

Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has supported all of our school events this term, especially all of you who have volunteered in the lead up to Christmas. The children have loved them all! We hope you all have a lovely break over the next two weeks and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 6th January.

Governing Body News

Thank you to all parents and carers who offered their services as parent governor on our LGB. After the ballot was counted, Tim Green is being taken forward in this role and will join the LGB in January 2025. We are also welcoming David Myers as a Trust appointed governor as Co-Chair, having previously served as a Trustee. He will be partnering with Simon Ford as our other Co-Chair of Governors, whom many of you will already know from his long standing work at both schools and in our community.

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 £246.66 and the Juniors raised £365.85

Advent Cheer

It was lovely to come together again for our Advent cheer. Children, families and staff from both schools along with the University of Chichester band joined together to sing many Christmas favourites. Thank you to CLACA for organising our festive refreshments.

CLACA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. The event raised an amazing £2,315.13.

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Offer

For a limited time, residents who live in a PO or SO postcode can receive 30% off an Ultimate Explorer Pass for unlimited visits to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard's 9 iconic attractions, including HMS Warrior, Mary Rose, and HMS Victory. Discover the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, the Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower, and more for a year of maritime history adventures. Offer ends 14th February 2025. Start your journey and save up to £45!

Passes can be booked online using the following link: -

<https://historicdockyard.co.uk/discounts-and-offers/local-residents-offer/>

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

In the Spring term both of our Parent/Carer consultation evenings in February will be in person. If you still require an online appointment, please let the class teacher know and they will set this up for the time you book.

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 be sent to parents. Please ensure that you notify the school office of any changes to your contact details.

Festive Season Safety Tips

While we hope you're excited to relax, and enjoy some well-earned rest with friends and family over the Christmas holiday, it is still important that we do all we can to safeguard the children and young people in our care. Please see the attached guide from The National College for practical tips to help families stay safe over the festive period.



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Dates for your diary

6th January – First Day of Term
w/c 6th January - Year 5
Bikeability

7th January – Year 2 Victorian Day

8th January – Junior parent tours
for entry to Y3 2025

14th January – Year 1 Science
Dome visit

23rd January – Junior Military Kids
Festival of Friends trip

29th January – Junior parent
session: Child wellbeing and
support 8.50am

7th February – Juniors Dance Live!
heats

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Parking at pick up/drop off

Both schools continue to receive complaints regarding parking, unsafe driving and verbally abusing others at drop off and pick up times. We have been reaching out to PCC for highways support and hope they will be able to put forward additional measures. We ask you all to be considerate (and legal) when driving and parking at these times.

Food Vouchers

This winter Portsmouth City Council (PCC) are again 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 **£50 voucher** for every eligible child attending school in Portsmouth. Eligible parents and carers should have received an email from Edenred. Please check your junk /spam folders.

Help for Families

If you are on a low income but do not currently qualify for free school meals, you may still be eligible for an 'Extended Family Voucher'. The application scheme will open after the school term ends in December. More information about eligibility and how to apply can be found using the following link: - <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-support/help-and-support/money-advice/household-support-fund/>

Healthier Together App

We know that it can be extremely stressful when you or your child is unwell. The Healthier Together programme has been developed in partnership between parents and healthcare professionals to provide clear information on common illnesses, what serious 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help, and how long symptoms are likely to last.

The accompanying app has been designed to allow you to access care for your child much more easily and provide instant advice on common childhood illness. For further information visit <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/> or download via your usual App store.

Triple P Primary Course

Portsmouth Family Hubs are offering a Triple P Primary course starting in January 2025 at Paulsgrove Family Hub. The course is for Parents or caregivers interested in promoting their child's development and potential or simply wish to adopt a positive parenting approach to manage or prevent negative behaviour from developing.

To book a place please send an e-mail to the Parenting inbox at ParentingService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk with your contact details and your child's name and DOB.

Portsmouth School Library Service

Portsmouth Libraries will be offering exciting local events for children during December. Join them for seasonal storytelling and crafts, plus a visit from a very special guest! All activities are free and drop-in unless stated otherwise. Visit [Portsmouth Libraries-Whats-on Events](#) for more details.

They will also be running a Winter Mini Challenge to encourage children to keep up with their reading over the winter holidays. To take part, children simply read three or more books and add them to their Challenge website profile with a short book review. The Challenge will run from 1st December 2024 until 20th February 2025. To sign up visit: - winterreadingchallenge.org.uk/

11th & 13th February – Junior School Parent Teacher consultations

17th – 21st February – Half Term

24th February – INSET Day. School closed

25th & 27th February – Infant School Parent Teacher consultations

w/c 3rd March – Junior Science Week and Travelling Book Fayre

4/5th, 6/7th, 11/12th 13/14th March – Year 4 residentials

6th March – World Book Day

14th March – Comic Relief Dress Up

4th April – last day of term

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