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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to The PTA for contributing a massive £12,000 towards the interactive smartboards that are going to be installed in the classrooms. Without this donation we would not be able to provide this equipment for the children. We are very lucky that we have such generous Parents/Carers at Courtland both with their time, enthusiasm for the school and donations that are made. It really is wonderful.

Thank you to everybody who has Donated A Book To Courtland. If you have promised a book, and have yet to purchase it and bring it in, could I please ask that you do this by this Friday. We will then print the label that will go into the book informing the reader who donated it. Next week we intend to provide a breakdown of how much each class has contributed to this.

We have been asked by Barnet Council to make you aware of the following statement. This is not to alarm you but just to request that you are vigilant and are aware of a local risk. "The police have advised us they have received reports of a man videoing children in Cressingham Park, Burnt Oak. The man was stopped by members of the public but left the scene before the police arrived. He is now being sought by the police. Please be aware of your surroundings and report anything suspicious to police via 999."

Miss Lisa Walker

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

A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour.

Our value for this month is: Positivity

Congratulations to Maryam Khan and Saffron Sahota who were both recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work.

Congratulations to Kayah Patel for achieving a Distinction in her first year practical and theory exam in Kathak (Indian Classical Dance).

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Reception class are looking for a class volunteer who can listen to the children read. Unfortunately, we cannot have a Reception class parent. If you feel that you may have a little time to help in this way please can you speak to Mrs Rose. 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 Summer Term is £58.05 (from 19th April - 26th May 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/carer 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**.

RECEPTION CLASS MEETING

There will be a **very important meeting** for all Parent/Carers of Reception Class children at 9.00am in The Hall on Tuesday 21st March. Please can you all ensure that you make every effort to attend this meeting as we have some information that we must relay to you.

LEARNING TOGETHER MORNING

The Learning together Morning that was due to take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 8.50am has now been cancelled due to the Reception Class meeting which is taking place the day before.

YEAR 2 CAKE SALE

Ready, get set, bake!! There will be a Year 2 Cake sale on Thursday 16th March. The theme will be Spring, so get your rolling pins out and bake for Courtland! Alternatively, you can of course buy them, whichever is easier. Please bring your donations into the school office by 3pm on Thursday. All monies raised will go directly back to the class holding the sale.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been noticed that some children are coming to school not wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform every day, which is:

GIRLS: Grey pinafore/skirt, white polo shirt, dark grey/black trousers, white socks/grey tights and black school shoes. **BOYS:** Grey trousers, white shirt/polo shirt, white/grey socks and black school shoes.

WE PROJECT

Due to our involvement with the WE Project, the School Council have been asked to undertake a yearly local community project. This year they are asking for donations to the local Barnet Refugee Service. School Council recently held an assembly about understanding what a refugee is and we had two speakers from the project who told us about what they do and the kind of things they need. Each class has been assigned a certain type of donation but please feel free to donate whatever you can from the list.

Reception & Year 1 - toiletries ie soap, toothpaste, shampoo. Year 2 & Year 3 - stationary ie pencils, notepads, paper, books. Year 4 - games and/or toys. Year 5 & Year 6 - clothes (clean and in good condition). **Please bring your donations into school and put them on the table on the foyer.**

We look forward to receiving your generous donations. Many thanks from the School Council.

SCHOOL OF ROCK

A parent in Year 6 is interested in arranging an afternoon out to see the West End Musical, School of Rock. Before arranging this she needs to gauge interest. Therefore if you are interested in booking a place for yourself and your child (during the school day), at a discounted group rate, can you please **text Sam Gray** on 07930 536201. The date will be 25th May and the discounted price is £40.00. This price is cheaper than you would pay if you book the ticket yourself, but will still raise some money for the PTA.

