

Ursula Taylor C of E (VC) Lower School

Important Notices

Dear Parents

Coffee Morning for Parents

I would like to invite you to a Parents' Coffee Morning this Friday, 22nd January, which will take place in the Glyn Suite (next to Miss Marks' classroom) from 9.00am to 10.00am. This will be an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents (rather than on a cold playground) over a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits. Elaina Arnaud, our Parent Support Advisor, will also be there and will be happy to chat to anyone about services in the area for children and parents. There is no need to come into school as the outside door to the room will be open. There is no necessity to book a place, but it would be useful if you could send the reply slip in so that we know how much in the way of refreshments we shall need! Younger children are welcome.

Credit Union

Please see the attached letter regarding the setting up of a branch of the Credit Union at our school. The Governing Body and school totally support this venture as a way of encouraging children (and parents if this is wanted) to save in a way that is easy to access. In order to make this venture work we do need four volunteers who, on a rota system, would be willing to run the sessions from 8.40-9.10 every Thursday morning (support would be given for the first few weeks) and to bank the money at the Credit Union in town. Please let me know if you would be prepared to be a volunteer. (If you are not already CRB checked the Credit Union will pay for this to be done).

Text Messaging

In order to improve our communications with families (especially in such circumstances as bad weather) we are purchasing a text messaging service so that we can send urgent messages / reminders quickly. Please could you ensure that we have your up-to-date mobile numbers and please could you advise us also if you do not want to be contacted in this way.

School Organisation Review

As you are no doubt aware, the Borough Council agreed last November to the publication of statutory notices to change all its lower schools to primary schools to cover the 4-11 age range, to change upper schools to secondary schools covering the full 11-18 age range and to close middle schools. These notices were published on 14 January 2010. You can access the summary notice for Ursula Taylor Lower School and the other schools in the Sharnbrook Cluster on the outside doors or by visiting the Borough Council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk. You will note that

anyone who has any comments or objections to the proposal should submit them to Michael Gough at the Borough Council by 25 February 2010. If you have any questions about what is proposed for our school please speak to me in the first instance.

Mufti Day – Friday

As you already know, we are holding a mufti day on Friday which is to raise money for the education of the two children the school supports in Uganda. Should anyone wish to contribute an extra amount (over and above the £1.00 donation) in support of the victims of the Haitian earthquake appeal please put this in an envelope marked Haitian appeal.

Yours sincerely

L M Fraser

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COFFEE MORNING - Friday 22nd January

I expect to be attending the coffee morning on Friday.

Name.....

(Please return to the office or with your child)

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Dear Parents / Carers

Great News! A School Savings Club is coming to our school.

Here at Ursula Taylor Lower School, we are establishing a 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 will 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 will also receive a pencil case, pen and, in due course, certificates indicating their involvement as members.

The collection point at our school will be part of the BCU and all savings are guaranteed by the government as with High Street banks.

BCU is owned and controlled by local people and delivers a local service. There are no external shareholders. Any surplus over operational costs is paid to the members as a dividend on their savings. (Further information is available at the BCU head office at 6 St. Paul's Square, Bedford. MK40 1SQ. Tel 01234 346352).

The Savings Club commences on **Thursday (DATE TO BE AGREED) from 8.40 to 9.00am**, and will be open every week thereafter at the same time. If you wish your son/daughter/ward to take part, please complete the attached membership form and bring it in to the club on any Thursday, once we have informed you of the start date (see newsletter regarding volunteers). Parents may also open an account, but will need identification and £.00 membership fee.

No identification documents are required to open an account for a child on the school role.

BCU and Ursula Taylor Lower School are looking forward to this fun and rewarding way of saving and learning about money management, in line with the national curriculum.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L M Fraser- Headteacher

Mr Roy Bedford - Schools Development Officer BCU

Membership Form for Young Savers

To be completed and returned to the School as an account opening application for the school savers club

Childs Name **M/F (Male or Female)**

Childs Family Name

Address

Post Code

Date of Birth

Home Phone Number

Mobile Number.....

Email Address

Ethnic Group
Nationality.....
Ethnic Origin..... (see list overleaf)

I hereby apply for membership of Bedford Credit Union Ltd

Signature of child **Date**

Adult signature of authorization

For School office use	
School Attending	
This Child is on School Register	
<small>Signature of Confirmation from school</small>	
Authorisation and Position held	

<small>Credit Union office use</small>	
Date Account Opened	Membership Number Issued ...J.....
Form Checked By.....	Initials..... Mem Num

<p>To be completed by authorised adult accepting rules of membership This will be used for authorisation of withdrawals stated in rule six</p>	
Signature of Authorised Adult.....	
Printed Name of Authorised Adult.....	
Received Rules Date Read and Agreed.....	