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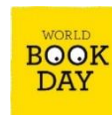
Dear Parents and Carers,

Aspirations week 20.01.2020

Last week, both schools had an aspiration focus so that all pupils thought about what jobs they might like to do in the future and how they could live to be the best that they can be. There have been some very interesting aspirations including doctors, childminders, astronauts and superheroes. Many children were able to articulate their reasons why and are aware that this will involve more learning and training. At the Infants, facing the playground, you will see the leaves displaying these for you to see and at the Juniors these can be found in the main corridor. As you know our values of 'believe, inspire and achieve' underpin learning and add to the 'cultural capital' we offer Court Lane pupils. I am sure you will enjoy reading the children's working ambitions.

Spring Pause Week - Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March

The theme for Pause Week this term is: Animals in Stories. All our children, across the Court Lane Schools, will be spending the week listening to stories that feature animals and learning how to retell a story. Each year group will be focusing on an author and exploring the art of storytelling. On World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), we would like the children to dress up, if possible, as their favourite animal character from a storybook. As it is World Wildlife Day during Pause Week, we will be asking for a small donation. More details will be sent out soon.



Parking Update

I am very disappointed that since the return to school Mrs Cordery, School Business Manager, has received a considerable number of complaints from local residents and parents alike regarding the driving and parking of a minority of parents. If you need to drive your child to school, it is important that you **drive and park legally and responsibly**. As a reminder please ensure that you:

- Drive at a legal speed, taking into consideration the weather conditions
- Obey the signals given by the crossing patrols and stop when requested to do so
- Park safely and legally, avoiding obstructing the corners of junctions and residents' driveways
- Not subject local residents and traffic wardens to verbal abuse if asked to move an obstructing vehicle

The safety of children to and from school is paramount and it is **your responsibility** to ensure that all children are able to come to school safely. Please respect the pupils and the local community and allow this to happen. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Meals

Please can we remind Junior School parents that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance on Scopay. You have up to midnight the day before the meal is taken to book. There has been an increase in children coming to the office at lunchtime because they have not ordered a lunch nor have they brought a packed lunch. We strongly

encourage parents to discuss the meal choices when ordering to ensure that children know what has been ordered for them.

Following feedback from parents and children, we will be reviewing the menu options for the Summer term and Caterlink will be engaging with parents and pupils. More information will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have any comments or queries regarding the school meals, please contact the School Business Manager Mrs Cordery, icordery@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk

If you are an Infant School parent, please remember that school meals at the Infant School are free and you are able to order online via Scopay but there is no need to add any money to your child's account. Alternatively, Infant children can continue to order in class on the day.

Miss School, Miss Out

A reminder that we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that we will not authorise a leave of absence for family holidays during the school term. Any absence not approved by the Headteacher is an unauthorised absence. Please ask at the office for more information.



Milk bottle top competition

Thank you to our Court Lane Community who have been supporting us by collecting milk bottle tops as part of the Portsmouth City Council recycling scheme competition. The competition will be ending in February so please ensure that you **drop in any milk bottles lids you have been collecting by Thursday 13th February**. For every tonne we collect, Portsmouth City Council are donating £30 to The Lord Mayor's Community Chest Appeal who will be donating the money raised to local charities. The school who collects and recycles the most milk bottle tops will win an item of playground equipment. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in November, the Infant school raised £265.67 and the Juniors raised £323.55.

Contact details

Please may we remind you that the Infant and Junior School have separate contact emails and telephone numbers should you need to contact either school. There have been a number of occasions recently where emails have been sent to the wrong school or Junior absences have been recorded on the Infant absence line and vice versa, which has resulted in a delay of getting the information through to the relevant person.

	Email	Tel No
Infants	inbox@courtlane-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk	023 92 378890
Juniors	admin@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk	023 92 375444

Inset day reminder

A reminder that our next INSET Day is scheduled for Friday 14th February ahead of the half term break. We will return to school on Monday 24th February.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Ramshaw'.

Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher of Court Lane Academies

COURT LANE INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning of Spring term

We have started this term with some fantastic experiences for the children as they start their new units of work. Year R have welcomed in a variety of people who help us including a midwife, the fire service and the police to name just a few. The children have been very enthusiastic to find out about what they do and we are very grateful to all the people who have kindly come in to support the children in their learning. Year 1 continue their preparations for their performance and are singing songs with great enthusiasm. Year 2 have had their Victorian Day and visit to Winchester Science Centre, which has inspired them with their Science unit of work as they continue to develop their scientific

skills. We are very grateful for your ongoing support as parents/carers to enable these opportunities to be provided for your children.

