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

**'Forgiveness does not change
the past, but it does enlarge the
future'**

May 16th 2016

Swimming

After half term, we are hoping that the weather will be warm enough for us to start swimming. The pool is being commissioned at the moment and is due to have micro-biological testing prior to the season starting.

The class teachers are currently working out a timetable, so you know when your child will need to have their kit in school. As soon as we have a start date for swimming and timetables organised we will let you know. In the meantime you will need to be preparing a swimming kit for your child / children. We aim for each child to swim at least twice a week for approx. 45minutes.

Each child will need to have the following equipment in a named bag please:

Swimming Costume / Trunks (Not baggy shorts which are dangerous near filters)

Towel

Swimming Hat

Flip Flops / Slip on shoes (To wear when walking to and from the pool area)

We have swimming hats available from the school office for £2, unfortunately we have been unable to source them as cheaply as in previous years. Any type of swimming hat is acceptable (rubber or fabric) - although please be aware that fabric ones are much easier for the children to manage independently. (As well as being easier for teachers when they have 30 children to get ready for swimming!)



Please DO NOT send Goggles, they are not needed in our small pool and can be dangerous—thank you.

If a child has a verruca it will need to be covered, preferably with a verruca sock or normal sock and have the 'Bazooka' style sealant on them to avoid passing to others. Also plaster CANNOT be worn in the pool—so earrings will need to be removed at home before school please, unless your child can remove them.

Swimming Contributions

We are very fortunate and grateful that the PTFA support our swimming pool each year with a donation. This really helps us keep the pool open and covers some of the costs associated with running a school pool. However, the costs of preparing, heating, cleaning and maintaining a pool are significant and we are unable to cover this from the general school budget. We rely upon parental contributions and also the Sponsored Swim / Swimming Gala week to raise much needed and appreciated funds.

Prior to swimming all staff complete an annual Resuscitation Training update, Teachers must hold at least a Level 1 Swimming Teacher qualification and all staff must be trained in Emergency, action Planning, what the 'Normal Operating Procedure' is and also the swimming risk assessment. Running a school pool is a real commitment both in terms of finances and also the time taken to prepare for the season.

We ask that families contribute £2 a week towards the running costs of the pool. This is per family (not per child) and can be paid on a weekly basis or at the start of the season. There are seven weeks in the half term, therefore the full half terms contribution of £14 per family.

Swimming Gala - [w/b 18th July 2016](#)

Last summer, for the first time we invited parents/carers and family members to see their children swimming in their class swimming gala. This gala combined the sponsored swim and also gave parents/carers a chance to see some of the skills their children have been learning in their school sessions. We will be offering this again this year during the last week of term (w/b July 18th) Teachers will be arranging exact dates and times nearer to the event and, of course, you will be welcome to join us for the session.

Swimming Continued:

We will need parents to help with swimming, if you are available and can commit to coming often, please let your child's teacher know. Without at least 3 adults (4 for F Stage)—we cannot swim. Thank you for your help.

Congratulations!

A big well done to our Year 3 and 4 'Quad Kids' team who represented the school at a local schools competition last week. Mr Roderick has reported that he was amazed at the teams' stamina and effort and incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour and sportsmanship.

Well done to: JJ Fraser, Nicola Konopka, Thomas Taylor, Abigail Hammond, Brandon Kelly, Holly Jamieson, Cameron Frogley and Katherine Darlow for representing Year 3 so well!

Well done to: Kieran Raymond, Lily-Rose Monger, Zach Hone, Ella Tranquada, Jack Biggs, Tino Mahachi, Brayden Callender and Leona Matika for their stunning performance!

Year 3 came 9th out of 44 teams and Year 4 came 2nd out of 44 teams! Year 4 will be representing UTS at the Level 3 County Finals at Bedford Athletics Stadium!

What has been going on at UTS?

Over the last few weeks a huge amount of wonderful things have been happening at UTS! It's often hard to keep up with all the amazing opportunities our children have and the efforts the Teachers make to ensure learning is fun and engaging.

Holy week—AMAZING! The whole school worked together to experience Easter and share in this important time of year.

Puffins Sports' festival at Sharnbrook

Year 4 Arts Cluster Day at Lincroft

Frogs' Values Assembly on 'Forgiveness'





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



No dogs on school grounds please!



Reception Trip to Leicester Space Centre!

PTFA St George's Quiz

Amy White and her Friday Street Dance Club

Year 4 Public Speaking Competition—superb effort from our Year 4s!

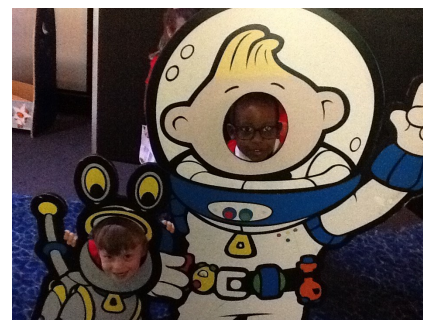
Quad Kids Competition



Year 4 River Ouse Trip

Eco-Schools Day—Brilliant!

Foundation Stage—Sheep Shearing Trip!



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

Please note the following dates:

w/b 16th May and 23rd May—YEAR 2 Assessment Weeks

7th and 8th June Y4 Bikeability

w/b 13th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week

15th June Lincroft New Parent's Evening—**Date Confirmed**

27th, 28th and 29th 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)

w/b 18th July—Swimming Gala week

19th July Sharnbrook Fiddle Fiesta

22nd July BREAK UP

2016/2017 School Year

5th, 6th September—Teacher Training Days (NO Children)

Dates
for your



Communication from UTS

FINALLY!! We think we have managed to sort out the problems with our IT systems which have prevented us from sending emails in the past. A variety phone calls and remote access from 'techie people' seem to have sorted this out.

We are hoping that if you have signed up to this service, you should have received this by email!

If you would like to receive letters etc. by email - please let Miss Daley know and she can add your email address to the system. Likewise, if you have changed your email address - please let us know.

We will still have paper newsletters available at the office / active kids as well as them being available on the school website. We are also going to trial putting all letters on the website to make access for parents / carers easier.

Where letters require replies, we will continue to send home paper copies.

We have also been looking at trialling an app which will be free to download and can be used to pass messages to parents (similar to our SMS system, but without the cost to the school)

Ursula Taylor as a Primary School

We are moving forwards with the plans for building and planning permission has been submitted.

As soon as we have been given finalised plans, we will be creating a display to show our children and parents what the building will look like and what the classrooms will be like.

The Senior Leadership team have been working on a document which will be presented in a few weeks. This document will explain our vision for the future and how we will meet the requirements of the Year 5 and Year 6 curriculum.

In North Beds there has been a lot of good work between schools, talking about the future, sharing expertise and making sure that we are able to provide the best possible experience for our children. The new classrooms will be amazing and we are working hard to make sure that Year 5 and 6 will have high quality Teaching and Learning experiences, whilst ensuring that their social, emotional and well-being needs are met.

More information will be provided soon.

Polite Request

Please DO NOT tie up your dogs near the school gates—we have had a number of concerns raised about noisy dogs and dogs that are intimidating our children. Some of our children are very nervous about dogs and it is making their journey to school a worry for them.

Parking in School

Parking in school is ONLY for staff or disabled visitors. Please do not park in school unless you have been to the school office to say that you need to use our disabled space or have presented your disabled badge to Miss Daley.

If you are collecting a child from a club—e.g. choir, multi skills, etc., please park on the playground (If the gates are open) or outside of school. The car park is for staff use only and there have been a number of incidents when staff cannot park or leave school because parents have parked there.

Thank you for your support with these issues.