

Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have been displaying a range of talents this half term from music to sports. Our Infant Choir took part in Infant Voices Music Festival giving them the opportunity to sing at Portsmouth Guildhall and parents and carers of Year 1 children were able to enjoy a performance of their 'Fairy Tales' show, it was lovely to hear such positive comments from everyone. A group of Year 1 children participated in alternative sports activities at the gymnastics centre, they had an active afternoon along with other schools from the city. Year 1 children also enjoyed a visit to Portchester Castle which helped support their learning in History.

At the Juniors all of Years 4 and 5 have also been out and about. Year 4 had their first residential stay at the Sustainability Centre, developing their understanding of the environment with lots of hands on learning. Year 5 were able to immerse themselves in their History unit at the Weald and Downland Museum as well as also developing their cycling proficiency with Bikeability weeks. There are lots more details of these in our year group and whole school end of term virtual newsletters.

English theme week

It was a pleasure to see all the amazing artwork and writing that the children produced during English Theme week, we hope you enjoyed sharing it with them. The children also enjoyed reciting poetry to each other across both schools.

New entrants

We are expecting parents to be informed of school allocations for September 2024 (Reception and Year 3) when pupils return to school w/c 15th April. Letters will be sent to families and they are requested to accept or decline places offered. After this we will send out more detailed information for parents regarding information sessions and transition dates.

HAF Fun Pompey

HAF Fun Pompey offer holiday activities for 5-16 year olds. The Easter school holiday programme will run from Saturday 30th March to Friday 12th April. Each day includes activities like performing arts, sports, arts and crafts or games.

Children who have benefits related free school meals get to attend for free, but there are some pay-as-you-go options too.

To book visit <https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey/>

Food vouchers

Portsmouth City Council (PCC) has again made further funding available for supermarket vouchers to support low-income families with the cost of food. Eligible families will receive a £40 voucher for every child attending school in Portsmouth. Parents and carers should have received an email from Eden Red for their vouchers. Please check your junk /spam folders. Unredeemed vouchers will expire 3 months after the issue date.



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17th April – Year R Longdown Activity Farm

25th April - School Nurse parent appointments

6th May – Bank Holiday

21st/22nd May – Class photos Infant and Junior

23rd May - School Nurse parent appointments

(Date tbc) May - MSHT Anxiety workshop

w/c 13th May – Year 6 SATs week

w/c 3rd June – Year 6 residential/activities week

11th & 12th June – Year 3 Staunton Country Park

2nd July – Transition Day

8th July – School closed Trust INSET day

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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 your vehicle.

Wake up Wednesday

A healthy and consistent sleeping pattern is incredibly important for children's wellbeing. Poor sleep can have a significant impact on their brain development, affecting them for the rest of their lives.

With stresses and distractions, it can be tricky to ensure children are in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. Click on the link for top tips to help develop healthy sleep patterns. [Wake up Wednesday - 10 top tips](#)

Healthy Snacks

We have an increasing number of children bringing in chocolate bars and crisps for snack time. We would like to remind parents and carers that, if you wish to provide your child with a snack, please ensure that it is a healthy item eg. piece of fruit, plain biscuit or breadsticks. If children bring in fruit, e.g grapes, please ensure that they are cut up at home. Water bottles should only contain water, not juice or squash.

Please also remember we have a strict NO NUTS policy at Court Lane. In order to safeguard the children who are at risk from anaphylactic shock we have banned chocolate spread, peanuts and nut related products. Please do not put any of these items in your child's lunch box.

Attendance

School is the best place for children and young people to enjoy developing independence, building friendships and learning with their friends. All Portsmouth schools are committed to enabling all children to develop the best versions of themselves as individuals, achieving the very best they can and learning how to develop the personal relationships and interests which will enable them to live rewarding lives.

As a parent or carer you have a hugely important role to play in your child's education. Your support is crucial to make sure they attend school regularly and to give them the positive encouragement they need.

Any leave of absence during term time must be made in advance by completing a Leave of Absence request form available from the school office or on the school website. Absence for holidays cannot be approved.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure if they should attend, please use this guide to help you.

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

We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break!

INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024

First day of Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

INSET Day

Monday 8th July 2024

Last day of term

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Day

Wednesday 24th July 2024

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