

Ursula Taylor Church of England Primary School



Newsletter
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'Living God's Love, together we flourish'

A message from our Senior Leadership Team:

As another year draws to an end we are so pleased to see all that our children have achieved this year. Ursula Taylor has undergone exciting changes and is ready to move into a new era as a Primary School. The change to Primary has been a long held ambition of the Staff and Governing Body and it is wonderful to think that we are now able to achieve this. We are mindful that the building project has been very generously provided by Bedford Borough Council and that they have given us six super new classrooms for us to grow into.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we are very proud of our staff, they are hard working and dedicated and committed to making every child's experience at school happy, positive and enjoyable. We are very lucky to have staff who genuinely care about our children and always want the best for them.

We also feel fortunate to have such a supportive parent body, as well as a PTFA who pride themselves on giving our children lovely experiences and also providing our school with a generous pot of money to use to provide resources and opportunities which we are unable to provide out of the school budget. This year the PTFA have given us a cheque for £8000 which will partly fund the swimming pool, our new canopy for outside the relocated Year 1 classrooms and also some money left over for resources for the next school year.

Thank you to all parents who have supported the 'Proms' event, either by donating bottles for the Tombola, cakes, bought raffle tickets, donated prizes or attended the afternoon. We really enjoyed being able to bring something different to Ursula Taylor and we know how much our children enjoy presenting to you all. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon and all that we offered. If you have any feedback - please email the school office:

office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk

Thank you to the PTFA members who helped set up and runs stalls for the afternoon.

It really has been a super year, with an Outstanding Church Inspection leading on from our RE Quality Mark Gold award and also an extremely positive Ofsted. We are looking forward to September and expanding our school. It will be lovely to keep our Year 4 children, we are very proud of them, and how they are growing into polite, hard working and aspirational young people.

Please enjoy your holidays! Eat Ice cream, play at the park, enjoy the sunshine and spend some precious time with your lovely children. We will see you all again on September 6th!

Mrs Morrall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lee

Values Education at UTPS

Our new Values for 2017/2018 are:

*Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect,
Friendship, Creativity and Forgiveness.*



Extra Curricular and Sporting Opportunities

When we consulted about the move to become a Primary School one of the main areas we received comments linked to Sports provision. We have been planning our curriculum and also reviewing our Extra- Curricular Clubs to offer a broad range of opportunities for all children.

In September we will be sending home a calendar for the year, which will show all the clubs which we will have on offer. Some of these clubs will be at lunchtimes or after school run by staff. In addition to this we will also have: 12 Lunchtime Sporting Clubs and 12 After School Clubs - run by PE Specialists from SSG. These will be free clubs which children will be able to attend. Some clubs will be for children nominated by staff, to target different children and give opportunities that they may otherwise not have, others will be on a 'names out of the hat basis'

The clubs will also link to festivals and competitions which we take part in with other local schools, e.g. Year 2 have recently taken part in Rounders and Tri Golf.

We will also still be offering some paid clubs, such as Premier Sport, Girls Football and also 2 new paid clubs run by SSG. There is also the possibility of booster swimming sessions as an after school, paid club.

In addition to this, we will be having 12 blocks of 6 weeks Coaching within the PE Curriculum. Teachers will work with experienced coaches to deliver a variety of sports, games and outdoor experiences, such as Forest Schools, Outdoor Adventurous Activities, Ball games, team games and Fitness activities. This will be an excellent opportunity for our children and will also support the Teacher's continuing professional development whilst improving our PE planning and assessment.

We are also very fortunate that Miss Harber and Mr Roderick, who will be teaching in Year 5, both have Level 6 PE Teacher qualifications. This means that the standard of curriculum PE and Sports Teaching will be very high and we will be able to have teams for some interschool matches. At this stage we are considering starting with Netball and Football, and then perhaps extending to Hockey, Rugby and Cricket. These matches will be arranged with other schools and also through the 'SSCO' partnership which we annually subscribe to.

Other Clubs

We are aware that many of our children enjoy other experiences and opportunities which are not sporty. Therefore, the staff have arranged a number of clubs and activities which children can attend. They will also be added to the timetable for the year, so you will know what we offer and when it will take place. Most of these clubs will be free - but where there is a club which is resource heavy (Cooking, art etc) there will be a small charge to cover any resources required.

Clubs will include: Campfire Songs, Jabadeo (Gross Motor control games) Gardening, Science, Lego, Friendship Club, Choir, Recorders, Top Trumps, Bananagrams, Creative Club, Stomp, Sign Language, Art, Drama, Public speaking, Weaving, Costume and Set Design, Cross-Country Running, Build It Club, Chess, Creative Writing and Archery!

I hope you will agree that the staff have come up with a brilliant set of clubs with something for everyone!



Golden Assembly



In September, our school will be growing by two classes, which will reduce the amount of space we have in the hall. Therefore, when it is Golden Assembly, we will still be asking parents to attend if their child has been nominated - but also asking that you restrict family numbers to 1 person per family please. (Younger siblings can still attend with a parent)

This way we can still continue to invite parents to share this with us, but it will ensure that numbers in the hall are still manageable and safe.