Year 1 Pirate Show

The Year 1 children are looking forward to performing their show to Year 1 parents on 7th and 10th February. You should have received a letter for you to confirm which performance you would like to attend. If you have any queries regarding the tickets please contact the office. Tickets will be sent home w/c 3rd February.

KS1 Assessment meetings – Year 2

It was really pleasing to see many of you at the recent Key Stage 1 assessment meetings. The evaluations have shown us how positively this was received. If you were unable to attend the presentation, some information has been put on the website. You can find this under Information, Curriculum, Year 2.

CLICA update

PJ night - You will have received a letter about the PJ night after school on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. Tickets will be issued by CLICA on a first come first served basis. Please make sure that if you wish for your child to attend the form and money is returned to school by Friday 7th February. Tickets will be sent home soon via bookbags.

Christmas totals – A huge thank you to all of the community who supported the CLICA activities over the Christmas period. A fantastic £5,500 was raised!

CLICA have numerous fun events coming up in 2020, please keep an eye on the CLICA section of the website and on the electronic board in the playground for further information. CLICA'S current Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be leaving this year and they have voted in lots of new, enthusiastic parents to join the committee and take on these roles. Thank you to all the CLICA committee and parents/carers who have supported them.

Scopay – online payment system

Many thanks to all of you who have used this new system for payment of trips and for other responses requested by school. It has really helped the office and ensures we are able to quickly process and check on all consent and contributions.



Mrs K Geddes
Head of School - Court Lane Infant School

COURT LANE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Respectful Liaison

If you have any matters that you feel you wish to discuss with teachers there is always the opportunity for this at any time of the year and doesn't have to be at the termly parent/teacher meetings. There have been a number of parents who have been unacceptably shouting at staff at the door as they greet the pupils for the day. This is in front of a class of children, other families and is a most unsettling start for the class as their teachers attention is with an angry adult. I urge anyone who needs a sensitive conversation/meeting to make an appointment through the school office. Staff will ensure the earliest mutually convenient appointment is made for a calm and respectful discussion. There is always a member of the pastoral team outside on duty to support positive starts for the new day and who equally could take an urgent message to teachers or SLT.

PTA Update

The PTA noticeboards have now been updated and information about events and how to contact the PTA can be found here. One noticeboard is situated in the school playground on the wall at the end of the Year 5 corridor and the other near the bike store at the rear entrance. These will be updated regularly with news. Quiz night is coming up on Friday 13th March and we like to give plenty of notice so that parents have the opportunity to plan childcare and come along and enjoy the fun! Finally, a reminder that we have a textiles bank in the school playground situated by the entrance on Hilary Avenue just inside the school gate. Clothing, fabric, shoes and soft toys can all be donated here and a percentage of funds comes back to the PTA. Thank you for your support and for such a positive start to the year.



Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher

NEW key dates added since the last newsletter

(Please note these are subject to change and there will be further additions throughout the year)

For a full list of keys dates throughout the year, please see the community section of the school websites.

Court Lane Infant School				Court Lane Junior School			
Date	Day	Time	Event	Date	Day	Time	Event
12 th Feb	Wed		CLICA Film Night	29 th Jan	Wed	6pm	Yr 4 Residential Information evening
13 th Feb	Thurs		CLICA Film Night	30 th Jan	Thurs	3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 5 Boys Football Trials
24 th Feb	Mon		Year 1 Science Dome	5 th Mar	Thurs		World Book Day - <i>Dress up as a favourite animal character from a storybook.</i>
5 th Mar	Thurs		World Book Day - <i>Dress up as a favourite animal character from a storybook.</i>	25 th Mar	Wed	10am-12pm	Primary Sportsability Festival, Mountbatten
16 th Mar	Mon	6-8pm	CLICA AGM	30 th Mar	Mon	2.30pm	Rocksteady Performance to parents
18 th Mar	Wed	AM	Year R Health Screening School Nurses				
19 th Mar	Thurs	2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert to parents/carers				