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Dear Parents/Carers

A huge "Thank You" to The PTA for their hard work in making The Fair another successful event. The grand total will be announced in next week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event I'm sure you will agree there was a superb atmosphere and everyone had lots of fun. All monies raised will go back directly to the children.

The school nurse will be in school in the afternoon of Thursday 6th December to administer the Flu Nasal spray to children from Reception to Year 5 whose parents have given their consent.

As you are aware funding has been an issue in education for some years now. As a new national funding formula has come out this is having a real impact on school budgets. Please see attached letters.

Miss Lisa Walker

This half term our SEAL theme is: Getting On and Falling Out

Our thought for this week is:

When I am sad, I help myself feel better by thinking of things that are good in my life.

Congratulations to Jack Brown who was recorded in the Golden Book. Congratulations to Dylan Mamajanov who was recorded in the Golden Book. Congratulations to Dylan Kelleher who was recorded in the Golden Book. Congratulations to Kamron Patel for achieving his Gold Survival Swimming Award. Congratulations to Maaria Ahmed for achieving her Level 2 in Water Skills. Congratulations to Hannah Ashtari for achieving her stage 5 in Learn to Swim Award.

INFANT PRODUCTION

The Infant production of Children Of The World will be held at school on Tuesday 18th December and Wednesday 19th December at 9.30am. Please complete the ticket request slip below if you would like to come and watch the children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 perform. Please return your slips to school by Wednesday 12th December.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas Post box will be outside the office for your children's cards from Thursday 6th December. 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 **Thursday 20th December**.

INTRA HOUSE COMPETITION

There will be an Intra-House competition next week. Reception Class and Year 1 will do theirs on Monday, Years 3 and 4 will be on Thursday and Years 5 and Year 6 will be on Tuesday (Year 2 have already done their competition). Children should wear their PE kits to school on their competition day. This competition is weather dependent as it will be outside. However please send your children to school in their PE kits unless we text to say otherwise.

YEAR 3 FRENCH BEAKFAST

On Friday we will be having our French Breakfast from 9.15am - 10.00am and the children may come to school wearing the colours of the French Flag, red, blue and white. Please ensure they wear suitable clothing and footwear, as they have P.E in the afternoon. They may wish to have a smaller than usual breakfast at home to ensure they are not too full to enjoy our breakfast at school! I would like to also ask you for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the cereal, hot chocolate, croissants, pain au chocolate and orange juice as I unfortunately do not have sufficient funds to cover the cost. This is a wonderful opportunity to allow the children to experience a 'French Cafe' and use role play to consolidate what they have been learning during French Lessons.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will be served at school next Wednesday 12th December. This will be served to all children that normally have a school lunch and to those children who normally have a packed lunch but have requested a Christmas lunch on this day. Children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day as well as a festive hat if they wish.

SCHOOL MEALS

It has become necessary to remind some Parents/Carers that school meals are payable in advance. We require you to pay online on School Money in advance if your child would like a school lunch. Ideally this is half termly. We notify you in the newsletter at the end of each term how much next terms lunches will cost. If you currently have an outstanding balance can you please clear the debt, including any lunches that will be taken between now and the end of this term, by this Friday 7th December as we need to close our books before the Christmas holidays. School meals cost £11.70 per week.

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 £2.34 per day.

- The cost of the lunches for the first half of the Spring Term is £67.86 (from 8th January 2019 - 15th February 2019). The amount for the second half term is £70.20 (from 25th February 2019 - 5th April 2019). The total for this term is therefore £138.06. **Payment must be made in advance;** If you wish to pay weekly, it is £11.70 per week, payable in advance 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.**

EAT WELL FOR LESS

A researcher for the BBC One prime time series *Eat Well For Less?* has approached us to see if any Courtland families are interested in taking part in their new series. They are currently casting for their sixth series and are looking for families / households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop. Please see attached flyer for details.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Please look out for the letter coming home tonight regarding the above trip in January.

YEAR 5

There will be a Reading workshop on Wednesday 12th December at 8.30am -8.55am in the Year 5 classroom for all Parents/Carers. Please can all Parents/Carers make every effort to attend this informative workshop. Thank You.

MARTYN GERRARD BOARDS

Please remember that the permission forms for Martyn Gerrard advertising boards need to be back this week. We have disappointingly few returns so far. Please send yours to school as this is an easy way of raising much needed funds for the school.

PTA PANTOMIME VISIT TO ST ALBAN ARENA

If you have ordered tickets for the above pantomime on Friday 21st December, please be advised that the tickets will be available for collection from Mrs Hall later this week. A text will be sent out with further information.