UTPS Prayer

Dear God,

As we enter our holiday time,
please help us to remember that all our family
time is special.

Help to keep us safe and to look after our friends
and families as we travel around on special days
out.

Thank you for listening to us and helping us when
we have a problem.

Amen.



School Dinners

Dinner costs for next Term are:

1/2 Term = £68.80

Whole Term = £146.20

1/2 Term Fridays = £15.05

Whole Term Fridays = £30.10

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, 4 and 5 only. Please pay in advance for your child's meals. Cheques payable to 'Caterlink'
Please.

Thank you

School Uniform

School Uniform is available from www.priceandbuckland.co.uk (You need to create an account to access our school area)

The items of uniform which are expected are:

Red Cardigan / Jumper (with or without school logo)

School Logo PE T-Shirt

School Book Bag (F Stage / Yr 1 and Yr 2)

School Rucksack (Yr 3, 4, 5, and 6)

(PE bags are preferred but don't need to be school ones)

Black School shoes (Black Boots for Winter are fine) NOT Trainers please.

Trainers for PE need to be white - or as white as possible. (NOT brightly coloured trainers)

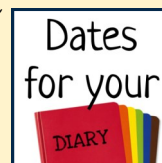
Other uniform, e.g. polo shirts, jackets etc. which are on the Price and Buckland site are optional.

Grey / Black trousers / Skirts / Pinafores etc. and white polo shirts can be bought anywhere.

NB - RED Polo shirts are no longer part of our uniform.

Diary Dates for 2017 / 2018

School Term dates for 2017 / 2018 have been sent home previously and are available on our school website. (Information -> Term dates -> 2017/2018)



Dates for school events, such as Parent Consultations, Sports day, Christmas events etc. will be planned over the summer term and a list will be sent home early in September to allow you to plan ahead for the year.

Holidays in Term Time.

Our attendance policy will be changing to recognise the advice given by the Local Authority's Educational Welfare Team. Any unauthorised absence of more than 5 days in a school year will be referred to the Educational Welfare Team for a Fixed Term Penalty. The only exception to this is where the Headteacher has deemed the absence to be of exceptional circumstance. Holiday absence cannot be agreed either directly before or after a school holiday. It is also worth noting that a granted holiday leave which has been deemed exceptional once cannot be deemed exceptional on a yearly basis. All decisions regarding holiday leave will be considered on a case by case basis.

It is also worth noting that staff are unable to have any holiday during term time as they are contracted on a term time basis.

Staff news!

Mrs Curtis is leaving us for pastures new, we all wish her well and hope that she enjoys her new role. Don't Worry, we will still see Mrs Curtis in school when she is with Chloe.

Mrs Woodward will be staying with us for a little longer, covering Miss Dennison and Mrs Chance through the last few weeks of their Maternity Leave. Mrs Woodward will be in Year 1 and Year 4 in September.

We welcome Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Holliss to our team of Teaching Assistants. Mrs Armstrong will be working in Year 4 and also After School Club. Mrs Holliss is working as a 1:1 teaching Assistant with a new child in Foundation Stage.

We also welcome, Miss Barber who will be teaching in Foundation Stage alongside Mrs Lee and the Team. In Year 5, we welcome Miss Harber, who will be leading on Extra-Curricular activities and working alongside Mr Roderick and the Year 5 team.

We also welcome Miss Merceri, who is one of our lunchtime supervisors, to a new role as part of our Summer Club team.

Breakfast and After School Club and School Trips / Clubs (TUCASI online payments)

Breakfast and After School Club continues to be very successful and well used by parents.

We are transferring to the online booking system in September. A letter should be coming out to you soon, detailing how you can set up the account. Booking Breakfast and After School Club is easy to do and can be done from any internet on phones, tablets or PCs.

Please be aware that the account you use **MUST** be in credit before you try to book. If it is not in credit - you will not be able to book sessions.

If you pay by childcare voucher this can still continue, but we will need to know exactly what you have transferred to add the amount to the system. This way, when you log on, you will see that your voucher have been added.

It would be advisable to pay across an amount before the summer holidays end - so that it can be credited to the account before September, so you are able to book.

Last minute 'emergency' booking can be done on the playground with Mrs Harte, or by telephone to the school office (01234 359128) Emails are also fine, but we cannot guarantee they will be read in time.

In September the prices for ASC change from a sibling rate to a per child rate. Mrs Harte has information about this if you should need it.

We will also be using TUCASI for School trips, so even if you don't use After school Club - you will need an account to pay for trips, clubs etc.

Out of School Care - Breakfast and After School Club (Continued)

Payments and Pricing: FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017

There will be one price per child per hour: £3.50 Therefore:

Breakfast Club: £3.50 per child

After School Club:

3:30 - 4:30 = £3.50 per child (Short Session)

3:30 - 5:30 = £7.00 per child (Medium Session)

3:30 - 6pm = £8.75 per child (Long Session)

Late pick up charge of £7.00

There will be NO registration fee from 1st September 2017

Have a wonderful summer break!

We look forward to seeing you back at school on
WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2017

Doors will open at 8:45am!

