

**URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER
SCHOOL**

19th January Newsletter

Numeracy Workshop Evening

Numeracy Evening – Wednesday, 8th February 6.00pm – 7.30pm

You are invited to attend a presentation on how we teach calculation in numeracy from Reception to Year 4 (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). This will take place in the school hall where there will be an introduction from Mrs Fran Watson, Advanced Skills teacher in the North Bedfordshire Trust for maths. Workshops will be led by various members of staff. Parents who attended last year found the evening very useful, but asked for a little more time in the workshops which we have ensured this year. If you wish, you can always have a go at some of the activities!

Please do come along – you will wish that you had been taught numeracy in this way and it will certainly help you understand how your child learns. Please note this is for **adults only!**

Please complete the slip below if you will be attending and return by Friday, 27th January.

Notice for Parents of Snails and Dragonflies

Letters have been sent home regarding tests for vision and hearing for all children in Reception. You may decide that your child should not have these vision and hearing tests. Please send in the reply slip if this is the case, otherwise we will assume that you are happy for your child to be included.

Parent Surveys

We have received a huge response to our recent survey on our status as a church school. Thank you very much for taking time to complete the survey and for the many comments which have been made.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to meet with the inspector next Wednesday morning at 9.00pm. Please just come to the school office at 9.00am. If there is anyone else who would be happy to join this group next Wednesday please let me know. It would be great to have parents / carers from other faiths and those of no faith together with those who are of the Christian faith. The inspector would like to know the extent to which we promote the Christian ethos of our school and how we teach an understanding of, and respect for, all beliefs.

Credit Union Savings Bank for Children

Every Thursday morning from 8.30-9.00am we hold our School Savings Club in partnership with Bedford Credit Union Ltd (BCU). We believe that it is important for the children to have a good understanding of money, and of the importance of saving regularly and wisely.

On joining all savers have their own credit union membership number and receive a savings card, which is the savers' record of all payments and withdrawals. Membership is free and there is no minimum deposit. They also receive a pencil case, pen and, in due course and certificates are awarded in Golden Assembly when children have made a number of deposits. All savings are guaranteed by the government as with High Street banks.

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE RUNNING OF THIS SAVINGS BANK. PLEASE SEE MRS LEESE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR MRS FRASER.

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Child's name Class

Number of people attending the workshop

Signed Date.....

