

Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Pause week

During the week of the 17th October children from both schools explored Festivals of Light, and became familiar with the cultural and religious celebrations that are marked in our community at this time. They engaged in a range of activities throughout the week and shared their learning with each other. Being able to share learning with parents at the end of the week was a highlight.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day both schools reflected on those who serve in our Armed forces. The British Legion were appreciative of the donations that the Court Lane Academies contributed, which were significant.

CLACA Christmas fair

We look forward to seeing many families at the CLACA Christmas fair on Saturday 10th December on the infant school site. There will be lots to enjoy. The Christmas fair is open from 11am to 2pm.

Christmas lunch

On the day that the children have their pre ordered Christmas lunch they can get in the Christmas mood by wearing Christmas themed jumpers or T-Shirts. The infant school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 14th December and the junior school Christmas lunch is Thursday 15th December. If you have not pre ordered a Christmas lunch, please ensure your child has a packed lunch on this day.

Court Lane Junior school boiler works

Over the Summer holidays and October half term the University of Chichester Academy Trust have replaced the boilers and radiators throughout the junior school. We are now warm and well prepared for the winter.

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 go to the address that we hold so please ensure that these are correct.

Attendance and Punctuality

Holidays are not exceptional circumstances so please avoid booking them in term time. They will not be authorised.

Please can we also remind you that the gates close at 8.50 a.m. and after this time, children are marked as late.



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Dates for your diary

Saturday 10th December - CLACA Christmas Fair on the infant school site

Wednesday 14th December - Infant School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December - Junior School Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December – End of term

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HAF Fun Pompey

The hugely popular Holiday Activities and Food programme is back again for its winter programme, from 17-23 December, for children and young people [aged 5-11](#) and [11-16](#). HAF Fun Pompey aims to encourage children to eat healthily, be active and develop new skills and hobbies. Each activity is at least four hours long and will always include a nutritious meal. There are a diverse range of activities from theatre to sport, day trips to active tech and arts & crafts to climbing. There are also [family days](#) for the whole family to enjoy together. Bookings are now live For a full list of providers and details of how to book visit www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey. Families can also sign up for the HAF Fun Pompey newsletter and keep up to date with the latest information by following [FamilyLifePompey](#) on Facebook.

Food vouchers

This winter Portsmouth City Council (PCC) will provide 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 **£70 voucher** for every eligible child attending school in Portsmouth this winter term. Parents/carers will receive an email from Eden Red for their vouchers from 5/12/22. Please check your junk /spam folders.

PCC Support for families

Portsmouth City Councils cost of living hub is your guide to the help that is available for Portsmouth residents. We know times are tough for people in Portsmouth and many of you are feeling the squeeze. If you are struggling, there is a lot of support out there and PCC are here to help. Select the links in each section to find the support and advice that's right for you.

If you prefer to speak to someone, or if you have a friend or relative who is not online, you can call the PCC cost of living helpline on 023 9284 1047 and their friendly customer service team will be able to help you find the support you need. The helpline is available from 9am-5pm on weekdays (closes at 4.30pm on Fridays).

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-hub>

Unicat admissions consultation

The University of Chichester Academy Trust is consulting on a change to the admissions arrangements for Kingsham Primary School in Chichester. If you would like to read about it and respond, you can find more information here www.unicat.org.uk.

We hope you have a Happy Christmas holiday break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th January. Please remember that the schools are closed for an INSET day on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Term Dates

Break up for Christmas

Friday 16th December 2022

INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half term

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023

Break up for Easter

Friday 31st March 2023

First day of Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May 2023

Half term

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

INSET Day

Monday 5th June 2023

Last day of term

Friday 21st July 2023

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