

**URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER
SCHOOL**

20th March 2009

Parents' Consultations

Just to remind you that parent consultations will be taking place on 24th and 25th March from 3.45-6.00pm. It can be very useful for children to accompany parents to the consultations and, if you would like to do this, children would be very welcome, even if it is just for part of the time.

Ursula Taylor Successes

Following on from the great success of the choir in the Bedfordshire Festival the poetry group, trained by Ms Campbell went on to win first place in their class. Their performance was extremely polished, but at the same time full of enthusiasm and enjoyment. The creative expression group also did very well, coming second in their class against some very stiff competition of older children. In the Gala Concert at the end of the festival the choir sang exceptionally well and once again we had many compliments paid from members of the audience, including a 'phone call to the school, regarding the standards of their singing and their excellent behaviour. We are tremendously proud of all our performers. Children in the poetry group and creative expression group will be performing during our 'Achievement Assembly' this Friday.

Church Schools' Inspection

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, as a church school we are also inspected on our Christian distinctiveness. This full day inspection will take place next Thursday, 26th March. The inspector would like to meet with a few parents who would be willing to give her their opinions of our school. This meeting will take place from 8.45-9.10am. If you would be willing to come and chat to the inspector please let me or Mrs Butler know.

Change 4 Life leaflets

The attached leaflets have been sent to schools for distribution to children and their parents. You will probably be aware that there is great concern that 9 out of 10 children nowadays risk growing up with dangerous levels of fat in their bodies which can cause life threatening diseases. The leaflets contain a questionnaire which you can fill in with your children and send off in order to receive a free action plan for your child.

Cheaper Energy Bills

Just to remind you that the Citizens Advice Bureau will be running a one hour session on Monday advising how to get the best energy prices. We are bombarded with companies offering to save us money, but Citizens Advice will give good impartial advice. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. The session will take place in the library.

Magic Club

We have been offered a very good course on 'Magic Tricks for Children' which you will find attached. However, the details do not say what dates the club will be taking place. Dates are as follows:-

April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th, May 13th, May 20th and the presentation date is yet to be decided. If your child is interested please send the form into the school office with a cheque attached (made payable to Eugene Matthias) by Friday 27th March. Should we receive more than 20 replies we shall put the replies into a ballot.

Comic Relief

As a result of our 'Dress Funny for Money' we raised £218.93. Thank you to all who supported this very good cause.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property, most of which is non uniform. Please check the box as all items will be disposed of on 30th March.

Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers

Just to remind you that we are collecting vouchers from both these stores, BUT we are not collecting Box Tops.

DATES

Last day of term Friday, 3rd April

Summer Term starts on Tuesday, 21st April

May Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May

May Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May inclusive

Last day of Summer Term Friday, 17th July

Autumn Term starts Thursday, 3rd September

New Reception classes start on Wednesday, 9th September

October Half Term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October inclusive

Training Day (Closed) Monday, 2nd November

Autumn Term ends Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2010 Tuesday, 5th January