



**Newsletter**  
Autumn Term 3  
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*'Living God's Love, together we flourish'*

*A message from our Senior Leadership Team:*

*What a wonderful first term back! It's hard to believe that we are already 1/3 of the way through the school year and that our children have already performed in their first plays. We have had Harvest and Christmas and we almost have a new building to enjoy with our Year 4 children! It has been a busy, but fulfilling term, with staff working hard to get used to a new spelling programme, BIG write being every week and also building works which have meant changes to routines and daily logistics.*

*Thank you to all our children who have been patient at lunchtimes when waiting to get on to the field and also for having their wellies in school all the time! Thank you to parents and carers for your patience whilst the building work has been going on, we hope it has not been too disruptive for you at pick up and drop off time and that you can see the wonderful benefits to our new learning space! We hope to be able to offer tours when the building is near completion and ready for handover!*

*At this time, we are expecting to be able to move the Year 4 children into the new build sometime around Mid January. Then there will be a period of demolition for the Year 4 mobiles and then the field being put back into a useable state.*

*Mrs Bartle, is at the moment, placing orders for furniture, resources and classroom equipment. We have also looked into storage and making the block an inviting, bright, interesting and grown up space to reflect the older children who will be using it.*

*Other priorities for the next term include: Equipping the Year 5 classrooms with technology - Clevertouch Boards, Laptops, ipads and also Chrome Books to mirror the technology already in Year 4. We are also part way through planning the Year 5 curriculum and have some super ideas for developing the extra-curricular opportunities for our older children. We will present you with more information during the Spring and Summer Terms.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - we hope to see you all back at school on the 4th January (3rd January is a Training Day) ready to start a new term!*

*Mrs Morrall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lee*



Our Value for next half term is:

## Thankfulness

‘Thankfulness is feeling or expressing gratitude or being appreciative’

At UTS we will be looking at what we have and how we can show thankfulness and gratitude for what we have.

We will think about the old saying ‘Count your blessings’ as a reminder as how we can be thankful for what we have and not taking things for granted.

At home you may want to talk about:

- Remembering to let people know when you are thankful
  - Not taking things for granted
  - Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone thanks you!

### Words of Wisdom and a thought for the day...

‘God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used on the say Thank you?’ Anon.

#### UTS Prayer

Dear Father God,

This Christmas, help us to think about the true meaning of Christmas and the excitement there must have been whilst waiting for the special baby to be born.

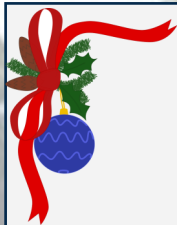
Please help us to remember those less fortunate than ourselves during this Christmas time.

Amen



the more you thank  
life, the more  
life gives you to be  
thankful for.

GeniusQuotes.net



## Christmas Plays

THANKYOU! To all the parents, carers and friends of the school who contributed to costumes and made sure our children were back at school for the evening performance. We would also like to thank you for coming to enjoy our plays and for all the lovely comments about them. We are very proud of all of our children for their great efforts, the singing and acting was wonderful! I am sure you will join with me to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication to making the plays so great.

### Diary Dates for 2016 / 2017

#### Key Dates for 2016 / 2017

3.1.17 - TRAINING DAY (Staff only)  
9.1.17 Maths for Parents Evening (info to follow)  
7/8/9 March PARENT CONSULTATIONS  
17/18/19 May Frontier Centre TBC  
30.6.17 Sports Day (Provisional Date)  
4/5/6 July PARENT CONSULTATIONS  
7.6.17 TRAINING DAY (Staff only)  
11/12/13 July Internal Transfer Days / 'Meet the Teacher'  
21st July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



## TERM DATES 2017 / 2018 Academic Year

### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September 2017 - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Half Term week w/b 23rd September

TRAINING DAYS 4th and 5th September and 30th October

### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 - Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term week w/b 12th February

TRAINING DAY 2nd January 2018 BANK HOLIDAYS 1st January, 30th March, 2nd April.

### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April 2018 - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term week w/b 28th May

TRAINING DAYS 16th April, 4th June BANK HOLIDAYS 7th May and 28th May.



## School Dinners

Dinner costs for the first half of the spring term 2017

28 Days @ £2.15 = £60.20

Fridays x 6 @ £2.15 = 12.90



Please note - Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 have free school meals and do not have to pay. The above costs are for Year 3 and 4 only. Please pay in advance for your child's meals. Cheques payable to 'Caterlink' Please.

Thank you

## **'Maths with Parents' - YEAR 3 and 4**

[www.mathswithparents.com](http://www.mathswithparents.com)

On Monday January 9th 2017 -7pm We have an introductory session for Parents and Carers linked to a website which we have joined. Tom Harbour runs 'Maths with Parents' which is a website that you can access through a school account to help support your child with Maths at home. The website contains lessons, videos and activities for children to complete with parents. The idea is that children will continue to improve and develop their mathematical ability and that parents who want to know about teaching methods to support their children's learning can watch the videos and work on the tasks alongside their children.

This has been trialled very successfully in some other local schools and we would like to offer our children and parents the opportunity to join up and investigate!

At the moment, the site is for Year 3 and 4 children, and there are plans to extend this to Year 5 and 6 and also include things for Year 2. This website is very new and UTS has become involved at the development stage, which means we have the opportunity to support the website as it grows and also become involved in making some of the videos for others to use.

Please do try to come, as this is a super site which will benefit all of our children.

Please complete the attached slip and send in to school to indicate if you are able to attend or not.

Thank you, Mrs Morrall and Mr Roderick  
(Maths Leader)



## Ursula Taylor C of E Primary School

### Class names for 2017 and beyond!

We are going to change our class names for September 2017 when we become a Primary School and we would like input from all members of the school community! We have chosen to name our classes after 'Famous Britons' from the past and present. However, there are so many to choose from we would like to offer you all the chance to nominate Famous Britons that you feel are worthy of being named at UTS!

If you have some ideas about who we could choose please complete the attached form and send it in to school. (If you have more than one idea, please feel free to copy, write on blank sheets or pop in to Miss Daley who can give you more sheets!)

Once we have all the nominations in, we will select the best 14 to use as names for our classes. (We are selecting for Year 6 as well, ready for 2018) We are aiming to have a good mix of Britons from the past and present, different genders, different spheres of life and also different achievements.

We would like to have all nominations in by February 9th, which will give us plenty of time to make our choices and also have some new signs made for the classrooms in September.

This is a very exciting time for UTS and we are pleased to be able to begin thinking about fun things which will really start to change us from UTS to UTPS!

Thank you for all your support - we look forward to seeing all your nominations!

Mrs Morrall and all the Team.



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year!*



*See you all in 2017!*

