

COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

General News

Christmas has arrived at Courtwood and the children have been celebrating in style, with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all performing amazingly in their Christmas plays, visits to the church for Christingle, the Tree House carols, Christmas parties, the Talent Show and finally our KS2 Junior Carol Service. The Autumn term has been one which has seen Courtwood children continue to do their best in all areas of school life and there are lots of exciting developments ready to begin for their return in January. From all the staff at Courtwood, we would like to wish you a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme

Between the 1st January and 28th February, you will be able to vote in local Tesco stores for Courtwood to win up to £4,000. After any purchase you will receive a token, which you can then drop into the collection stand to cast your vote. The money will help support the regeneration of our Reception Class outdoor area, something which every child at Courtwood benefits from during their time here. Winning this money would also mean that the funds would not have to be found from the school budget and could be directed to elsewhere within the school. Please encourage friends and family to vote. Thank you.

Courtwood's Breakfast Provision

With support from the National Schools Breakfast Programme, our Courtwood provision will be starting the second week back to school in January. The provision will be a pop in Breakfast Bar style provision, based in the junior playground, where children from Year 1 to year 6 will be able to access cereal, porridge or bagels between 8.30 and 8.45am, for free. Reception class children will be able to access the same foods in their classroom between 8.45am and 9.15am. With funding from the NSBP we have been able to smarten up the hut in the junior playground and equip it with all the resources needed to ensure a safe and healthy breakfast. Junior children are welcome to attend unaccompanied; parents of infant children, please accompany them to the Breakfast Bar to support quick service. Further details will follow in a separate letter in the new year.

PTFA News

Our fantastic PTFA continue to fundraise and support Courtwood, with the Christmas Fair and Film Night having taken place this half term, raising £1600 and £207 respectively. The volunteers have also supported serving of refreshments at all of the performances—thank you. All this fundraising has allowed the PTFA to support the school to buy a new iPad for use in year 4, £1600 worth of decodable phonic texts for use in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as put £1000 towards our Edible Playground project which will be starting in April and from which all children will benefit. A huge thank you to everyone who supports the events and ensures that the PTFA make a real difference for all our children.

Wise Owl Awards

As normal, two children per class are chosen by their teachers each half term, to receive the Wise Owl award, which is presented to them in assembly in recognition of hard work and a fantastic attitude to their work and learning. The Wise Owl Prefects for this half term have been presented with a special badge and ribbon, to proudly wear with their school uniform in class, so that everyone is aware of who they are. The names of our winners for this term are below —well done to all who achieved this special recognition.

Year 1: Millie and Teddy

Year 4: Ellen and Theo

Year 2: Jamie and Evie

Year 5: Kieran and Ruby

Year 3: Brooke and Amelia

Year 6: Azariah and Owen

Congratulations

Netball Results:

14/11/18 League match:
Courtwood (4) vs Margaret Roper (0).
Friendly: 2 - 0

03/12/18 League match:
Courtwood (1) Vs Atwood (3).

Football Results:

5/11/18 Small Schools Cup
Courtwood (0) vs Greenvale (6)

28/11/18 League Match:
Courtwood (6) vs Purley Oaks (0)
Please see our new Sport Report for further sporting news!

Facebook: Remember to keep up to date with all school news and events so you never miss a thing; search '**Courtwood Primary Parents**' and request to join the group. Please note the page is only for parents who have children at the school.

Attendance Update Dec.

| Class | Attendance | Punctuality |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Reception | 96.9% | 8 lates |
| Year 1 | 97.4% | 3 lates |
| Year 2 | 95.8% | 18 lates |
| Year 3 | 92.9% | 10 lates |
| Year 4 | 97.7% | 9 lates |
| Year 5 | 93.3% | 23 lates |
| Year 6 | 97.6% | 12 lates |

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children raised a fabulous £192.20 for the charity. Thank you to everyone who supported by wearing their Christmas jumper and brightening up the school for the day!

RIPPLE Award Winners for Autumn 2

Congratulations to our winners of the prestigious RIPPLE awards. These are awarded to children who continuously exemplify our school learning behaviours and available for you to view in the folder by the school office. They have displayed our school learning behaviours of Resilience, Independence, Perseverance, Practise, Listening and Effort.

Lily Gravett; Ava Bennett; Liam Catlin; Elizabeta Iliciuc; Jessie Raymond; Loui McGrath; Joshua Payne; Kiaser Simpson.

Attendance

We continue to work with Sarah Philpott, from WPA, a company that The Collegiate Trust use to help manage and track attendance. Sarah is in school weekly and works with us to support any families who are not meeting the 95% attendance target, persist in taking term-time holidays, or are regularly late to school. Thank you to all those families who ensure your children are at school on time regularly.

Lunchtimes at Courtwood

We are looking to relaunch our lunchtimes at Courtwood early in the new year. New equipment has been purchased to ensure that the children's surroundings are enhanced and will add positively to their lunchtime dining experience in the hall. We will be reviewing our Food Policy and contents of school dinners and packed lunches in light of this, to ensure the children receive a healthy balanced meal daily. We have spoken with the children to ensure that their ideas are incorporated into our plans.

Upcoming Diary Dates

January

07.01.19— School re-opens.
15.01.19—Breakfast Provision launches
15.01.19—Mum's Breakfast at 8am.
23.01.19— NSPCC assemblies
26.01.19— PTFA Science Saturday
W/C 28.01.19— Year 6 Whitgift Week
29.01.19—NSPCC Parent Workshop
29.01.19—Governors Meeting at 6.30pm.
01.02.19—PTFA Cake Sale at 3.15pm

Fundraising

Currently we have raised **£215**—thank you to all who have contributed.

The next time you log in to ParentPay please have a quick look at the new link at the bottom of the page. We have set up a fundraising link 'Fundraising Donations' to enable anyone who wishes to support the school in this way to be able to do so. If you click on it you will be able to donate an amount of money of your choice, to the school.