PTA NEWS/CHRISTMAS FAIR

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everybody who contributed to the Courtland Christmas Fair on Saturday. Whether organising a stall or feature, helping on the day, entering the bake off, attending or supporting in any possible way. It was a total success on so many levels providing so much enjoyment for parents and children alike. There is still money coming in from brochure advertising, but the projected balance from the raffle, auction, brochure advertising and takings on the day will be approximately £4000. We hope to receive additional Match Funding over the coming months too.

Funds raised at PTA events go towards funding projects which tend to be a combination of the needs of the school and the wishes of the parents, all of which benefit the children. The PTA already pays for items such as the library loan, the computer loan for the ICT room, workshops and focus weeks arranged by the school. Funds raised by the PTA have recently have enabled the following projects:

£1,100 has been set aside to revamp the secret garden. This is an area of the school much loved by children past and present which will also allow the gardening club to flourish. £1,400 to our classes. (£200 to each year) to buy books and resources in addition to the school budget. £500 for the revamp of our school library. These items were strongly supported by parents at the Summer term PTA meeting. £4,200 to replace the canopy in the parent waiting area. The original canopy that was funded by a past PTA collapsed under the weight of snow last winter. Following a long period of debate and a consensus vote, the majority of parents agreed that this was a fair portion of the available funds to spend on what will be a retractable canopy. The school has now placed the order and is arranging a survey.

The PTA has also recently arranged for netting to be erected free of charge at the end of the playground which now prevents the children's tennis and footballs from being trapped behind the low fence. This has been done with no cost for time or materials from the school or PTA and is a delight to the children.

With the success of the Christmas Fair and money on account there are funds available for new projects. If there is something that you would like to be considered please contact one of the eight committee members or leave a note in one of the red post boxes outside of the School Office (which will be handed to a committee member). The next PTA meeting will be an afternoon (TBC) in the Spring term. If a new idea is researched and costed before the meeting there is every chance it can be put to a vote.

Thank you to all those who came along to the games room at the Christmas fair this year. We hope that you enjoyed the new games and we will be aiming to provide something new for you each year! This year some challenge games were included for which the prizes were trophies and chocolates boxes for the winners and chocolates for runner ups! The champions for this year are as follows:

'Champion of Speed' went to- Karina Vagjiani Y2 who did 174 steps! The runner up prize went to Shayan Vagjiani who did 124 steps! 'Champion of Stack Em Up' went to Oscar Clark whose time was 14 seconds! The runner up prize went to Saniya (Sister of Sibin in Year 3) whose time was 21 seconds! 'Champion of Upward Stack' went to Oscar Clark whose time again was 14 seconds! The runner up prize for 'Champion

stacker' went to Maya Badiani Y2 whose time was 23 seconds! 'Champion of Shake it to Win it' went to Lidia Godarzi Y3 whose time was 33 seconds! The runner up prize went to Josh Parmar Y3 and Kayah Patel Y5 who both got 52 seconds! Prizes will be given in assembly next week.

In addition to the above a 'Guess what's in the sock' game was added to the room! This was enjoyed by all ages. Those who got a least 3 items correct were included in a draw to win a giant cracker and advent calendar. The winners will be drawn in assembly and mentioned in next week's Newsletter. A huge well done to everyone who won and to those who participated!

BAKE OFF RESULTS

1st place: Farah and Aliza Hussain

2nd place: Shayan and Karina Vagjiani

3rd place: Lamar Faisali and Kayah Patel

5th place: joint winners Poppy Sahota, Benisha Powell and Scarlett Goldsobel

8th place: joint winners Arda Dikme, Jessica Powell and Maisy Kettle

Congratulations to the winners and to the following people who took part: Maya Zalucka, Leeyah Alemdar, Aaliyeh Pooya, Nuveena Subasinghe, Amber Plesner, Saffron Sahota, Eliza Dhanji, Hannah Clark, Zainab Mokaddem, Liam Godarzi, Mia Vaghjiani, Lisiana Hajrizi, Lidia Godarzi, Humza Hussain, Zayn Hussain and Kameron Estabrook-Clay.

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INFANT PRODUCTION OF "CHILDREN OF THE WORLD" - TICKET REQUESTS

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

I would like _____ tickets for the **TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER PERFORMANCE - 9.30am**

I would like _____ tickets for the **WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER PERFORMANCE - 9.30am**

****** PLEASE ONLY REQUEST A MAXIMUM OF 2 PER PERFORMANCE ******

If there are any spare tickets I would like _____ for Tuesday and _____ for Wednesday

Signed _____