

URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER SCHOOL

14th November 2008 Newsletter

Parent Reading Group

Our first parent reading group took place this Wednesday in school and I believe that parents found this very useful. There will be two further sessions, next Wednesday and the following Wednesday from 9.15. – 11.15am. If anyone would like to join in with these sessions please do have a word with me. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of parents listening to their children read and enjoying books with them. However much support we give in school to the children reading, children who also read to an adult at home always make more progress.

Reception Classes September 2009

We are very aware that there are a greater number of young children in the village requiring school places than there have been in previous years. We have therefore been in discussion with the Local Authority to ensure that we can accommodate any increased numbers.

The governors have also taken the decision to offer full time places to all four year olds from September 2009 should parents feel this would be appropriate for their child. This decision has been made for two reasons. Firstly, a number of children will already have attended full-time Nursery and secondly, the curriculum is sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of all children regardless of their level of maturity. Some parents, however, may wish to send their children for mornings only as in previous years.

Pantomime

Please could any parent / carer who has not paid for their child to go to the pantomime in January please do so as soon as possible. If there are concerns please would you speak to Mrs Butler or myself. We are extremely pleased with the level of support for this visit especially as it will form part of the curriculum for all classes in the new term.

Reminder of Dates

Mufti Day – Friday 28th November

Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December

Dress Rehearsal (Y1-Y4) – Tuesday 9th December at 2.00pm

Performances (Y1 – Y4) – Wednesday 10th December at 2.00pm and Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm – details and ticket requests to follow.

Reception Performance (Around the Christmas Tree) – Tuesday 9th December at 11.00am

Christmas Lunch – Monday 15th December – please note the change of date

Reception Party – Tuesday 16th December – morning

Years 1 and 2 Party – Tuesday 16th December – afternoon

Years 3 and 4 Party – Wednesday 17th December – afternoon

End of term – Friday 19th December

Tag Rugby

There will be 3 more sessions of Tag Rugby – the last session will be on Monday 1st December.

Football – message from Miss Wintle

Football for children in Years 3 and 4 will start in January on Tuesday evenings after Tag Rugby has finished.

Puzzle Day at Bedford Modern School

Bedford Modern School held a Puzzle Day Challenge last week for children from Years 2 and 4. We were very proud of our eight children who represented us and participated so well. Well done to Jack, Alex, Jessye and Katy from Year 4 and to Willem, Billy, Cameron and Isobelle from Year 2.

Year 4 Sports Activity Morning

The Year 4 children recently attended the North Bedfordshire Trust Schools Sports Morning which was extremely enjoyable. Many thanks to all the Year 4 staff who worked hard to ensure the children made the most of their morning.

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