

# Ursula Taylor Church of England School



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OUR VALUE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE  
SUMMER TERM IS:

**‘FORGIVENESS’**

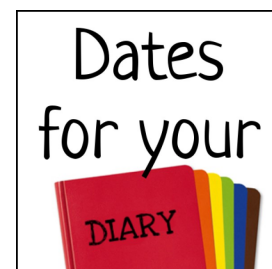
**The weak can never  
forgive. Forgiveness is the  
attribute of the strong.  
Mahatma Ghandi**

## March 24th 2016

Through working in partnership with our local schools, we have set the term dates for the 2016 / 2017 Academic Year. Across the North Bedfordshire Cluster of schools, we have decided to follow the same dates as the Sharnbrook Academy Federation to reduce the disruption to parents and carers. The dates set by Bedford Borough are different.

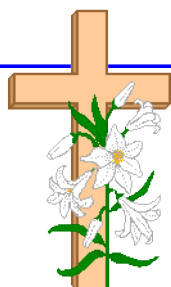
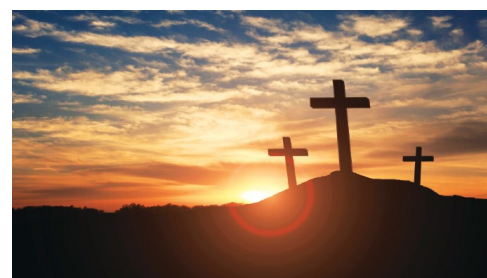
I have attached a calendar for the 2016/2017 school year. The Heads of all the cluster schools will meet again next year to determine the dates for the 2017/2018 school year.

The dates below are key things that will be happening in the Summer Term this year. Please note that some dates e.g. Year 4 Leaver's service have not been set as yet. As soon as they are, you will be informed.



Please note the following dates:

24th March - BREAK UP FOR EASTER  
11th April - TRAINING DAY - NO CHILDREN, STAFF ONLY  
12th April - Children return to school  
22nd April-PTFA St George's Day Quiz  
2nd May-BANK HOLIDAY  
12th-15th May Queen's Birthday celebrations (information to follow)  
w/b 16th May and 23rd May-YEAR 2 Assessment Weeks  
7th and 8th June Y4 Bikeability (Info to follow)  
w/b 13th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week  
15th June Lincroft New Parent's Evening (TBC)  
27th, 28th and 28th June Year 4 Residential  
1st July Sport's Day (whole school)  
1st July School Reports sent home  
5th, 6th and 7th July PARENT'S CONSULTATIONS-NEW for 2016  
12th, 13th and 14th July Transfer Days (Y4 to Lincroft and also internal transfer days)  
Information to follow  
19th July Sharnbrook Fiddle Fiesta  
22nd July BREAK UP  
2016/2017 School Year  
5th, 6th September-Teacher Training Days (NO Children)  
7th September-Children return



### School Dinner Prices

(For Year 3 and 4 only) for the first 1/2 of the Summer Term

33 Days @ £2.15 = £70.95

Daily £2.15

Weekly £10.75

Fridays ( x7) £15.05

## No smoking on school grounds please!

I have received a report of a parent standing in school next to our double gates smoking whilst they watch their child enter school. There is evidence of this through the cigarette butts left in the drains on the playground. This is unacceptable and against school rules.

Please do not come onto school property with any lit cigarettes.



## No dogs on school grounds please!



### Parent Consultations and Annual School Reports.

This year we have altered our policies for reporting to parents. We will still be providing you with a written end of year school report, which is a legal requirement. This report will provide you with information about your child's end of year achievements and give next steps for the following year.

The report's will be sent home on the 1st of July. We have introduced a third Parent's Consultation for the Summer Term, which will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's school report and also give the teachers the opportunity to provide you with a summary of your child's school year. This is also an ideal time to discuss any concerns you may have about transition into a new year group.

We will still be offering you an opportunity to 'meet the teacher' at the end of our internal transfer days. 'Meet the Teacher' is likely to be held on 14th July between 3:45pm and 4:30pm.

### National Curriculum Statutory Assessments for Year 1 and Year 2

Summer 2016 sees the introduction of new standardised assessment tests for Year 2 (These used to be called SATs tests)

Our children will be assessed in Reading, Mathematics and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)

The tests will be completed during the weeks of 18th May and 23rd May. Our children are used to being assessed frequently using similar style of question so we are confident that they will be able to complete these in the same way they complete all other assessments that we do.

It is important for children to be in school in the weeks of 18th May and 23rd May. Illness is unavoidable, and should a child be ill on an assessment day, the teacher will simply complete the assessment on the child's return.

The information we get from completing these assessments will support the teachers when making their end of year judgements about a child's attainment and progress. The assessments are a snap shot of the child's progress and not as accurate as the judgement the teachers will make, based on standards achieved over a long period of time.

There is a very useful video on our school website (Information -> Assessment at UTS) which can give you more specific details should you require more.

In Year 1 our children are expected to complete the 'Year 1 Phonics Screening' this is a statutory assessment which all Year 1 children in the country complete. The information we collect through the screening, supports our teaching and learning and helps us determine 'next steps' for all our children.