

# Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents, staff and governors who came to our Parent Information Session on Monday night. You can find copies of the presentation on our websites. So far, those who attended have told us it was helpful in understanding more about the schools and how we work. We are happy to organise a second presentation if parents would like - please let us know. If you would like to support the leadership of the schools as a Parent Governor, please see further below!

## 2023 Junior Parent Survey

The online parent survey has had to be closed; we have been trolled! It has been misused in such a way as to render the results unusable. We are really sorry for those of you who already took the time to lend your views and ask if you would be so kind as to do so again, on a paper version. We are sending these home today and would really appreciate you returning them to your child's class teacher by the end of the first week back (Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>). Thank you!

The Infant Survey will follow in 2024.

## Macmillan Coffee and Reading Morning

Our first Macmillan coffee morning was a great success and it was lovely to see so many of you join us for charity, as well as take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about how we teach Reading in the Junior school. So far we have raised £173.83. We hope to include these both as part of our programme of annual events.

In November we will be taking part in the Poppy Appeal again. Last year the Juniors raised over £700 and the Infants raised over £350. Together, we are looking forward to being able to support this cause. Other fundraising events coming up include 'Odd Socks', 'Children in Need' and Christmas Jumpers!

## Autumn Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who have joined the Junior teachers to discuss their child's learning this week. A letter has been sent with booking links for Infant Parent Consultation Evenings which will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October online via Teams and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in school. Virtual meeting links will be sent out when we return from half term.

## Staffing news

At the start of term we were sad to say goodbye to our School Business Manager, Mrs Cordery, who has returned to corporate finance. We are currently recruiting a new Business Manager for the two schools (vacancy posted on [University of Chichester Academy Trust website](#)).

At the Juniors we are wishing all the best to Mrs Barrand as she begins her maternity leave. This term, we have also said goodbye to Mrs Robinson, who supported many children as an ELSA. We thank her so much for all she has done to support our pupils.



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## Dates for your diary

31<sup>st</sup> Oct/2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Infant Parent Consultation Evenings

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti Bullying Week

17<sup>th</sup> Nov & 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – INSET Days school closed

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Year R School Nurse screening

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Present Buying Day

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – CLACA Christmas Fayre

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Infants

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Juniors

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Nurse Parent drop-in appointments

## Contact us

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Joining our teaching team this term we welcome Mrs Miles in Year 5 and Mrs Barnes in Year 4. Mrs Tobin and Mrs Hobday are also joining us as Teaching Assistants in addition to their lunchtime duties.

## Healthy snacks

Children are able to enjoy a snack in the mornings. We encourage these to sit within the 'Healthy Snack' guidelines from the British Nutrition Foundation.

## Healthy Break Time Snacks

The school encourages healthy eating and we look to parents to support us with this at break time and within the packed lunches you provide from home.

Break time snacks must be 'healthy' as described below, in line with our 'Healthy School' ethos.



Whole or sliced fruit



Breadsticks



Rice or Corn Cakes



Vegetable Sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber, baby corn.

*The British Nutrition Foundation advise to avoid giving your children dried fruit as a break time snack as they are high in sugar and can be harmful to their teeth.*

Please note:

- Grapes are great! Please cut them to prevent risk of choking.
- Fruit flakes/winders etc are not permitted as a healthy snack. These have been processed so significantly their sugar content is similar to a pack of Haribos!
- Water bottles should only contain water, not juice or squash.

## Junior gates

Over the half term the Junior School car park is having additional fencing and gates fitted. There will be designated spaces for visitors and those with disabilities, separate to an ANPR operated staff car park.

## Parking

Please be respectful towards local residents. It is essential that cars do not park or stop on the zigzag markings, double yellow lines or over driveways around the school. We encourage everyone in our community to be as kind and respectful to others as possible as role models for our children.

## Playground Safety

Please can we remind parents that children are not to ride scooters or bikes on the school premises and the play equipment is not to be used before and after school.

## Term Dates

### Half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### INSET DAYS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Last day of term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### INSET Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

### Half term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Last day of term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### INSET Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### First day of Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Bank Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Last day of term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### INSET Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Join the Juniors on Social Media



@CourtLaneJuniorSchool



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## More info

[www.courtlaneinfant.co.uk](http://www.courtlaneinfant.co.uk)

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**Calling all parents of children at Court Lane Infants and Juniors Academies! We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the existing Governing Body team.**

## What is the Governing Body?

Together with University of Chichester Academy Trust and the Head Teachers, the Local Governing Body has overall responsibility for the running of the school; amongst many duties Governors are involved in deciding school policies, allocating the school's budget and appointing senior staff.

The Governing Body has 3 core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

## What do I need to be a governor?

No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. To support Governors in their work full training is provided at no cost to the individual. In our school we have two Parent Governors who serve for a term of office of 4 years, and we currently have a vacancy. At this moment in time, we are ideally looking for any parent with a child in either Court Lane Juniors or Infants Academies.

## What is involved?

Governors at Court Lane Academies meet every half term and together with the Head Teachers set the aims and objectives of the school in line with national guidelines. They monitor and evaluate progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the Head Teachers.

## What are we looking for?

We are actively looking to increase the diversity of our governing body, so we would particularly welcome applicants from members of underrepresented groups, but we equally welcome interest from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full and free training is available, and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person, or online.

## How often does the Governing body meet?

The full Governing Body normally meets every half term, usually at 1630-1830 on a Monday.

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## Interested?

If you can give a few hours a month and you have an interest in our children's future, the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference then please get in touch, without any obligation, for an informal chat. You must be over 18 to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check which will be provided by the school.

## How can I find out more?

If you are interested, please contact the schools directly or the Chair of Governors, Mrs Alexander, [galexander@courtlanejnr.co.uk](mailto:galexander@courtlanejnr.co.uk)

You can read more about the role of a Local Governing Body on the [University of Chichester Academy Trust website](#).

All of the governors at Court Lane Academies are appointed by the University of Chichester Academy Trust. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all governors to share this commitment; we follow Safer Recruitment practices and DBS checks are processed for all governors.

Unless explicitly detailed alongside the name of the Governor, the Governor has declared no business or financial interests that impacts Court Lane Academies.