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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupils had smiles and a spring to their step as they arrived on Monday morning, ready for a curriculum diet that is creative, meaningful, motivating and memorable. Staff are, as always, working hard to facilitate this. Many families arrived with books, fabulous models, posters and talks of visits out, all part of the home learning that helps immerse children into new topics and inspire their imagination and thirst for more. Thank you for supporting and engaging with us so actively to do this, it helps ensure pupils can be their best and engages classes as we try to hook them into new learning contexts.

Safer Internet Day



During the week of 10th February, the whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'Free to be me'. All of the children explored what an online identity was and what they would like theirs to look like. Throughout the week, children participated in activities exploring how to be kind online and how to stay safe.

Parent/Teacher consultation reminders

You will have received before half term information on the parent/teacher consultation meetings scheduled this week at the Juniors and next week at the Infants. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher.

We will be acting as a Foodbank collection point during the week of our Parent/Teacher consultations each term. A particular request from the Portsmouth Foodbank is for non-refrigerated juice, tinned vegetables (not beans), UHT milk and tinned fish. Please drop any contributions into the reception as you arrive for your appointment. Thank you.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

We are looking forward to seeing the array of animal character outfits on on World Book Day as part of our Literary Pause Week next week. **A reminder we are asking for children to come into school dressed as an animal from a book with a £1 donation to the World Wildlife Fund.** The Pause Week will enable us to share our love of reading and to look further at our literary heritage. This year, the overarching theme for the week will be based on animals and wildlife.



Giant Book Swap

Next week, to end our focused Pause Week of celebrating all things reading, we invite you to join in our 'Giant Book Swap' on Friday afternoon, 6th March. This will be for both Court Lane Academies but will be held in the Junior small hall for both schools. It allows the healthy recycling and promotion of a love of books for all in our reading community. If children donate a good condition book or books, they will receive a ticket on the day to exchange for a book in the hall during the school day. We are hoping for a terrific response so that we can find new owners to enjoy the reading range, from youngsters to adults alike. In order to set this book swap up, we need as many books as we can in advance of Friday 6th March. Therefore, please send in books to school during Pause Week from Monday 2nd March. All our pupils will be given the opportunity to visit and the doors then open to adults at 2.45pm. For this book browsing for

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adults, we would welcome a donation of funds for any books selected. This will go to each school's library. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

New Entrants September 2020 and Year 3 Allocation Day

Parents will be notified of places for Year 3 and Year R September 2020 entry on Thursday 16th April 2020. If you have applied online, you will need to log on to the PCC 'My Education' log in on the PCC School admissions page to see the outcome for your child. After this date you will receive information regarding the actual arrangements and transition into school from the school you have been allocated. The National offer day for places for Year 7 is Monday 2nd March.

Scooters/bikes in the playground

Despite numerous reminders there are still reports of people scooting and riding bikes in the both the Infant and Junior school playgrounds during drop off and pick up times. **Bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden either by children or adults on schools paths and in any playground at any time.** A younger sibling sustained a very nasty eye injury before the half term break which could have been easily avoided. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the children safe.

Coronavirus

The latest accurate information on coronavirus (COVID-19), including the current situation in the UK and details about the virus and its symptoms, can be found at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus . Further information for the public can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> They are updated when new information is available. **The risk to individuals in the UK remains low.**

Head Lice

Several incidences of head lice have been reported. We remind parents to please check your child's hair on a regular basis to keep this problem under control. If lice or eggs are found, treat urgently. Further information on how to treat head lice can be found on the school websites under the "Parents – School Nursing Service – Head lice advice" section.



Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher of Court Lane Academies

COURT LANE INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Year 1 Show

We ended the last half term with fantastic performances from the Year 1 children in their 'A Pirate's Life for Me' show. Thank you to the parents and carers for providing the fabulous costumes that really added to the occasion. The children performed enthusiastically, were wonderful to watch and demonstrated the hard work that they, and the staff, had put into the show. The children confidently sang and recited a wide range of songs and poems, performed a range of dances and entertained us all. Well done to everyone.

