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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has set up a covenant with the school as well as for the donations you have been giving to help support us, it really makes a difference in these difficult times.

This, plus the fundraising efforts of the PTA, has enabled us to buy new equipment for the playground including a music centre which has been a great addition for the stage area. We have also put new games into all the classrooms, bought online resources and we are really looking forward to the playground markings being done next month. As always the PTA has supported our termly focus week by paying for the excellent workshops which enriched our learning.

Please read the section below concerning next week's Book Week. Don't forget that we are starting the week with a dressing up day when all the children and staff will be dressing up as a character from a favourite story book. You are also invited to come into school on that Monday morning and read with your child (Parents will not have to dress up unless they really want to!).

Miss Lisa Walker

Our SEAL theme for this half term is "Good to be me"

Our Thought Of The Week: Human Greatness Does Not Lie In Wealth And Power But In Character And Goodness.

Anne Frank

Congratulations to Zakariyya Pooya, Aveh Aryabod, Amber Plesner and Hannah Ashtari who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded team points in assembly this week:

- o **Year 1:** Christopher Papastylianous, Yunus Rafique, Lidia Godarzi, Oliver Dinh, Amelie Bourne, Ramin Hashemi, Zainab Mokaddem, Josh Parmar, Yiman Sbaini, Eliza Dhanji and Jermaine Nkum-Acquah
- o **Year 2:** Daisy Dunne, Amber Plesner, Alex McNicholas, Shaneel Lakhani, Isabella Chan, Husna Rabi, Apple Marici, Louise Torreiro, Sanjana Pandey and Maaria Ahmed
- o **Year 3:** Yusuf Ahmed, Miruna Micu and Noah Choudhury
- o **Year 4:** Ishan Chag, Wania Khan, Rushil Lakhani, Shenon Kosgallana, Daniel Jay, Kiara Mikniche, Temilade Odejide, Ben Thompson, Maisy Kettle, Felix Zhang, Henry Adeyemi, Max Plesner and Oliver Richardson.
- o **Year 5:** Nia Burrows, Nati Jemiolo, Lily Dunne, Bradley Pourali-Bazardeh, Tamana Rabi, Hiba Khan, Gabi Kozak, Beatrice Theocharous, Rachel Koffman, Janvi Makwana, Zahra Hussein and Mehrangiz Izapanah.
- o **Year 6:** Shannikay Burke.

YEAR 6 TRIP TO LINCOLNS FIELD CENTRE ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Please ensure the children are **in school for 8.45am**. They will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle, in a carrier bag, clearly labelled with their name. They must wear full school uniform and **suitable shoes** for being outside as well as a **warm coat**. **A large majority of the day will be spent outdoors, so please ensure that your child is wearing plenty of layers in order to be warm enough!**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO MILL HILL OBSERVATORY

On Wednesday 22nd March, Year 5 will be visiting Mill Hill Observatory, to complement their Science topic.

- ❖ We are asking for a donation of £1.00 to cover the cost of this trip. This will include the visit to the Observatory and a mid-morning snack.
- ❖ We will leave school at 9:45am to walk to the Observatory and will return to Courtland School at 2.30pm.
- ❖ The children will need to bring packed lunch, fruit and a drink in a disposable bag, labelled with their name.
- ❖ The children will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes, as well as a coat/raincoat.
- ❖ **Please complete the permission slip below and return it to the school office, together with your donation by Friday 3rd March.** Please also indicate on the slip if you are able to help with supervision on the day.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 4 will be visiting the Science Museum on Monday 6th March. The cost of this trip will be £15.00 per child which includes the cost of the coach and the show at the museum called It Takes Guts. If there is time we will go to the museum shop. Children can bring up to £5 maximum to spend.

- ❖ We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning at the end of the school day.
- ❖ Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle in a labelled plastic carrier bag. Please no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks.
- ❖ Children should also bring a coat as we will be outside for a short while.
- ❖ We will need 5 parent helpers for this trip. Please indicate on the permission slip, at the end of this newsletter, if you can help.
- ❖ **Please return the permission slip and money to the school office by Monday 27th February.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 Drumming Assembly will be held on Monday 27th March 9.10am

NETBALL

If your child attends netball practice please make a note of the following information.

Netball will not be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd February (as per text previously sent)

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 29th March

There will be an away match on Wednesday 8th March. Children who will be playing in this match will be informed by Miss Costello the week before. Netball will take place on the following dates for the whole team:

Wednesday 15 March

Wednesday 22 March

BARNET BAR NO ONE MULTI SPORT EVENT

Good luck to the children chosen to represent Courtland at this event. Please don't forget to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. Children can come to school in their PE kit and please bring a warm waterproof coat in case of bad weather.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again. Please ask for them when you do your shopping, and post them in the box outside the School Office. We hope to use the vouchers to order extra equipment for the playground. All will be gratefully received! Thank you.

BOOK WEEK

We will be holding a book focus week during Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March 2017. We would like you to be as involved as possible. Here are some of the ways you could support us during the week:

1. On Monday 27th February at 8:40 - 9:15 am, we will be starting the week with a reading morning in each classroom, where you are invited to come and read with your child/children. Do not forget to put this date in your diary!
2. On the same day, we will be having a Book Character Day. Half term will be an ideal time to get your child's outfit together ready for our parade.
3. During this week, if you would like to take part in our 'Donate a Book to Courtland' initiative, please can you complete the slip that was sent home last week. This slip will also be available outside your child's classroom for you to sign up for a book to donate. Once chosen, the book will be labelled with your child's name and dated, as a gift to the school.
4. Throughout the week, each class will be having their own Readathon. For this, could we please ask you to donate any appropriate children's magazines, comics and newspapers.

There will be more details about the above to follow.

Thank you,

Mrs Swinburne and Mrs Reynolds

REPLY SLIP

YEAR 5 TRIP TO MILL HILL OBSERVATORY

CHILD'S NAME _____

I give permission for my child to accompany Year 5 to Mill Hill Observatory on Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

I enclose a donation of:

[] £1.00

[] I am able to help with supervision.

Print _____

Signed _____

Relationship to Child _____

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YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Year 4 school trip to the Science Museum on Monday 6th March. I will provide my child with a packed lunch and enclose £15.00 to cover the cost of the trip.

I am able to help with supervision []

Print name _____

Signed _____

Relationship to Child _____