

# Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our summer term is usually the busiest for events and there have already been lots this half term. Our governors have visited both schools to see learning in action and provide strategic challenge to school leaders at all levels. The RNLI and Bikeability team have been in to work with children in the Junior school and Year R have been out to Longdown Dairy Farm. The Infant School also had a visit from one of His Majesty's Inspectors and the full report is now available on the school website. Both schools have also enjoyed raising awareness for Diabetes with their sponsored dance today. Thank you all for supporting this cause. There is so much more to come next half term and we look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## **Changes to the school day and half term**

Our CEO, Jennese Alozie, has written to all parents, carers and staff outlining the intention to pilot a two week half term in October. To ensure that children have the correct amount of learning time, this will require both schools to add an additional 10 minutes to the school day throughout the rest of the year.

In addition to this the Infant school also needs to increase by a further 10 minutes a day to comply with the government's requirement for all schools to be open for 32.5 hours each week. (The Junior school is already open for this amount of time.)

We have worked together to accommodate these changes, bearing in mind the volume of people accessing the sites in short amounts of time and families with siblings across both schools. We are working with other partners, such as clubs, to put these changes in to place. We are at early stages still in a complex process so please bear with us whilst finer details are organised. We expect to be able to share the confirmed start and end times early in June.

## **Site Safety at the start and end of the school day**

Following a recent review of site security we need to remind you that:

- Zig Zags are not points for dropping off a child. Do not stop here.
- Play equipment on both sites should not be used before or after school by anyone. This is an insurance requirement.
- Gates must be secured at the start of the school day (8.50am).
- At the end of the day gates open 5 minutes before the end of the school day (currently this means 3.05pm Infants, 3.15pm Juniors).
- Keep to pedestrian routes – walking through car parks is hazardous.
- On school playgrounds, bikes and scooters need to be walked. Though riding on them is lots of fun, there are a lot of people and small children get bumped into.
- At all times, including on the roads outside, we model kind and considerate behaviour for children.
- Additionally, new screening is being installed along the Junior perimeter and Infant gates.



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## **Dates for your diary**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year R Cumberland House visit

7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Marwell Zoo visit

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

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Staunton Country Park

24<sup>th</sup> June – Digital Awareness Session for parents – Junior Hall 2.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 QE Country Park

26<sup>th</sup> June – New to Year 3 parent and carers session 9am

27<sup>th</sup> June - School Nurse parent appointments

27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Church visit

28<sup>th</sup> June – Court Lane Schools Summer Fayre

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Transition Day

4<sup>th</sup> July – Polling Station: Junior hall

8<sup>th</sup> July – School closed Trust INSET day

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## **Portsmouth Leisure Card**

Did you know that with Portsmouth City Council you could be entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card? It offers residents discounts of up to 50% at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services and attractions. The Leisure Card is free and available to residents who receive means-tested benefits within PO1 – PO6 areas.

For a full list of discounts and details of how to apply visit:-  
<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/leisure/sports-and-activities/portsmouth-leisure-card/>

## **Free swimming scheme for under 12s**

Free swimming is a local, council supported scheme designed to extend opportunities to swim and maximise the health benefits of swimming. The scheme is for Portsmouth residents, 12 years old and under and gives free access to the Mountbatten Leisure Centre and Charter Community Sports Centre. Full details can be found using the following link: - [Free swimming scheme for under 12s](#)

## **Portsmouth Mental Health Hub**

Portsmouth Mental Health Hub is a phonenumber that anyone aged 16+ can call to get support for their mental health. The phonenumber is run by a team of friendly, fully trained call handlers, who will connect you to the right support for you. This could be support over the phone, an appointment with services such as Talking Therapies Portsmouth or Positive Minds, or an offer to connect you with local organisations. Please remember 'You are not alone', call 0300 123 6621 to speak to the team.

## **Portsmouth SCITT**

Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey to become a primary teacher? Portsmouth Primary SCITT are an outstanding provider of School Centred Initial Teacher Training. If you have an honours degree, and GCSEs in Maths, English and Science (grade 4/C or above) you can apply today. The purposefully designed programme allows you to gain practical experience through school placements with mentor support after our evidence-based workshops. Visit Portsmouth Primary SCITT on Facebook for trainee insights!

<https://www.portsmouthscitt.co.uk/>

## **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. Find out more

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-child-care/schools/school-attendance/>

11<sup>th</sup> July – Year R Infant Sports Day

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 performances

12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 and 2 Infant Sports day

18<sup>th</sup> July – Drop in for parents and carers re Annual Reports 3.30-5pm

19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' party

19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Carnival Day & Leavers Celebration

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 4 & Year 6 Sports Day

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 3 & Year 5 Sports Day

24<sup>th</sup> July – School closed INSET day

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