

# Ursula Taylor Church of England School



**PLEASE NOTE - We have a  
new email address for the  
school office**

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## **Newsletter 23rd October 2015**

### Half Term News

It is hard to believe that we have already finished our first half term of the school year! It has been a joy to see all our children enjoying school, getting stuck into learning new things and having settled well into new classes and routines.

It has also been a very busy half term for the teachers who have been working hard to establish a new curriculum and assessment system. Information about the curriculum can be found on our school web-site, along with the whole school assessment results for July 2015.

It is really very pleasing to see the standards across the school rise for another year, our children and staff work so hard and have achieved great things. So far this year we have seen: The Gruffalo playing an important part in Year 1 learning, The Queen visiting Foundation Stage, Year 2 venturing to the Rain-forest, Year 3 having Egyptian adventures and Year 4 stuck in Anglo Saxon times!

### Fond Farewell...

It is with sadness that we say Goodbye to Mrs Davies, who is a Teaching Assistant in Frogs class. We would all like to say Thank you to Mrs Davies for her commitment to our children and school and for the hard work she has put in supporting our children's learning. We would all like to wish Mrs Davies and her family, our very best wishes for the future. Keep in touch!



### Welcome!

We have three new members of staff to welcome!

Miss Mercieri and Mrs Nelson are welcomed to the Lunchtime Supervisors Team and Mrs Pritchett will be taking on the role of Teaching Assistant in Frogs class after the half term Break.



### SNACKS

Please be reminded that morning snacks are to be either fresh fruit or a small piece of cheese with a few crackers. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS TO SCHOOL**

If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 they are given free fruit each day through a Government Initiative.

No smoking on school grounds please!



No dogs on school grounds please!

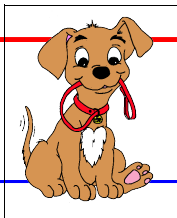


Payment for School Dinners can be made either by cash or cheques (payable to Caterlink please) Please send any money/cheques into school in a clearly named envelope.

Please note that dinners MUST be paid for in advance. Caterlink reserve the right to refuse to provide a dinner for any child with outstanding monies.

For any queries please contact the Kitchen Manager directly on 01234 268767

Thank you



### School Dinner Prices

(For Year 3 and 4 only) for the second 1/2 of the Autumn Term (34 days)  
= £73.10

Daily £2.15

Weekly £10.75

Fridays (x7) £15.05

Children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 have their meals provided free of charge through the Government 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' Scheme.

Children who fulfil the criteria for Free School Meals are eligible for 'Pupil Premium Funding' This is additional funding which is used to support your child's learning and can remove any financial barriers that prevent children having opportunities.

If you think you are eligible - please see Miss Daley in the School Office for an application form.

### Dogs

We have received a number of complaints about dogs being tied up outside the school gates in the area where children and parents are walking to get into school. There has also been nasty incident of a child falling over and getting dog mess on them. If you have to bring your dog on the school run, please ensure they are kept well away from school grounds and that any mess is correctly disposed of.

We have some children who are nervous around dogs and it is causing unnecessary anxiety.

Thank you for your consideration

### Holiday Absence

We are still receiving requests for holiday absence, despite the Government guidelines which are in place. Please be advised that all holiday absence requests will be denied unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

Whole School Attendance is at 98% so far, which is Outstanding. We would very much like this to continue into the school year.

As of September 1st 2015 the Government changed their guidelines to increase the minimum expected attendance. Any child with less than 92% attendance will be targeted by the Educational Welfare Officer as a 'Persistent Absentee' this involves parents attending meetings with the Educational Welfare Officer to set targets for improvement. We really would like to avoid this, if at all possible, your support is always appreciated.



## Local Plan 2032

As you will all be aware, there are plans in place for a substantial housing development in Clapham. There is a consultation on Friday 13th November 2015 between 2pm and 9pm in Clapham Village Hall. The consultation is open for all stakeholders to attend and will give more information about the plan as well as an opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have.

Mrs Monger, Chair of Governors and I have met with representatives from the Parish Council to discuss the local plan and the potential impact it may have on Ursula Taylor C of E School. As you will know, we are almost at capacity in school (our maximum is 300) and would not be able to accommodate any more children should a development take place.

Please make sure you are able to go to the Village Hall to find out more about the Plan and also raise any concerns / questions you may have.

Mrs Morrall.

## Dates for the Diary - There is a lot happening this year - Here are some dates in advance.

HALF TERM w/b 26.10.15

### **2.11.15 TRAINING DAY - STAFF only, NO children.**

3.11.15 Children return to school

4.11.15 School Discos (See PTFA information)

6.11.15 Awards Assembly 2:45pm

9.11.15 Primary Consultation Meeting 6:30-8:30pm Information to follow!

12.11.15 Primary Consultation Meeting 2:30pm - 3:30pm Information to follow!

13.11.15 School Panto and Mufti Day

**13.11.15 Local Plan 2032 Meeting Clapham Village Hall 2pm - 9pm**

27.11.15 Christmas Fair

4.12.15 and 5.12.15 Clapham Panto

w/b 7.12.15 Christmas Productions (Confirmed dates to follow)

18.12.15 Break Up for Christmas

