

# Ursula Taylor Church of England School

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MAY VALUE / JUNE VALUE  
'Wisdom' / 'Trust'

'The only true wisdom is in  
knowing you know  
nothing'  
SOCRATES

Newsletter 22nd May 2015



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## Parent / Carer Questionnaire

I would like to thank you all for the responses we have had to parent / carer questionnaire. We had had an almost 50% return rate which is great. It has been really useful to hear from parents/carers about what you feel we have been doing well and what we could continue to improve and work on further.

It can sometimes be hard to see the school from the other perspective, so your comments and thoughts have been well received and appreciated and will form the basis for improvements in the coming months and years. Thank you for your wonderful comments about our school, it has been really encouraging to hear how positively parents feel about our pastoral care, the work we put in to support the well-being of your children and also the enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning that your children have. It has also been wonderful to hear how supportive parents / carers are of our values education and the ethos of our school as a Church school.

Our 'Next Steps' are:

- ◇ Further improve communication e.g. frequency of newsletters, dates as far in advance as possible
- ◇ Look into methods to provide parents/carers with more information about children's progress
- ◇ Plan a series of parent information evenings / workshops for parents/carers wishing to support their children's learning at home

I will be completing a full analysis of the results in the next couple of weeks and then reporting back to parents and carers, including a list of our 'Next Steps' and information about how this will inform our School Development Planning for 2015/2016.



## Credit Union Bank

Thank you very much to our dedicated parents who run the Credit Union so smoothly and efficiently. There are lots of children who are now saving through the Credit Union, it has become so successful that new certificates have had to be created yet again!

If you would like your child to start saving with the Credit Union, please pop in on a Thursday morning from 8:45am to see our Credit Unions managers - Mrs Tranquada, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Barker and Mrs Reynolds.

Many thanks to Mrs Nelson, for her commitment and hard work with the credit union, Mrs Nelson will be stepping down from the team at the end of the school year. If you would like to be involved in the Credit Union and become part of the team that run the savings club, please, please speak to Mrs Tranquada or see Mrs Morrall.

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.

Thank you

## School Dinner Prices

(For Year 3 and 4 only) for the last 1/2 of the Summer Term (35 days)

Daily £2.15

Weekly £10.75

Fridays (x7) £15.05

Half term (35 days) £75.25





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No dogs on school  
grounds please!



### Staff News

We have successfully appointed two new teachers for September, one for Foundation Stage to work alongside Mrs Lee, and one for Year 4 to work alongside Mrs Hall. We are very pleased to say that Miss Eve, who has spent most of this last year working with Mrs Lee and Miss Dennison in Snails class has been appointed as our new Foundation Teacher.

Miss Eve have been highly committed to our children throughout her time at Ursula Taylor and has demonstrated a high level of teaching skill. We are very happy to have been able to appoint such a good teacher, who will be a valuable asset to our school.

For Year 4, we have appointed Miss Mayston, who is just finishing her Teacher Training. Miss Mayston will be mentored by Mrs Hall, our Deputy Headteacher who will be moving into Year 4.

We are just finalising the classes and teacher placements for September, and you will be informed in due course which class your child will be in and who your child's Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants will be. I am able to confirm that we will NOT be splitting/mixing up any classes for the new school year. The classes are really well balanced and have great relationships, this year we feel it is important to make sure we maintain this continuity for our children.

### Swimming Gala / Sponsored Swim

This year we are changing our sponsored swim a little to give parents/carers/ family members more things to see. Alongside our traditional 'Sponsored Swim' where the children complete as many widths of the pool as they can in 5 minutes, the children will be showcasing some of the skills, games and activities that they have been learning during the swimming season.

Swimming Gala week will be: w/b 29th June 2015. After Half Term teachers will be deciding exactly which day and time they will be doing their Gala. The session will be longer than a usual swimming session to give you the opportunity to see as much as possible. We will let you know the chosen dates/times as soon as they have been finalised.

*Thank you...*



Many, many thanks to the PTFA who have again supported our Swimming Pool by donating funds towards the upkeep and running of the pool. Also, many thanks to all the parents who have contributed towards the swimming thus far. The cost of swimming is £2 per week per family - we are hoping to swim for at least 8 weeks. Therefore the contribution is £16 **per family**. This can either be paid on a weekly basis or in a lump. Cash or cheque is accepted, cheques payable to 'Ursula Taylor School' please.

