

URSULA TAYLOR C of E LOWER SCHOOL

19th May 2011

Science Days

In order to enrich our science curriculum all children will be involved in science workshops next Wednesday and Thursday. These workshops are run by a science company and should be a really enjoyable and informative experience. To organise such a day is expensive and whilst most of the expense will be covered from our school budget, we would appreciate a donation of **£2.00** per family. Please could this be sent into the school office by Monday. Thank you

SPORTS DAY – MONDAY, 27TH JUNE AT 1.30. PARENTS AND FAMILIES MOST WELCOME.

Measles

Due to the major outbreak in measles in France and large numbers of cases in some other European countries we have been asked to pass on the following advice from the Public Health Directorate:-

The Public Health Directorate is advising that children and adults planning a trip to France and the rest of Europe should be fully protected against measles. Children and adults born after 1970 should have two doses of MMR vaccine. Adults born before 1970 should discuss with the GP whether they are likely to be immune to measles and have vaccination with MMR if appropriate. Vaccination with MMR is available from GP surgeries. More information can be found at

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Parent Surveys

I would like to say a big thank you to all who responded to our survey last term. It was a huge response and the results of this survey are overleaf for your information. There are two areas which we have discussed at staff and governor level,

No. 5. The school informs me about my child's progress and No. 7. There is a good range of activities including trips etc.

In response to statement No. 5, we have reviewed our system of sharing levels and results of tests with children and teachers are now explaining to children the levels at which they are working and how to achieve the next level. We believe this will give greater incentive to children. This information is particularly important in Years 2, 3 and 4. You will also find that our summer reports have been amended to include this precise information which we hope you will find useful. Teachers are always happy to discuss children's progress and if you have any concerns please do not wait for a parent consultation evening.

In response to No. 7 we found that concerned responses were more from parents of children in the younger years and we are aware that most of the extra activities are aimed at the older children i.e Football, Choir, Street Dance, Christian Club, Let's Get Cooking and ICT Club. However, we are always on the look-out to provide more opportunities for children and always keen to extend our enrichment activities as you will see from the science workshops above. Our main concern in providing these enrichment activities is the cost to the school and to families. This also applies to visits and trips and we are very grateful to the PTFA who will be subsidising our trips this summer term. All children in the school will be involved in at least one curriculum visit during the course of the summer term.

We also received a few comments regarding the large classes in KS2 and, as you will be aware, we have taken the decision to create two smaller classes in each of Years 3 and 4.

I hope that this information is useful to you and, if there are any queries regarding the survey please let me know.