

URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER SCHOOL

February Newsletter

SPORTS RELIEF / PANCAKE DAY

As you may be aware Sports Relief will be taking place during the middle of March. Sport Relief helps vulnerable people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and in the world's poorest countries. We think that it is important that the children have the chance to support this. What will we do?

On Tuesday 5th February children can come to school in their **sports kit** and for this they should bring £1.00 or more as a donation towards Sport Relief.

As that day is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) Sainsbury's will be providing us with the ingredients for every child in the school to make a pancake. Then, dressed in the sports kit, each class will arrange to run pancake races. Children will also be making their own frying pan with which to run their race.

Therefore on Tuesday 5th February children should wear their sports kit, bring £1.00 or more and a cereal box from which to make their frying pan.

FAMILY SINGING DAYS

Come and enjoy a real family experience, singing together in harmony! Our dynamic vocal leader, Sarah Forbes, invites all ages to join with her in proving everyone CAN SING!

All are welcome, on your own or with the whole family. No experience is necessary and it's completely free! Just turn up on the day and bring your voice! The session nearest to us is:-

Mark Rutherford Upper School, Wentworth Drive, Saturday, 19th April,

Please note that Sarah Forbes is currently teaching children in Oak and Willow Classes every week for singing. If you would like any other information please speak to Mrs Fraser.

Lunchbox Advice

I would like to advise you that, in accordance with Government regulations, we would ask that **sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks** (chocolate coated biscuits are acceptable) should not be brought to school as part of a packed lunch. I am pleased to see, however, that many of the children do eat very healthily.

Could I also make a request that nuts, although a healthy food, are not brought into school. We ask this on behalf of the children who could have an allergic reaction if they are close to nuts of any sort.

EARRINGS

Please could parents / carers ensure that children who have pierced earrings wear plain studs only. Children in Years 3 and 4 should remove earrings when they are involved in Contact Sports. This is common practice in most schools.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

It has been really good to see so many parents / carers at our Friday Assemblies. I hope that you will continue to support us.

PARENT / CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

As a new Headteacher I am trying to gather information, views and opinions from everyone in the school community. Please could you complete the attached questionnaire and return completed sheets to the school by Friday 8th February. Results of this and actions to be taken as a result of comments will be published in the next newsletter. Thank you.