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Huge congratulations to everybody who helped out at the Christmas Fair. We raised an amazing £4,500. 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 a Midwife Crises. 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. I'm sure you were as proud of the children as we were.

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 20th December and return back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Miss Lisa Walker

**Merry
Christmas**

*This half term our SEAL theme is: Getting on and Falling out
A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour.
Our value for this month is: Hope*

*Congratulations to Emma Dong, Raḍin Molāee, Ben Edgar, Hubert Żalucki, Huḍāifā Mohiāḍin, Daniel Jahanbazy, Idris Ahmed, Atena Barani, Zahra Hussein, Lina Hashemi, Martin Fozilov, Hina Khan, Ryan Rajai, Maya Badiani, and Hadil Mokaḍeem who were recorded in the **Golden Book** for their outstanding work.*

Congratulations to Oliver Dinh who was awarded his 200 metres swimming certificate. Congratulations to Daisy Dunne who was awarded her Level 5 proficiency award in Gymnastics. Congratulations to Samyar Sohani who was awarded his Grade 1 Piano certificate.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children will be having their Christmas parties on Monday 18th 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*

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 £60.20 (from 3rd January - 9th February 2018). **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 pay online on School Money.
- 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**.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 swimming lessons will begin again on Tuesday 9th January with Dolphins swimming first. If you have not already paid for the Spring term please can you make a payment on line before 9th January. Thank You.

MARTYN GERRARD BOARDS

A letter went home to every family yesterday concerning the Martyn Gerrard estate agent boards. We will be sending the list of addresses of parents willing to have a board outside their property to Martyn Gerrard at the beginning of next term. Please make sure you return your slip if you do not want a board or if you have a friend or relative willing to have a board.

Y4 TRIP TO VERULAMIUM

Year 4 will begin their Roman topic by visiting Verulamium Museum and Amphitheatre.

- The trip will take place on Thursday 11th January and cost £15. This includes the coach, museum entrance, workshop, and Amphitheatre. Please pay this online on School Money.
- Children can bring a maximum of £5 to spend in the gift shop.
- Your child will need to wear school uniform and bring a coat as we will be outside for part of this trip.
- They will also need a packed lunch and a water bottle. As they will be carrying a clipboard, it is advisable they bring a rucksack (their PE bag will suffice if they do not have one).

I will need 5 parent helpers for this trip. Please indicate on the slip (which will come home with your child today) if you are able help. You must be available for one of the pre trip meetings that will be held on Friday 5th January at 3.30pm and Monday 8th January at 8.30am.

LEGO CLUB

Lego club will start again on January 9th 2018. Lego club will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes (instead of Friday lunchtimes). If your child would like to attend please complete the slip below and return to Mrs Hall as soon as possible with £5.00 cash. We will accept cash for this club as it will be used to buy more Lego. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

THOMAS ACADEMY SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

We are proposing running a Saturday morning football academy starting in the Spring term which will be lead by Mr Thomas and his business partner. The plan for the academy is as follows:

Years 1 & 2	10am - 11am	Group of twenty
Years 3 & 4	11am - 12am	Group of twenty
Years 5 & 6	12pm - 1pm	Group of twenty

If you are interested in sending your child to this club, please register your interest by completing the form below so that Mr Thomas can gauge numbers. **Please return to the School Office no later than next Tuesday 19th December.**

HOME LEARNING IN PREPERATION FOR INTERNATIONAL WEEK

3rd -5th January 2018

Over the Winter Break, we would like your child to prepare a story to retell to another child during the first week back at school. The story can be made up or it could be a well-known story. They should not learn the words off by heart or read it from paper. The idea is that they know the story really well, so that they can retell it in their own words.

Thank you for your support.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

During the first week back in the Spring Term, we will be having 'International Week'. Each class will be taking part in a range of activities focusing on the culture, geography, history and life of a different country/area of the world. At the end of the week the children will be visiting each classroom to learn and experience other countries. Children will enjoy an African storytelling workshop on Wednesday and a Drumming workshop on Thursday They will all have a session to tell their stories to another child.

During the afternoon of Friday, 5th January we will be holding an international food fair in the hall. For this, the school catering company will be providing several food stations of varying international foods for the children to sample. We are looking for parents who wish to volunteer to either help run the stalls or make/buy any traditional food from another country to supplement that already being provided. For example, chapattis from India, dumplings/spring rolls from China, cheese from France, tortilla chips from Mexico, tzatziki from Greece. **Children can wear Mufti clothes - either traditional costume or clothes that are the colours of their country's flag for £1 on Friday 5th January.**

If you are able to provide food for the fair or help run a food station please complete the slip below. Please can you ensure that all food is vegetarian, nut free and pre-cooked. Please also indicate if you are able to stay for the afternoon to help serve the food.

THINKING OF TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER?

There is a new flyer up on the notice board outside the school office for anybody who may be considering training to be a teacher. It gives you details of when the next information is and where etc.

CHILD GENIUS 2018

The producers of the show *Child Genius* are looking for children between the ages of 8-12 years to take part in their show. Please see the notice board outside of the School Office for further details.

LEGO CLUB

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR _____

I give permission for my child to join Lego Club (Tuesday lunchtime 12.15 -1.00pm), commencing on Tuesday 9th January 2018. I enclose £5.00 for the club fees.

Signed _____

I understand places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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THOMAS ACADEMY SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

I am interested in my child attending the above club in the Spring term.

NAME OF CHILD(print) _____ CLASS _____

SIGNED _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

PRINT NAME _____

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INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Child's Name	Parent's Name	Year	Food	I am/not able to help in the afternoon of Friday 5 th January.