

Ursula Taylor Church of England School



**PLEASE NOTE - We have a
new email address for the
school office**

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Newsletter 9th December 2015



Diary dates—Reminders

Please note the following dates:

- 7.12.15—KS2 Christmas Plays—2pm and 6pm
- 8.12.15—Year 1 and 2 Flu Immunisations
- 9.12.15—F Stage Dress Rehearsal 9:30am
- 9.12.15—KS1 Christmas Plays at 2pm and 6pm
- 10.12.15—Foundation Stage Christmas Play 9:30am
- 11.12.15—Golden Assembly 3pm (Birthdays from 7.12.15—13.12.15)
- 16.12.15—Christmas Dinner Day ALSO Christmas Jumper Day (For Save the Children)
- 17.12.15—Grandparent's Concert 2pm
- 18.12.15—Awards Assembly 9:10am (Birthdays from 14.12.15— 3.1.16)
- BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

- 4.1.16—TRAINING DAY (STAFF ONLY—No Children)
- 5.1.16— Children return to school



Primary Consultation

Our Consultation for our proposal to convert to a Primary School in September 2017 is due to close at **Noon on the 11th December 2015.** There is still time to respond. Responses can be made through submitting the response form at the back of the Consultation Document, or through the link on our school website.

All responses will be reviewed thoroughly and a full analysis will be completed and made available on our school website. If you have requested a copy of the analysis to be emailed to you, it will be sent as soon as it has been agreed by the Governing Body on 7th January 2016.

Although we will have clear picture of stakeholder feeling and a decision made by the Governing Body, we will not know if the Local Authority Executive have voted to change to Two Tier until after January 20th—when the Executive have formally met.

We will continue to keep you informed of new information as and when we receive it.

Thank you - The Governing Body of Ursula Taylor C of E School

No smoking on school grounds please!



No dogs on school grounds please!



Payment for School Dinners can be made either by cash or cheques (payable to Caterlink please) Please send any money/cheques into school in a clearly named envelope.

Please note that dinners MUST be paid for in advance. Caterlink reserve the right to refuse to provide a dinner for any child with outstanding monies.

For any queries please contact the Kitchen Manager directly on 01234 268767

Thank you

School Dinner Prices

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

29 Days @ £2.15 = £62.35

Daily £2.15

Weekly £10.75

Fridays (x6) £12.90

Children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 have their meals provided free of charge through the Government 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' Scheme.

Children who fulfil the criteria for Free School Meals are eligible for 'Pupil Premium Funding' This is additional funding which is used to support your child's learning and can remove any financial barriers that prevent children having opportunities.

If you think you are eligible - please see Miss Daley in the School Office for an application form.



Holiday Absence

We are still receiving requests for holiday absence, despite the Government guidelines which are in place. Please be advised that all holiday absence requests will be denied unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

Whole School Attendance is at 98% so far, which is outstanding. We would very much like this to continue into the school year.

Unfortunately, we have had to issue our first Fixed Penalty Notice Referral which has resulted in a fine. This is not something we have done lightly and hope we will not have to do often. The guidelines on school absence are tighter than ever and absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances or when accompanied by a letter from an employer. Please be advised letters from employers may be followed up by a phone call to clarify the situation of gain further information.



School Uniform

Please can we remind Parents / Carers about our School Uniform Policy.

We appreciate Parents/Carers following the school policies and ensuring that your children are well prepared and smart for school. We would like to remind parents about the following:

Boots - are acceptable in Winter for inside school, they need to be plain and black

Hair Bands - should be simple, small and black or red in colour. Please do not allow your child to wear flowers in their hair, wear large bright / sparkly hairbands or have their hair down.

Tights / Socks - Tights need to be plain, either red, black or grey. Socks should be white or black/grey

Watches - Children are permitted to wear watches—although they must be small, plain and simple. If a child is unable to wear a watch without constant fiddling, they will be asked to take it off and put it in their book bag to go home.

Pencil Cases -Year 3 and 4. Children don't really need pencil cases as all stationary is provided for them, however if you wish to send a pencil case, please ensure it is named. They will need to be stored in children's trays as our tables are not big enough for extra equipment.

The exceptions to these rules are: Mufti-Days when hair bands etc. can be the child's choice.

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Jumper Day, when children can wear Christmas hair bands etc. and the last day of term , 18th December, when children can wear Christmas Hats, antlers, sparkly bands etc.—should they choose to. (Although the 18th is still a Uniform Day NOT Mufti)

PTFA Christmas Fair 2015

A HUGE Congratulations and Thank you to our PTFA members and parent helpers. The Fair was an enormous success and raise in the region of £3000! A final figure will be announced once all the totalling has been completed!

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors, I would like to Thank everyone involved with the planning, organising, setting up and running of the fair. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends attending and supporting our school. The money raised by the PTFA is always gratefully received and helps us to provide our children with some super resources, activities and opportunities!

THANKYOU PTFA!

