

Ursula Taylor Church of England School

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

**When the world says, 'Give
up', Hope whispers 'Try it
one more time'
Unknown**

July 7th 2016



We will be welcoming some new staff to Ursula Taylor for September 2016.

A warm welcome to Mrs Hurley and Mrs Macaulay who will be working in our Foundation Stage with Mrs Lee and the team.

We are also saying 'Goodbye' to three members of our team;

[Miss Blyth](#), whom has been working with Mr Roderick over the last year.

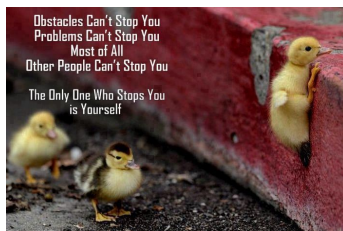
Miss Blyth has very successfully completed her Teacher Training and is leaving to start her first year as a fully qualified and ready to go teacher! Our thanks for her hard work and commitment to our school and also our very best wishes for the future.

[Mrs Knight](#), who is a Teaching Assistant in Year 4. Mrs Knight is relocating to Norfolk. We will miss Mrs Knight very much, she has really contributed to our school in so many ways, from her role in class supporting our children's learning, to being on the PTFA and being the 'Tombola Coordinator!' Not to mention the 'Props and Costume manager' for the KS2 performances! Thank you Mrs Knight, and our very best wishes for the future.

[Ms McLeod](#), our SENCo will be retiring at the end of term. Ms McLeod has been a member of staff at Ursula Taylor for 28 years and has, in that time, taught all ages across the school. For many years, Ms McLeod has been our SENCo, working with many of our children and families supporting their learning and individual needs. We would all like to wish Ms McLeod a happy retirement, full of long horse rides, time with her animals and visiting family and friends around the world. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to our children during your time at Ursula Taylor. I am sure you will all join with us to wish Ms McLeod a peaceful and fulfilling retirement.



In September the role of SENDCo will become the joint responsibilities of Mrs Lee and Mrs Morrall whom are both experienced SEND leaders and have worked very closely with children and parents for a number of years. Miss Mayston will undergo a years 'shadowing' and external training to gain the SEND Qualification.



Perseverance - Our current value

This half term we have been exploring and deepening our understanding of perseverance. We have learnt about different people and how they have demonstrated perseverance and a 'never give up' attitude.

We have considered 'Perseverance' to mean the following:

Not giving up

Try, Try again,

Sticking at and keeping on task

Seeing something through to the end

Exhibiting endurance

'No pain, no gain!'

Not being distracted or derailed from your ambitions

Success doesn't come easily, being prepared to pay the price

Take Home Task Over the last few weeks of school and the summer holidays - see if you can demonstrate the value of perseverance when learning a new skill or practising something which you find challenging. Please take a photo of your child / children showing perseverance or a 'never give up' attitude and email to us at:

vmorrall@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk

All the photographs sent in will be displayed in school, on the screens in the foyer and playground ready for the new school year. This will be something positive to look at on our return after the long holidays and will help us plan our Values work for the year ahead.

Dates for your Diary - last two weeks:

12th, 13th and 14th July Transfer Days (Lincroft and Internal)

14th July 3:45 'Meet the Teacher' - come and meet the Teacher/s your children will have in September 2016

15th July Golden Assembly at 9:15am

15th Summer Fair 3:45-5:30pm

18th Swimming Gala week

19th Sharnbrook Fiddle Fiesta - 6:30pm

20th Year 4 Leavers' Disco 5-6pm UTS

22nd Golden Assembly 9:15am

22nd Leaver's Service 2pm - Church (Year 4 only)



No smoking on school grounds please!

PLEASE NOTE: Our No smoking rule extends to e-cigarettes as well as standard cigarettes/cigars etc.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the school site if you are found to be smoking in school grounds.

