

Ursula Taylor Church of England School

Newsletter

25th April 2014



Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome everybody back after what I hope has been an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. The weather has been lovely and I hope you have all been able to get outside and make the most of it.

I would also like to say Thank you to all the children, parents, carers, staff and governors who have wished me well as I take on the role of Interim Headteacher. I very much appreciate your kind words and will do my very best to make sure the school retains its high standards and inclusive Christian ethos.



Thank You from Mrs Fraser

I would like to express my huge thanks for the wonderful 'send-off' that I received from the governors, staff, children and parents at the end of term. I was totally overwhelmed by the generosity of your gifts, your cards and your kind words. The bird table and bird bath are now firmly secured in our garden and we are taking delight in having time to sit over breakfast and watch the increasing number of birds! There is no doubt that I shall miss you all, but I know that the children are in very good hands and that the school will continue to thrive. As expected, I am managing to meet many of you when I am out and about with the family, even managing to bump into a parent in Prague – no escape! But once again, many, many thanks, Lindsay Fraser.

Dinner Money for the 1st Half of the Summer Term (23rd April to 23rd May)

22 days @ £2.10 per day = £46.20

5 Friday dinners = £10.50

Cheques to be made payable to Caterlink



APRIL / MAY VALUE
TOLERANCE

The highest result of
education is tolerance.

Helen Keller

Spotlight on Attendance...

Whole school attendance has recently been as high as 96.9% This is fantastic and we are very pleased that we have reached this figure. Our work now involves maintaining this figure and consistently achieving 97%.



On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank all of the pupils, parents and carers for the excellent news I have had from Mrs Morrall. Congratulations! Attendance has risen to almost 97% which is an excellent achievement: most importantly it makes such a difference to the children's experience of school and I understand that Ofsted would regard it as 'Outstanding'! The other good news is that there are fewer children arriving late which obviously creates less disruption at the start of the day.

I hope to be able to give you opportunities to meet and talk to the governing body during the coming months: our names are listed on the school website and there will be some up-to-date photos in Reception, when I can catch up with everyone and they're not feeling too camera shy.

In the meantime if you wish to talk to any of the governing body you can contact us via the school office.

Alison Radmall
Chair of Governors

CLEANER REQUIRED

After Half Term we will have a vacancy for a cleaner to become part our Site Team led by Mr Ruff.

The position is for 7.5 hours a week if you are interested please speak to Mr Ruff or Miss Daley in the school office.

Thank you



Swimming

We are hoping to be able to start swimming in the week before the Half Term - w/b 19th May. This is heavily reliant on the weather. If we do manage to swim, it will only be for one session during this first week.

After half term (return to school on 2nd June) we hope to be starting our programme of children swimming 3 times weekly. Again this is weather dependent.

The children will need to have their swimming kits in school from the week of the 19th of May. Your child's kit **MUST** include:

- Swimming costume / trunks / shorts (shorts must not be overly large or baggy for safety)
- Towel
- Swimming hat (available from the school office for £1)

Children do not need to have Goggles or buoyancy aids of any kind. Floats and tummy bands are provided by school.

ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED PLEASE

If your child has any individual requirements relating to swimming please liaise directly with your class teacher.



PARENT SUPPORT FOR SWIMMING SESSIONS

We rely heavily on support from our parents in terms of financial support to contribute towards the upkeep of the swimming pool, and also as extra people to be present when the children swim. This year we have had to replace the boiler and also one of the filters, this is on top of the maintenance and the purchase of the cleaning materials and chemicals required. We are asking for parents for a contribution of £2 a week per child or a full term for £14 per child. This money is purely to support the school with covering the finances for the pool.

If you are available to help on swimming session days we would be very grateful. Each class teacher will let you know which days they will be swimming on and at what time. If you do sign up to help please make sure that you are able to commit to this, we had a some sessions last year that had to be cancelled due to inadequate staffing numbers. It is unfair to teachers in Year 1 who keep losing their Teaching Assistants at the last moment to cover a parent who has failed to turn up.

Dates for your Diary

Here are some dates you might want to make a note of...

Friday 2nd May - PTFA Fashion Show

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday. School Closed

Thursday 8th May - Year 4 Science afternoon at Lincroft (info to follow)

12th, 13th, 14th May Year 4 at the Frontier Centre

Thursday 15th May 6pm PTFA Meeting at UTS

Tuesday 20th May - Magic Show (info to follow)



Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - HALF TERM

Tuesday 1st July (pm) Sport's Day

Saturday 5th July Summer Fair (info to follow)

w/b 7th July School Transition Week

23rd July - End of Summer Term

