

**Ursula Taylor  
Church of England  
School**

**Newsletter 23rd July 2014**



**JULY VALUE  
'Joy'**

This is the day the Lord has made, let  
us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24



**Picnic News!**

**THANKYOU!**

The Big Picnic was enormously successful and raised £800! £146 was raised on the toy stall which means the Year 4 leavers can buy the children some new playground games for September. The rest of the money was made by the ice cream van, raffle and tombola. Thank you very much for supporting this event so well, it was wonderful to see so many parents and family members at the picnic with their children.

It is an event we hope to continue in future years.

My thanks to the PTFA helpers and parents who supported the stalls and gave their time to make it so successful.

**BACK TO SCHOOL...**

We start back at school on the **3rd of September 2014**, we look forward to seeing you all then ready for another fun filled, busy and action packed year!

**Year 2 Fire Service Visit**

Year 2 have recently had their annual visit from the fire service. As part of the visit the children were asked to put their hand up if they had working smoke alarms in their homes. Mrs Fidler was concerned that a surprising number of children didn't put up their hands. This could be because the children are not aware of the alarms or because there are none at home.

Mrs Fidler would like to make you aware that if you do not have smoke detectors in your home, the fire service offer a free installation service to ensure that as many people are protected as possible.

If you wish to make use of the service the phone number is: **0800 043 5042**

**Hail and Farewell...**

We have a number of staff changes for September to make you aware of...

Mrs Catharine Butler will be teaching 'Rabbits' Class (formerly Miss Sunner in Butterfly Class)

Mr Gary Beacon will begin his role as a Teaching Assistant in Foundation in the mornings and as our 'Pupil Premium Champion' in the afternoons.

Mrs Toni Peters will be starting increased hours in Foundation Stage working with Special Educational Needs children.

Mrs Amy Bowie will be starting a part time Teaching Assistant role in Snails class.

Mrs Diane Harper will be starting a permanent role as a Teaching Assistant in Year 2 and working with Special Educational Needs children.

Mrs Grainne Brown and Mrs Brenda Lancaster will be starting as Lunchtime Supervisors.

Miss Sunner will be moving on to pastures new, Miss Archer has successfully gained employment in a Teaching Assistant role for September and Mrs Belnavis is leaving us.

I wish Miss Sunner, Miss Archer and Mrs Belnavis well for the future and hope they come back to visit us soon!

**Poppies!**

Last week we had an outdoor Collective Worship around the Poppies that were planted by Year 2 in commemoration of World War 1. We would like to thank the Akdeniz family for the wonderful plaque that they have made and donated for the poppy area. This was a lovely thought and much appreciated. We are hoping to start creating a spiritual garden near the poppy mound during the coming year.

Our thanks to Gunns' Bakery for coming into school to work with our Year 2 children during International Week. Year 2 looked closely at our local area and were thrilled to be learning about and tasting the world famous 'Bedfordshire Clanger'!