

URSULA TAYLOR C of E LOWER SCHOOL

5th April 2011

NEXT TERM BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL

End of Term – Friday Afternoon

Hat Parade

Just to remind you, following the last newsletter, that we shall be holding the Easter Hat Parade at 2.30pm in the school hall. If children are unable to make their hats at home (on the theme of Easter) there will be an opportunity to do so at school.

Following the hat parade we shall then celebrate the birthdays for this week and those taking place over the Easter holiday (up to and including Sunday, 1st May). We shall also be celebrating out of school achievements such as certificates, but we shall not be doing the value certificates or golden book.

You may take your children home following the parade / celebrations. The children will all have been to Church in the morning for their Easter Service.

Would you like help with your child's reading?

I would like to draw your attention to a free website which includes the following to help you support and encourage your child's reading in the following ways:-

- Over 100 free eBooks – to bring children's favourite stories to life.
- Phonics guide for parents (including how to say the sounds correctly)
- Ideas for motivating boys to read
- Ways to keep up with reading activities during the holidays.
- Fun reading games and activities.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

The Royal Wedding

On Thursday 28th April we shall be holding our own version of the Royal Wedding. The children will attend an enactment of the wedding itself, followed by the wedding reception / street party/playground party. During the two days we are back at school this theme will be used as a basis for children's writing / topic work etc. Each key stage will also be involved in preparing the food for the wedding reception. In order for the staff to purchase the ingredients for the party **we would be very grateful for a donation of £1.00 before the end of term.** We do want to make this a memorable occasion for the children when the whole school community comes together.

School Meals

Information from Caterlink - To help parents/carers plan which meals they would like to purchase Caterlink will be issuing money envelopes along with menu flyers next term. A copy of the menu for the first week is overleaf.

Caterlink have also said that they will NOT provide any school meals to children whose parents have not paid in advance for the meal, or on the day.

School meals for the next half term:-

21 days @ £1.85 = £38.85

4 Friday lunches = £7.40

21 days of milk at 30p = £6.30

Cheques should be made payable to Caterlink Ltd and placed in an envelope with the child's name written on the outside.

Pupil and Parent Surveys

First of all many thanks to all of you who have responded to our questionnaire and for the time you have taken to write comments. There has been a huge response! It has also been very helpful to read your comments. Whilst it has been wonderful to read your very positive comments we are aware that there are some issues which we need to give more consideration to and there will be a more detailed response once staff and governors have discussed these. These areas include:-

The information regarding informing parents about children's progress. (this is an area we are working on)

The range of activities and trips.