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Dear Parents / Carers,

Events coming up at UTS!

We have a few things coming up fairly soon – please take a note of these dates and we'll see you there!

Thursday October 13th – Foundation Stage Phonics information evening. If you have a child in Foundation Stage you will be invited to attend a sessions led by Mrs Lee and Miss Eve explaining about the way we teach your children phonics. This is a great session which we hope will give parents ideas to use at home when supporting their children's learning. More information will come home shortly in the Foundation Stage book bags.

Wednesday October 19th – Harvest festival

We are holding our annual harvest celebration at 9:30am on the 19th October in our hall. Each class will be presenting something and Stephen is coming along to help us celebrate. We always like to invite parents to attend this event and we know that it is always popular. However, in order to give as many children as possible the chance to have a family member attend, we are limiting the spaces to 1 per family. We know it is disappointing that more people can't attend, however, we have Christmas fast approaching and there will be more than 1 ticket for each family.

We have decided to support the Bedford Food Bank again this year, it is a cause close to home and has been a great support to some of our families. Last year we were able to donate enough produce for 343 meals! It would be wonderful to exceed this total if we could.

Please try to send something in on the day of the Harvest festival – tins, packets, bottles (not alcohol) fruit, veg, dried goods – all are welcome. Just please make sure they are in date.

****Reminder**** 31st October 2016 is a Training Day at school – staff will be in, but children are not. Thank you.

November 1st, 2nd and 3rd are parent Consultation Days – the sign-up sheets will be going up on Monday 10th October in the school foyer. We do encourage children to attend the consultations as they are meetings to talk about successes and next steps. If you or your child's teacher needs to discuss anything confidential, then we always ask your child to wait outside just for a few minutes. If you can't pop in to book, just drop Miss Daley an email (office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk) or phone in to school and we will book a slot for you.

Wednesday 9th November - Bedtime Story 6pm – 6:45pm

This is a wonderful event which the staff and children all really enjoy. We ask all children to come back to school at 6pm, dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers and with blankets, pillows and of course, a cuddly. The teachers make the classrooms look cosy and welcoming using lights, virtual log fires and lanterns. The staff then read a selection of stories to the children. The children also have hot chocolate and biscuits to enjoy during the story telling. If you are available and would like to help with preparing the hot chocolate and biscuits, please speak to Miss Daley who can add you to the list!

Other dates for your diary:

Thursday 1st December 2016 - PTFA Wreath making Evening - Information to follow

Friday 9th December 2016 – Ursula Taylor Christmas Fair

w/b 5th December and 12th December Christmas Performances. We have now started thinking about Christmas (Aargghh!) Exact dates for each performance have not been chosen as yet, however, we know they will be in these weeks. As soon as we have decided dates we will be sending a letter and tickets home to you.

As in previous years, we will be able to offer 2 tickets for the afternoon performance and 2 tickets for the evening performance.

(Foundation Stage performances are during the school day) We do ask that all children come back for their evening performance and that younger siblings are NOT brought to the main performances. We are able to accommodate a few parents with young siblings for the dress rehearsals.

I hope this is useful information and keeps you informed of what we have to look forward to in the next few weeks.

Best regards

VJ Morrall

Mrs Morrall