

Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who have volunteered their time to put on so many special events this half term, especially in the lead up to Christmas. The children have enjoyed all of these and they have really shown our community spirit. We hope that you all have an enjoyable time with your families over the Christmas break.

CLACA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. The event raised an amazing total of £2550!

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day both schools reflected on those who serve in our Armed forces. The British Legion were appreciative of the donations from Court Lane Academies. The Infant School raised £311.87 and the Junior School raised £344.40! Thank you for supporting this cause.

Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed coming together as schools for their annual Christmas lunch, in their festive jumpers. They really got in the spirit of the season and loved pulling the crackers that CLACA donated.

HAF Fun Pompey

Portsmouth City Council have launched their 'HAF Wonderful Winter' programme which will run from 16th-23rd December. They have a fantastic range of free and paid for activities and events on offer for children and young people aged 5-11 and 11-16, including some for all the family. You can visit Santa's Grotto, go sailing, play in a 3x3 basketball tournament, panto visits, go ice skating and plenty more. There will be good, tasty food including some Christmas themed dinners and the odd festive treat!

Bookings are now live. For a full list of providers and details of how to book visit <https://eequ.org/haffunpompey>

Food vouchers

This winter Portsmouth City Council (PCC) are providing a food voucher to all families of children, in reception through to year 11, eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Families will receive a **£80 voucher** for every eligible child attending school in Portsmouth this winter term. Eligible parents and carers should have received an email from Eden Red for their vouchers from Monday 27th November. Please check your junk /spam folders.

Junior School Council

Our Junior School Council had their first meeting as part of the Primary Council of Portsmouth Students this half term. They enjoyed being able to join with other Junior children in adding their voice to the council's plans.

Playgrounds before/after school

At pick up and drop off, please ensure siblings are under your direct supervision and that they do not use the play equipment.



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Dates for your diary

2nd Jan – INSET Day: school closed

3rd Jan – Year 1 Space Dome

8th Jan – Year R Blue Reef Aquarium visit

11th Jan – Year 2 Victorian Day

24th Jan – Parent Information Session

25th Jan - School Nurse Parent drop-in appointments

6th and 8th Feb – Junior Parent Consultation Evenings

20th and 22nd Feb - Infant Parent Consultation Evenings

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Junior Parent Survey 2023

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent survey this half term. We have reviewed every comment and pulled together the key messages which we can take forward to help improve our school. This will be sent out as a separate attachment for Junior school and be available on the school website. We aren't able to answer every comment in detail on this, so if you would like more information, please do come and ask a member of the leadership team or join our next Parent Information Session (see below).

Parent Information Session

Following feedback from parents and carers who were unable to attend our evening event in October about our schools and how we set our priorities moving forward, we have scheduled another session for 9am on Wednesday 24th January in the Junior School Hall. This is an opportunity to learn about what we are working towards and why, as well as ask questions you might have for the leaders from both schools.

Absence

One of the most important ways a parent can support the education of their child and the child's social, emotional and academic development is to ensure they attend every day and on time and avoid any unauthorised absences. Holidays are not acceptable reasons for absence as these are avoidable in term time. Please book these in school holidays.

Should the school be compelled to issue fines, this poses a significant cost to the school to be processed. Money from fines does not come to the school. This will have a detrimental impact on the provision for all pupils.

Illness

We know that illness is sometimes unavoidable and to be expected. However it is important to inform the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence, letting us know the reason, by phone, email, letter or in person at the school office so that the absence is authorised. Not all illnesses need time off school. There is a helpful link to NHS guidance on whether or not children can come into school below.

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

Severe weather procedure

If we need to close school for severe weather please be advised that this would be on our official school websites and an email will go to the address that we hold so please ensure that these are correct.

Parking

We have received complaints from residents of parents parking on their driveways when picking up or dropping off children. This is not only inconsiderate but also illegal. Please continue to park responsibly and also be polite when asked to move.

We hope you have a Happy Christmas holiday break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January. Please remember that the schools are closed for an INSET day on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Term Dates

Last day of term

Friday 15th December 2023

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024

Last day of term

Wednesday 27th March 2024

INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024

First day of Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holidays

Monday 6th May 2024

Half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Last day of term

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Day

Wednesday 24th July 2024

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