

# Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has sped by! The Summer term is full of a range of opportunities that are certainly keeping our children busy in their learning! We have enjoyed a range of school trips and are looking forward to more as we work towards other popular activities for the rest of the term such as the CLACA Picnic, Sports Celebrations and end of year events.

## Coronation

Children at both schools enjoyed preparing for the King's Coronation, learning the new National Anthem, making flags to use on the day itself and having our own celebrations in school. Even the Great British Rain held off for the Infant's outdoor party!

## Mayor making

Some of our Junior School Council members were invited to witness and take part in the election of the new Lord Mayor of Portsmouth will be formally elected at the annual meeting of the Council. They saw the presentation of the 'Keys of the Fortress of Portsmouth' and the 'Portsmouth Sword' which is a symbol of the dependence of the Royal Navy on the City of Portsmouth and the dependence of the City on the Royal Navy.

## Commonwealth Athletes Visit

Junior children really enjoyed their visit from Commonwealth Athletes on Tuesday. They were so inspired, learning about what it takes to compete at this level and participated in workshops led by the athletes. We hope this preparation stands them in good stead for upcoming Sports Celebration in June!

## CLACA

Following last year's popular Summer Picnic, CLACA are planning to host another evening for families of Court Lane Schools at the Junior School. Please keep the evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June free to come and join us.

## Respecting our local community - repeat

Despite raising this in our last newsletter, we continue to have complaints of children urinating against residents' property, with parents present. If your child does need the toilet at the end of the school day, we may be able to offer access to school toilets. If not, please wait until you have reached a toilet.

## Playgrounds at drop off and pick up

At drop off and pick up times it is essential that parents supervise their children and ensure that they are not playing on the large equipment or scooting on the playground. These are both hazards and in order to keep everyone safe, parents should ensure that they keep their children with them.



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## Dates for your diary

29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

5<sup>th</sup> June - INSET day school closed

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 residential and activities week

13<sup>th</sup> June – Infant Class photos

14<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Class photos

w/c 26<sup>th</sup> June & 10<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Bikeability

26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Year 4 and Year 6 Sports Celebration

27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 and Year 5 Sports Celebration

28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 New Entrants meeting (Junior's)

30<sup>th</sup> June – CLACA Evening Picnic 6-8pm

4<sup>th</sup> July – CLAS transition day

5<sup>th</sup> July – Infant School Sports Celebration

7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Performances (timings tbc)

18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 matinee 2.15pm and evening performance 7pm

19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 evening performance 7pm

20<sup>th</sup> July-Year 6 Leavers' party 6pm

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## Fort Nelson free family activities

Fort Nelson have asked us to share these free events with families who may be interested in half term activities:

At Fort Nelson, we currently have a tribute to the 258 military and civilian lives lost during the Falklands conflict. Life-size silhouetted figures represent those who did not return from the Falklands. This exhibition has been touring the country, but this is the first time it has been seen in the South of England. The art installation is called Standing with Giants – it's free admission and runs until 9 July. Fort Nelson is open Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm - daily during half term. Book your free tickets in advance at [www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org) to guarantee your visit, as the site has capacity limits.

Fort Nelson is free to enter and will be open every day during half term. We also have a free 'Letters Home' trail for families to enjoy, running alongside the art installation. Two 'Meet the Veterans' events are also taking place on Sunday 28 May and Sunday 25 June - 10.30 – 12.30pm.

## INSET days 2023-2024

We would like to inform you of our INSET days for 2023-2024 so that you have advance notice.

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September,
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November,
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November,
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January,
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March,
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

## Term dates for 2023-2024

Term dates for 2023-2024 are always on our websites if you need them.

**Autumn Term 2023** Starts Tuesday 05 September 2023 and ends on Friday 15 December 2023.

(Half term from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023)

**Spring Term 2024** Starts on Wednesday 03 January 2024 and ends on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

(Half term from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024)

**Summer Term 2024** Starts on Monday 15 April 2024 and ends on Tuesday 23 July 2024

(Half term from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024)

## Term Dates 2022-23

### Break up for Easter

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### First day of Summer Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Bank Holidays

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Half term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

### INSET Day – Schools closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Last day of term

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## 2023-2024

### First day of Summer Term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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