

URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER SCHOOL

30th January 2009 Newsletter

Ofsted Inspection

I would like to inform you that an Ofsted Inspection will be taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday. We have just heard today. There will be information and, I am sorry to say, a questionnaire to parents from Ofsted! These may accompany this letter or arrive tomorrow.

Thank You!

On behalf of the Parish Church, 'Thank You!' to those of you who have been so patient during the closure of the church gates. All work is now complete, and we hope to keep the gates open for your use as before. Rev Stephen Liley

Powerpoint Dates

The churches' Summer Holiday Club (ages 5 – 13), 'Powerpoint' will run from **Tuesday 28th July to Sunday 2nd August**. This year we're running 'Showstoppers' which should be enormous fun! Look out for details in the summer term. Rev Stephen Liley

Homework

We have been asked for clearer guidelines regarding homework for children. The following would really help your children:-

Year 1 and Year 2

Daily reading (10 minutes) plus being read to every day if possible

Daily practice (5 minutes) of the weekly spellings.

Three times weekly practice on the term's numeracy target

Research on a topic when asked for by the class teacher

PLUS

board games

Construction toys

Giving instructions and expecting them to be followed!

Years 3 and 4

Daily reading (10/15 minutes) – able readers may just like to discuss what they are reading.

It is important to continue reading to your children at this age.

Daily practice (5 minutes) of the weekly spellings.

Three times weekly practice on the term's numeracy target

Research on a topic when asked for by the class teacher

Reception - A separate sheet is attached for Reception children

School Meals and Milk

30 dinners @ £1.70 = £51.00 6 Friday dinners @ £1.70 = £10.20

Milk

30 days @ 30p per day = £9.00

Last date for milk money is Friday 27th February

Cheques should be made payable to **Eden Foodservices Ltd**

Course on Family Money Matters

Once the new Children’s Centre is open, hopefully by the end of February, it is hoped to run the above course for parents of children in our school as well as parents of the younger children attending activities in the Children’s Centre. The course will last 10 weeks at 2 hours per week (during the day) and will cover the following areas, basic budgeting, saving energy and money, bargain hunting and sales, buying goods and services, managing debt, savings, introduction to the Child Trust Fund and tax / national insurance.

At the moment we just want to find out if this would be of interest to parents. A crèche will be available. Please would you complete the attached if this is likely to be of interest to you.

Science in Suitcase (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Some of you have already sent in donation of £1.00. If you have not done so yet please could you complete the attached form and a donation of £1.00 would be appreciated.

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Family Money Matters

I would be interested in the above course

Name.....Parent /Carer of

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Science in a Suitcase Name of Child.....Class.....

I agree to my child participating in the event.

Signed..... Date.....