

# Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fabulous start to this half term and noticed that lots of the children have taken advantage of the hairdressers being open and returned to school looking smart and are eager to learn!

## 'The Big Ask'

'The Big Ask' is a survey being led by the Children's Commissioner for England to look at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on children's lives. The aim is to find out from children what life is like for them, what hopes and aspirations they have for the future and the challenges they may face in reaching their goals. Look out for more information coming home soon with details on how your child can get involved.

## Care first survey

Due to the pandemic, the Care first company offered all schools within the Trust a year's subscription for parents and carers of our pupils, which the Trust have bought in to. We would like to review how useful this has been across our schools for parents and carers within the Trust.

Care first provides support with topics such as stress, debt, bereavement, relationships, nutrition and wellbeing, including mental health. There is also a parent helpline available 24/7, all year round, where you can speak with an expert.

We would welcome everyone to **complete the very short survey** whether you have used the service or not by clicking on this [link](#). Thank you.

This information will help us to consider how this resource is being used and how it can be promoted further. The survey will close on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## Facemasks and social distancing

Thank you for continuing to observe social distancing at drop off and pick up. The vast majority of parents are remembering to wear facemasks, please ensure these are worn on school site unless you are exempt. These measures are important if, as a community, we are going to enable the country to follow the Government's road map out of lockdown.

Covid infection control measures remain the same and we are still maintaining social distancing in school. Please do not send bags to school. When the DFE update their guidance for schools, we will review our measures accordingly and update you. Thank you for your continued support.

## Class photos

We are pleased to confirm that we will be able to offer class photos this year with Nicky Wood Photography.

These will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Infant School and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Junior School.



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8<sup>th</sup> June – Infant School Class Photos

9<sup>th</sup> June – Junior School Class Photos

## Join the Juniors on Social Media



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## Caterlink school meal cost

As part of the agreed contract with Portsmouth City Council, the cost of a Caterlink school meal at the Junior School will be increasing to £2.25 for the 2021/22 academic year. School meals at the Infant School will remain free as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal funding.

## Safety in school

Children with long hair should have it tied back and if wearing earrings, these should be studs only. The children are very active in their school day and this is an important safety measure.

## School crossing patrol

We have been in contact with the school crossing patrol department and Portsmouth City Council to raise the issue of no crossing patrol at the junction of Hilary Avenue and Court Lane. We have been informed that this crossing should be patrolled from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your patience.

## Parking

Please can we remind you to be respectful towards local residents. Dropped driveways should not be blocked, even for short periods. Some residents have advised us that they will report any vehicles doing this to Portsmouth City Council. The fine for blocking a dropped driveway is £70.

## Return of admissions forms for 2021

Forms accepting a place for Year R entrants for September 2021 and Year 3 at the Junior School, are to be returned to the respective school offices as a matter of urgency. Upon receipt, you will receive further information about your child starting at either Court Lane Infant or Junior School.

If your child, or a child you know, was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and hasn't yet applied for a Year R school place, the Infant School have limited spaces available so please contact the office for more information.

We hope you all have a fantastic bank holiday weekend.



## Term Dates

### May Day

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### Last day of Summer Term 1

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### First day of Summer Term 2

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### INSET Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### Last day of term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

### Return to school for 2021/22

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### INSET Day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### Break up for Christmas

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### INSET Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Half term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Break up for Easter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### First day of Summer Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

### INSET Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Last day of term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022