

**URSULA TAYLOR VC LOWER SCHOOL**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Newsletter**

**Swine Flu**

Please would you keep us informed of any child's illness due to swine flu.

**Arrival of the Mobile Classroom**

The mobile classroom will be arriving on Monday (21<sup>st</sup>). All staff will be parking on the playground as the crane will be in the car park so please be aware of this when delivering your children. Weather permitting we shall allow the children to watch the mobile being lifted over the kitchen end of the school. They will, of course, be watching from the far end of the field behind a cordon. We expect Stingrays Class to move in soon after as the Children's Centre will be opening its doors at the beginning of October.

**Guided Reading (Years 3 and 4)**

We are looking for volunteers to help us with Years 3 and 4 Guided Reading which will be taking place on Fridays from 10.45 – 12.15. We had a very good team of volunteers last year who, we hope, will be available again this year. Please inform the office if you can assist us.

Years 1 and 2 will not require volunteers this year as they are operating a different system.

**Golden Assembly**

Just to remind you that parents are welcome to join us for Golden Assembly on Fridays at 3.00pm. Please could you, if attending, remember that this is also an Act of Worship and your silence and that of your children is expected once the children enter the hall. Thank you!

**Harvest Festival** will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15am to which all parents / carers are invited. There will be no Golden Assembly on that day. A separate letter will be sent home with further details.

**Can you help in our garden?**

We are looking for two types of help in our environmental area. Firstly we are looking for volunteers who could help with running a club for our children (at this time of year it will be mainly the heavy work!) and secondly anyone who could spare some time actually undertaking some of the heavy work in our garden. If you are able to offer help in any way please could you have a word with Mrs Fraser.

### **Turtles Class (Reception)**

We are very sorry that Mrs Lee has not been in school to welcome your children and, I know, she is very sad to have missed their first days in school. However, Mrs Lee will be back in school on Monday, but in the meantime I know that they have been very well looked after by all the staff in Reception unit. We are very impressed with the way in which all our new children have settled into the school.

### **Street Dance**

We have been very fortunate in managing to secure a lottery grant towards our Street Dance Club due to its wide appeal and encouragement of children's exercise. This will be reflected in next half term's charges which will be lower as a result of the funding.

### **Young Musician of the Year 2010 - Bedford**

Children who play a musical instrument or are talented singers are invited to participate in the Rotary Clubs of Bedford Young Musician of the Year, the heats for which will take place in November with the finals being held at Bedford Modern School in January. Further details and entry forms are available from the school office.

### **Reminder of School Meal Costs for this half term**

#### **Dinner Money for this half term**

37 days at £1.70 = £62.90

33 days at £1.70 = £56.10 (Reception children only)

Friday lunches 8 weeks at £1.70 = £13.60

#### **Milk**

37 days at 30p per day = £11.10

Cheques should be made payable to Eden Foodservices and placed in a named envelope.

Free school meals – application forms are available from the school office if you think you might be eligible