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Dear Parents and Carers,

Representing Court Lane Schools by attending the University of Chichester Carol Service in Chichester Cathedral, I reflected on where the term, but especially the last two weeks had gone since torchlight singing around the tree on 4th December! Once again community support helped the festive singsong and both school choirs rose to the occasion. The University of Chichester Brass Band accompanied the carolling, adding to the atmospheric good cheer. Bucket donations on the night have enabled us to give £142 to the band who volunteered their services. Huge appreciation and gratitude also to CLICA for organising and providing delicious refreshments.

Our choristers have been proudly performing in and out of school too, with delight from many of the older generation who, like me, get quite emotional after two lines of 'Away in a Manger'. Thank you to Mrs Rae, Mrs Barrand, Mrs Biddle and Miss Leonard for the time and effort running the choirs and arranging the performances. Our schools run a good range of club/extra-curricular opportunities which enhances pupil's school experience.

Appropriate clothing

Coats and jumpers are very necessary during the winter months. Children can be outside every lunchtime for 50 minutes (if they eat their lunch quickly) we therefore ask that all children have a suitable jumper and coat in school each day.

Year 3 applications for Junior School and Year R starters for Infants September 2020

Please remember that Wednesday 15th January 2020 is the deadline for applications for Year 3 to Junior School and Year R entry to Infants in September 2020. We are aware there are some families who are yet to submit their application. It is really important that this deadline is met as your child won't be allocated a Year 3 or a Year R place until all of the on-time applications have been processed.

On behalf of all staff and Governors from Court Lane Academies, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a successful new year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher of Court Lane Academies

COURT LANE INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Year 1 Gymnastics Festival

Following on from the success of the Year 2 Gymnastics festival, twelve Year 1 children were selected to represent the school in the Year 1 Gymnastics Festival on Monday 9th December. Whilst at the centre, the children had a chance to try out the different gymnastics equipment and each performed the routine that they had been working on in front of a group of judges. We are thrilled to say that they came first! Well done to all who took part.



C.L.I.C.A – update from Christmas events

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported C.L.I.C.A's key fundraising events this half term. The children had a lovely day selecting presents which we hope your family will enjoy at Christmas. It was also marvellous to see so many of our community supporting the Christmas Fayre on 7th December. A big thank you to C.L.I.C.A. for organising such successful and enjoyable events. We extend thanks also to those of you who donated raffle prizes, filled jarbolla jars, donated toys, bought raffle tickets, and to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to volunteer their help at such a busy time of year. In the New Year, we will be able to inform you of the amount these events have raised.

Nativity

A big thank you to all parents and carers for supplying the children with the fantastic nativity costumes that came into school for the Year R performances last week. The enthusiasm that the children performed with was wonderful to watch and demonstrated the hard work that they, and the staff, had put into the show.

Year 2 upcoming experiences

Year 2 are looking forward to two educational experiences on their return from the Christmas break. On Wednesday 15th January, they will dress as a Victorian child and experience what life would have been like as a school child in the Victorian times. Then, later in the month they will visit Winchester Science Centre to further develop their scientific skills. We are asking that contributions for the Science Centre trip are paid online via SCOPAY by Monday 6th January. Thank you. Please also ensure you have confirmed if you are having a home or school packed lunch. An email was sent home regarding this on Tuesday.

Healthy snacks

If you choose to provide your child with a snack please ensure it is as healthy as possible. This will include a small piece of fruit, cheese, a plain biscuit (no icing or chocolate please), or other sugar free food. Snack time is quite short so please do not overload your child with food for their snack as we also provide fruit for all of the children to eat if they are still feeling hungry.

Donations of tights and trousers

We would welcome any donations of tights, socks and boys trousers as we are running very low. Please drop any that you can spare into the school office. If your child has borrowed any clothes we politely ask that these are washed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs K Geddes
Head of School - Court Lane Infant School

COURT LANE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Reading at Court Lane

Since the launch of our 'School-Home Reading Log', we have seen an increased engagement in reading. Children have been enthusiastic to discuss their time reading with you and are showing a love for reading, both at home and in school. So far this year, our children have been quizzed on a total of **39,448,849** words. We would like to thank you for your support with this and believe that together we can continue to create this buzz for reading throughout the school year. During this term, we delivered three



successful workshops around reading at Court Lane. If you were unable to attend these workshops and would like more information, the PowerPoint can be found on the school website under the Information/Curriculum section. If you have any questions or queries regarding the 'School-Home Reading Log', please discuss this with your child's teacher or Year Leader.

Curriculum Newsletters

We are introducing curriculum newsletters that will be going home the first week of a new term. Please look out for the first newsletters on our return.

Last day of term Christmas Chocolate Coins

Further to the entry in the November newsletter, The Junior School PTA will be visiting the classes on the last day of term (Friday 20th December). The PTA would like to confirm that they will be donating chocolate coins for all the children on Friday, including "free-from" ones for those unable to have wheat/gluten/milk, with no donation required. Merry Christmas!

For further information on the PTA, recent minutes and upcoming events please see the PTA page on the website which can be found in the 'Parents' section.



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)

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

Court Lane Infant School				Court Lane Junior School			
Date	Day	Time	Event	Date	Day	Time	Event
				8 th Jan	Wed		Yr. 5 Trip to Sea City Museum Mercury & Jupiter
				10 th Jan	Fri		Yr. 5 Trip to Sea City Museum Venus & Neptune
				27 th Mar	Fri		Yr. 4 Egyptian Day
				31 st Mar	Tues		Yr. 4 Egyptian 'Museum' (parents in)