School Dinner Prices SEP 2016

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

33 Days @ £2.15 = £70.95

Daily £2.15

Weekly £10.75

Fridays (x7) £15.05

Dates for your Diary - September 2016

Training Days 5th and 6th September (NO CHILDREN PLEASE)

7th September 2016 Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children start school

12th September 2016 Foundation Children start school

October Half Term 24.10.16 - 28.10.16

NB 31.10.16 Training Day (NO CHILDREN PLEASE)

Children return to school on Tuesday 1st November 2016

In September you will be provided with Diary Dates for the year e.g. Christmas Productions, Parent's Consultations and Sport's Day.



School Dinner Money Payment

This year there has been a lot of children requesting and receiving a school dinner without payment being sent into school. This has become a significant problem which we have had to cover out of our school budget. **So far, we have covered £114.70 of debt!**

We will never allow a child to go hungry, particularly as non-payment of dinner money is NOT the fault of the child. We ask that parents/carers take full responsibility for paying for meals IN ADVANCE. Money for lunches should be sent in before the meals are taken. We have a number of ways to do this:

Pay 1/2 termly

Pay weekly (On Monday for the week ahead)

Pay for Fridays (This is a popular option)

Pay on the day - if a one off meal, this MUST be paid before the meal is taken.

Caterlink, our Catering contractors have the policy of not providing meals for children who have not paid or who are in arrears. This is not something that we condone, however, in cases where arrears are not paid we will be advising parents to only provide a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.

It is not fair on our limited school budget to cover lunches for parents who have chosen not to pay. Thank you to parents/carers who pay in advance.

NB - Children who received Universal Infant Free School Meals in Year 2 - please be reminded that the free meals are only available in Year 3 and 4 if you meet Free School Meals Criteria. If you do not, you will need to pay for school meals. (The costs are detailed above)

Term Dates 2016 / 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Wednesday 7th September – Friday Tuesday 20th December (NB: Foundation Stage children start on 12th September!)

(Half-term: 24th - 28th October)

Staff Training (School closed to children):

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September & Monday 31st October

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 7th April

(Half-term: 13th - 17th February)

Staff Training (School closed to children):

Monday 3rd January

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April - Friday 21st July

(Half-term: 29th May – 2nd June)

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Staff Training (School closed to children): Friday 7th July

Ursula Taylor C of E Primary School - update

Great news! Our application to the Regional School's Commissioner, to seek permission to extend or age range from 4 -11years has been granted! This means we are able to really forge ahead with planning for September 2017 when we retain our current Year 3 children into Year 5.

We have finished our information booklet for parents, giving some detail about what Ursula Taylor will be like as a Primary School, which will be finding itself home to you over the next few days. It has also been uploaded to our school website (Minus the building design pages which we don't have in electronic format)

Our build is planned for beginning of Phase 1 of the Borough's Two Tier Project which means we will be beginning ground works and the site set up in early August.

We have spent a great deal of time looking at Logistics and the Safety of our children, parents and staff and ensuring the minimal disruption to our children during the build.

Our school website has also been revamped - with a new design which reflects the new 'look' of the school. We hope the new site will be easier to navigate and a little more user friendly.

Values' Questionnaire 2016

We are at the time of the year when we start to plan our Values Education Programme for the new school year. Last year we surveyed our children, parents, staff and governors and then selected the 6 values with the highest number of votes to explore more deeply this year. This was very successful and something we would like to repeat this year.

Please look at the values below and select 6 which you feel are the most important or that you feel you would like us to focus on next year.

Please tick the 6 you wish to choose, or write additional ones if you have another suggestion. We will be asking all the children to choose in school this week.

Justice	Quality
Friendship	Hope
Thankfulness	Koinonia
Respect	Peace
Wisdom	Trust
Compassion	Love
Generosity	Courage
Forgiveness	Perseverance
Service	Understanding
Ambition	Caring
Co-operation	Courtesy
Empathy	Fairness
Freedom	Patience
Sharing	Tolerance
Honesty	Humility
Thoughtfulness	Unity

Parent / Carer of _____

Class _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOTES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY. Thank you for your support - Mrs Morrall