Year R Educational Visit to Longdown Activity Farm – Friday 28th February

This Friday, the Year R children will be off on their first educational visit to Longdown Activity Farm. A reminder that children should wear trainers/wellies and trousers with their school uniform shirt and sweatshirt or cardigan, to aid visibility and safety. If the weather is cold the children will need warm clothing i.e. vest, hat, gloves and scarf. If you didn't pre-order a Caterlink (school) packed lunch, please ensure you send your child in with a home packed lunch. We ask that all packaging is disposable (no glass bottles/cans please) and all lunch items are placed in a named carrier bag. **Please ensure that you send your child in with a drink.** Drinks are not provided with the Caterlink (school) packed lunch.

Year 1 Space Dome

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have contributed to this experience. This will launch this half term's learning for Year 1 where they will be looking at Space. All the children in Year 1 enjoyed and were fascinated by their experience.

Year 1 Cricket

During this half term, children in Year 1 will be participating in Cricket sessions that will be led by the Hampshire Cricket Board based at the Ageas Bowl. These are free sessions that have been offered to us as a school, the funding is provided

through 'Chance to Shine'. We hope to inspire students and staff to get involved and play more cricket especially after England's World Cup win last summer. For the children this will enable them to apply their skills and further enhance the range of physical opportunities provided to them.

PE kit

Please ensure that this is returned to school following the half term break. The children need to have their PE kit with them at all times in school so that they can fully participate in all lessons. All children are expected to change for PE and have plimsolls with them so they have appropriate footwear. Can I also remind you that if your child has earrings that these need to be removed by them on PE days or covered with tape that is provided by you, this is a health and safety requirement. If you have any queries regarding these requirements or have difficulty in sourcing PE kit please contact the school office.



Mrs K Geddes
Head of School - Court Lane Infant School

COURT LANE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Baby News

Our congratulations and best wishes go to the Wheeler family who welcomed a baby daughter on Valentine's Day. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Dance Live update

The Guildhall audiences and I were in awe of the inspirational 'Dance Live' performance by Court Lane Junior School on Tuesday 11th February. We were very proud of how the children performed and conducted themselves and for putting on such a terrific show on the night. We were delighted to hear that we had finished in 4th place and as the judges were so impressed by our performance and the high standard of the dance, Court Lane Junior School have a place in the finals! The final event will be held on Friday 24th April. More information on this to follow soon. We were so thrilled to see and hear the result of months of artistic collaboration. Costume, hair and makeup ensured our pupils looked stunning. Thank you for all the parental support to date and a special vote of thanks to the staff team, Mrs Barrand, Miss Payne, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Recchia who have worked tirelessly with the huge number of pupils.

Year Group Email Addresses

Email addresses have been set up to enable children to email their homework to their class teacher. These are as follows: Y3 - Y3Homework@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk , Y4 - Y4Homework@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk , Y5 - Y5Homework@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk , Y6 - Y6Homework@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk

Extra library opening times

We are pleased to inform you that from Monday 2nd March and for the remainder of the school year, we are extending library open times, giving families a fantastic opportunity to ask questions, get support, select books and read together. Entry is through the main office entrance on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.15am and through the classrooms on Thursdays after school until 3.50pm. Please ensure children are accompanied at all times. This is not for pupils alone, but to encourage family engagement and modelling of the joy in reading for pleasure.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will return to the school library from Wednesday 11th to Monday 16th March, selling a huge range of top quality children's books to suit all budgets. All purchases will help earn us new books for the library. Further information to follow.



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)

| Court Lane Infant School | | | | Court Lane Junior School | | | |
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| Date | Day | Time | Event | Date | Day | Time | Event |
| 6 th Mar | Fri | | Giant Book Swap | 6 th Mar | Fri | | Giant Book Swap |
| | | | | 23 rd Mar | Mon | | Yr 6 to Stansted Park |
| | | | | 24 th Mar | Tues | | Yr 6 to Stansted Park |
| | | | | 26 th Mar | Thurs | | Yr 5 Science Dome |
| | | | | 15 th May | Fri | | Yr 3 to Arundel Castle |
| | | | | 19 th May | Tues | | Yr 3 to Arundel Castle |
| | | | | 20 th May | Wed | All day | Yr 5 Fire Safety |

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