

# Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our previous letter regarding leadership arrangements for our Court Lane Schools and how we will be working even closer together from September, we have been working to recruit a new Assistant Head Teacher to support Teaching and Learning from Year R to Year 6. We had a strong pool of candidates from across our Trust schools, and our interview panel was led by the UNICAT Director of Academy Improvement. We are pleased to share that Mrs Towler, current Year 3 lead, has been appointed to start from September. We are excited for the new academic year, working for the best possible school experience for our children.

## **Summer Fayre**

Thank you all for your donations to the Tombola along with yesterday's non-uniform day. We are really looking forward to this year's event on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm -7pm. Tickets are available on the CLACA Facebook page or [here](#).

## **CLIS playground markings**

Thank you to CLACA and NISA Local on Lonsdale Avenue for their generous donations to fund new markings for the big playground. The Court Lane Idea Squad helped choose some new games and activities which were painted over the Easter holidays. They have really brightened up the playground and so far the children have been loving them.

## **Infant School staffing updates**

In addition to Mrs Geddes' retirement at the end of this year, Mrs Taylor will be leaving after many years of service for the school as well. Mr Robson and Miss Houghton be also be moving on to new adventures, teaching abroad or supporting children in other ways. We wish everyone all the best and thank them for everything they have done for our children.

## **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard offer**

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard are offering complimentary Family 2 Ultimate Explorer tickets to families with children attending school in Portsmouth or Gosport who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Eligible families will have received an email, please check your inbox for further details.

## **Supervision of children on playgrounds**

Whilst supervising your children before and after school time, please ensure that they do not play on the play tower/apparatus or ride bikes/ scooters, especially on the Astroturf.



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## **Dates for your diary**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Activities week/residential
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year R Staunton Country Park visit
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Marwell Zoo visit
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 QE Country Park visit
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – School Nurse parent appointments
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Church Visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 African Workshop
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day (School closed)

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## School uniform

Wearing school uniform encourages a sense of belonging. We ask parents to support us in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately in the correct uniform. Please check the website pages for information on appropriate uniform, including shoes and bags. Black trousers are not a part of our uniform at either school.

As many of you will consider replacing items over the summer, please note if ordering items from [Price and Buckland](#), the final order date for delivery for September is 1st August.

Pre-loved uniform is also available from the CLACA Facebook uniform [group](#) and the Hive Portsmouth uniform share [store](#).

## Free School Meals

All children in Years R, 1 & 2 have the offer of a free lunch at school, regardless of the family income however we encourage all parents/carers to still apply for Free School Meals, so that eligible children can benefit from other schemes, such as holiday vouchers and the Holiday Activity programme. It also means that schools will receive the correct additional funding to enhance school budgets.

It is really quick and easy to apply online at [School Meals - Portsmouth City Council](#) – you will get an immediate answer. For help and assistance please contact the school office.

## Medical/dental appointments

Please remember to schedule routine appointments in school holidays or after the end of the school day. You may be asked to provide your appointment card in order for us to authorise the absence.

## Portsmouth Leisure Card

The Portsmouth Leisure Card offers discounts of up to 50% at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as other services and attractions. You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, Southsea Skatepark the Historic Dockyard and many more. There are going to be many events running between now and the end of the summer, which Leisure Card holders will be able to get discounted or free entry.

The Leisure Card is free and available to residents who receive means-tested benefits living within the PO1 to PO6 areas of the city. To apply visit <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/> and search for Leisure Card or visit your local library or community centre for an application form.

1<sup>st</sup> July – CLIS/CLIS Move Up day

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Performances

7<sup>th</sup> July – Juniors Rocksteady Concert

9<sup>th</sup> July – Infant School Author Visit – *information to follow*

10<sup>th</sup> July – Infants Sports Day

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 performances

17<sup>th</sup> July – Report drop in 3.30-5pm

18<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Days Years 4 & 6

21<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Days Years 3 & 5

22<sup>nd</sup> July – LAST DAY OF TERM

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