherwood who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

Well done to Jackson Brookner who won first prize in the Children's competition for the Great Courtland Bake Off, Liam Godazi who gained his Grade 3 Swimming certificate, Lydia Godarzi who gained her Grade 2 swimming certificate, Sophie McNicholas who gained her level 2 swimming certificate, Ryan Chakroune who was awarded his Junior Swimmer Certificate, Joyana Dilukshan who gained her 10 metres swimming certificate & Ali Farid Hassan who was awarded his 50 metres swimming certificate.

Farewell to Daniel & Jamie Lie who are leaving us at the end of this week for an exciting new adventure in New Zealand!

Our SEAL theme for this half term is "Getting on and falling out"
Our thought for this week is 'When I cooperate with others I get more done'.

READING BOOKS

All reading and library books will be collected in from Reception, Y1 & Y2 children at the beginning of next week for the termly audit.

FLU VACCINE

We are still waiting for quite a few forms to be returned. **Please send them back by the end of this week even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination spray.** If you have any concerns Mrs Brown is happy to have a chat with you and she has a Q&A leaflet from Public Health England which might help you make a decision.

GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING - MONDAY 14th DECEMBER

On Monday 14th December, Courtland will be raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We ask that each child brings in a donation of at least £2 to wear a Christmas/winter jumper. Children will also participate in GOSH's Decorate and Donate initiative. Children will design a bauble sticker to decorate a Christmas tree poster that will be sent to the children at GOSH who will have to stay in hospital over Christmas and will not be able to go home.

URGENT MESSAGE FROM MRS AFFORD

I desperately need empty cardboard tubes from paper towels to use for making crackers on Christmas Activity Day. I only have 4 so far so will not be able to carry out this activity unless we get at least 50 more. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On Thursday 17th December the children will be having their Christmas parties.

- 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.*

Y3 CAKE SALE

Well done to Y3 who raised an amazing £92.87 to spend on resources for their classroom.

FOOTBALL MATCH

There will be a home football match against Christchurch School next Tuesday, 15th December, at 3.15. A letter will be sent to those children who are playing. As always, you are welcome to come and cheer on our team!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons have now finished for the term. They will start again on Tuesday 12th January for Swordfish.

CHOIR

There will be no Infant choir on Friday **this week or next**, and this is the last week for junior choir. They will resume in the New Year on Thursday 15th (lunchtime club for Years 4 to 6) and Friday 16th January (before school club for Years 1 to 3).

CLUBS

All clubs finish this week except for Art which has the last lesson on Monday 14th. December.

CHEERDANCE/STREETDANCE ASSEMBLY

There will be a joint Cheerdance and Streetdance Assembly this Friday, 11th December, at 1.20pm. Parents of those children performing are invited to join us.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas Post box is now outside the office for your childrens' cards. Please make sure that they have the **full name and class** of the recipient on the envelope so they can be delivered correctly.

Last posting day is Wednesday 16th December.



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