

**URSULA TAYLOR C of E (VC) LOWER
SCHOOL**

25th September 2009 Newsletter

Parents' Cars

I just wanted to remind you that **only staff cars** are allowed in the school car park due to the lack of car parking space. Car park permits are available for any disabled parents/ carers who collect or deliver their child

Road Safety

Please could you supervise your children carefully when coming into the school grounds, especially those on scooters and bicycles. We have been told of some near accidents from visiting teachers.

Book Sale

As the Book Sale will be taking place on Friday, 16th October Golden Assembly will take place at 2.45pm on that day.

School Photographs

On Monday, 12th October all children will be photographed individually, one class at a time, as well as in a family group for those who have a brother or sister in the school.

Pre-school children can also be brought into school for family and individual photographs from 8.50am as the family groups will be taken first. Those children who have pre-school brothers and sisters should come straight to the school hall and have their photograph taken as a family group before going to their class for registration which will be slightly later than usual. You will then have the choice of any of the photographs, but are, of course, under no obligation to buy.

Please return the photographs or payment as indicated on the pack as quickly as possible, but by the end of November at the latest.

Amendment to our school name

You may have noticed a slight amendment to our school name! Ursula Taylor Lower School has always been referred to as a 'VC' Lower school, meaning that this is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school. The name 'voluntary controlled' does not mean a great deal to many people and indeed we have been described as a 'virtually controlled' school! The Governing Body has therefore decided to include 'C of E' to make it clearer that we are a church school. There are two types of church school, 'voluntary aided' where the Governing Body are the employers and decide the nature of Religious Education and 'voluntary controlled' where the Local Authority are our employers and set the syllabus for Religious Education.

Due to the number of colds etc and our need to prevent the spread of germs, please could each family send in one box tissues. Thank you.