### One more Thank you!...

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who have been making sure their children have their swimming kits on the right days, this can be challenging to keep washing towels etc. We appreciate the time you take to ensure your children are prepared for the school week!



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### Communication

Our IT system has now been upgraded to allow us to send emails to parents, something which we hoped to be able to do after Christmas but had struggled to get up and running. We will now be using this service to try to improve the communication between the school and our families.

I hope that those of you that provided an email address will receive this Newsletter by email!

Newsletters will still be provided on the school website and also paper copies can be collected from Active Kids or the School Office.

If you have not provided us with an email address and would like to receive updates, letters, newsletters etc. by email, please let Miss Daley know and she can add you onto the system.

### Group Photos

Sincerest apologies to all regarding the Group Photos, we were unable to remind parents as our Internet was down and without the Internet we cannot use the text system as it is a web based service. We have had a mounting number of days recently when we have had serious disruption to our internet/email/text systems due to our service provider Bedford Borough being down. We are looking into securing a new service provider to ensure our systems are no longer disrupted.

### Dates for the Diary

w/b 25.5.15 HALF TERM

1.6.15 Children back to school

1.6.15 Year 3 Orienteering afternoon (in school)

**7.6.15 PTFA Treasure Hunt**

11.6.15 Puffins Sports Festival at Margaret Beaufort School (during the school day)

**16.6.15 SPORTS DAY 1:30PM START, PARENTS, CARERS, GRANDPARENTS ETC ALL WELCOME!**

17.6.15 Year 4 - Lincroft New Intake Parents Evening

w/b 22.6.15 Whole School Arts Week

22.6.15 Year 3 'Sing On!' concert at the Corn Exchange (Information to follow)

23.6.15 PTFA 'Big Picnic' Meeting at UTS 7pm

24.6.15 Foundation Stage 'Jungle Beach Café' (Information to follow)

24.6.15 New Intake (F Stage) Parents Evening 7pm

25.6.15 F. Stage Brown's Wood Visit (Information to follow)

26.6.15 Mufti Day - Bring a bottle for the Tombola for 'The Big Picnic'

w/b 29.6.15 Swimming Gala / Sponsored Swim

30.6.15 Year 2 Hunstanton Trip

2.7.15 Year 3 trip to Verulamium (Information to follow)

3.7.15 Reports come home, plus class information for 2015/2016

7th, 8th and 9th July Year 4 Transfer Days at Lincroft

7th and 8th July - Ursula Taylor Internal Transfer Days

**10.7.15 BIG Summer Picnic 2pm - 4pm**

17.7.15 BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS (w/b 20.7.15 and 27.7.15 Summer Club see Mrs Proctor)

**TERM DATES FOR 2015/2016 CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE [www.ursulataylorschool.co.uk](http://www.ursulataylorschool.co.uk) in 'Information' and 'Term Dates'**

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## Values Information: June Value of Trust

In the recent Parent Questionnaires some parents reported that they would like to know more about the 'Value of the Month' so they can talk about it at home with their children.

As we are so close to June, I have included some information about our new Value of 'Trust' which we will be learning about when we return from half term.

### Trust:

- ◇ If you are trust worthy you can be relied upon to do the right thing
- ◇ Not giving in to temptations or wants
- ◇ Trusting people is part of everyday life
- ◇ Putting trust in someone requires great courage and unshakable faith

Some things to discuss at home...

- ◇ Trust means being able to feel that a person will always be there for us - to take care of us - listen to us - help up. Parents, grandparents, family, friends we can trust
- ◇ Discuss the role of Policemen, nurses, doctors, teachers etc - how they support us and how they can be trusted
- ◇ How are we trusted to keep our environment clean?
- ◇ Someone I know I can trust is... People trust me to...

Bible stories that demonstrate / focus on Trust:

Putting Trust in others - 'The Boy who cried Wolf'

Trustworthiness - 'A brave and mighty man' The story of Gideon

Trusting that God can use us - 'Water into Wine' John 2

Stories of Abraham Genesis 11-15

The Burning Bush Exodus 2- 4

Trusting in God Psalm 131

At home have a go at...

- ◇ Designing a poster to represent Trust
- ◇ Taking a tricky challenge to do something where you need to Trust others - e.g. going on a high climbing frame, riding a bike without stabilisers
- ◇ Writing a prayer to talk about Trust (Bring them into school for Collective Worship!)

# Happy Half Term!

