

URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER SCHOOL

18th December 2008 Newsletter



First of all I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. I do hope that the children (and staff) will all be well recovered for the Christmas celebrations.

I would also like to thank all those who helped within the school this term and, in particular, members of the PTFA who have worked so hard to organise fund raising events in support of our school funds. I would also like to say a big thank you to those who help every week with our guided reading groups. This makes a great impact on the children's reading and understanding.

Next term begins on **Tuesday, 6th January**. We shall be welcoming Mrs Heather Lee as our new Senior Teacher whose responsibility will be for the Foundation Stage. Mrs Lee is currently Senior Teacher at Christopher Reeves Lower School and we look forward to working with her. We shall also be welcoming Mrs Ghisi to our team of midday supervisors and, a little later in the term, Mrs Crook.

Christingle

It was lovely to see so many children at the Church Christingle on Sunday and our thanks to the children of the choir who sang so well.

Premier Sport Day – Monday 22nd December

In case parents have not been informed by Premier Sport directly this day will still be running and all children who applied do have a place.

School Dinners and Milk Money

Payment for next half term's dinners will be as follows:-

School Dinners 29 days @ £1.70 per day = £49.30

Friday Dinners 6 days @ £1.70 per day = £10.20

Milk Money 29 days @ 30p per day = £8.70

Church Drive Access (message from Rev Stephen Liley)

From Monday 5th January repairs will begin on the church roof following the lead thefts. To ensure good security, the gates to the church drive will remain locked when the contractor is not on site. This may well mean that the gates are sometimes closed at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. I do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause anyone, and for the uncertainty as to exactly when this will occur, but hope you appreciate our concerns and priorities. I trust that this advance warning enables you to alter your travel arrangements for school, and wish you a joyful Christmas!

Rev Stephen Liley.

Dates for 2009:-

February half term	week beginning 16 th February
End of the spring term	Friday 3 rd April
Beginning of the summer term	Tuesday 21 st April
May half term	week beginning 26 th May
May Day holiday	Monday 4 th May
End of summer term	Friday 17 th July
Beginning of autumn term	Thursday 3 rd September

Thank you to everyone for the kind donations to Keech Hospice at the end of our performances. The amount collected was £283.31

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