



# Ursula Taylor Church of England School

## Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would all like to welcome all our families and children to a new school year! It has been a fabulous start to the year, we have had three great well-being days to settle the children and get back into routines and to spend precious time getting to know new classes.

We have now started our new topics for the term, they are:

Foundation Stage 'Where our wellies take us'

Year 1 Into the Wild

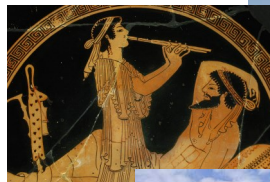
Year 2 Turrets, Tiaras and Treason

Year 3 Ancient Egyptians

Year 4 Romans

Year 5 Ancient Greeks

Year 6 World War 2



You should have received a Topic booklet with some information about what we are covering through out the term and details when the children will need PE kits and when they will need equipment to be in school.

### Class Dojo



Class Dojo is a great resource which we use to keep in contact with parents and to share with you lots of great things which we are doing in school. Each class has a page which will have information and photos shared throughout the year. We also post whole school news so you know what else is happening around school.

If you are not yet connected to your child's class it is easy to achieve, please speak to your child's teacher who will be able to give you an invitation which will have a log on code. This code will get you onto your child's class pages.

### Messages to Staff:

Dojo is really useful for messaging staff, however if it is something important, please ring / email the office as we often don't check dojo until after the school day is over. Staff are not available on Dojo outside of their working day and it may take anything up to 48 hours to get a response.

**The following dates have been set and can be added to your diaries!**

18th September 2019 Y2 parent Information session 3:45pm

24th September 2019 PTFA AGM 7pm SCHOOL HALL

26th September 2019 Y4 Trip to St Albans

26th September 6:30pm Parent Internet Safety Evening SCHOOL HALL

27th September 9am MacMillan Coffee Morning

3rd / 4th / 7th / 8th Scholastic Book Fair

8th October 6pm—6:45pm Bedtime Story

9th October F Stage / Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival 9:10am PARENTS WELCOME

10th October World Mental Health Day 2019

14th October School Photographs—Individuals and Siblings

15th / 16th / 17th October Parent Consultations.

16th October 9:10 Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival 9:10am PARENTS WELCOME

w/b 21st October HALF TERM

28th October TRAINING DAY Staff only

15th November Children In Need

w/b 9th December CHRISTMAS PLAY WEEK

17th December Grandparents Concert SCHOOL HALL

20th December to 6th January Christmas Holidays

6th January NO Training Day, staff and children back to school.

February HALF TERM 17TH TO 21ST FEBRUARY (This changed midway through last year by the Council)

24th, 25th and 26th March Parent Consultations

3rd to 20th April Easter Break

20th April TRAINING DAY Staff only please.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY Bank Holiday

11th—15th May Assessment week Year 6

w/b 25th May HALF TERM

12th June SPORTS DAY (May be subject to change)

15th, 16th, 17th June Y4 Residential

26th June Proms (May be subject to change)

29th June to 3rd July Year 6 Residential

9th July Parents Consultation (optional)



## **Bed time Story**

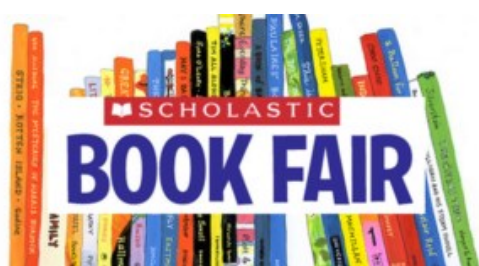
**8th October 2019 6pm—6:45pm**

This is an annual event at Ursula Taylor C of E School where we share the love of stories in a lovely evening reading session for all of our children.



We invite all our children to come back to school at 6pm dressed in their PJs and dressing gowns with slippers, blankets, pillows and their teddies to share in some bedtime stories with their classmates and teachers.

Our staff make the classrooms cosy and inviting and we all settle down to enjoy some quiet time with a good book. The children have hot chocolate / squash / biscuits to enjoy during their story time and get picked up at 6:45pm to go home for their real bedtime!



We always need parents helpers to support us with this to get refreshments ready and make sure they get delivered to each classroom. If you can help, please let us know.

### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book fair is being delivered on the 2nd October and will be opened up for book buying on the 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th October.

School Lunches from Caterlink.

Our new online payment for Caterlink is now up and running and means that we are now cashless in the school office. This is a huge improvement for us so 'Thank you' to everyone who has registered and is using the system.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

If you have any problems creating your account, please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Meals are: £2.10 for Year 3 and £2.20 for Year 4, 5 and 6. All meals MUST be paid for online.

## School Uniform

Just a few reminders about our uniform please:

- Book Bags for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 please
- Rucksacks for Year 3, 4, 5, 6. These do not have to be Ursula Taylor ones, but be mindful that Year 4, 5, and 6 have lockers and all belongings need to fit into them.
- School shoes need to be BLACK only please. Boots are fine for winter but they need to be plain and practical. Please do not give your children plimsolls to wear for anything other than PE, they are not supportive and not warm enough for the cold months.
- Hair bands / accessories. Please do not send your child into school with brightly coloured bows, bands, clips etc. Our uniform requires small, plain accessories. (School red is acceptable)
- PE trainers . We would prefer children to have trainers as white as possible for PE, however, we accept that trainers are expensive and we don't want to burden parents with buying more shoes when unnecessary. Coloured trainers are fine, but please avoid bright / neon footwear.
- PE T-Shirts, your child does need one with a School Logo for wearing when we are on competitions etc. and representing the school.
- School jumpers. They do not have to be Logo'd but they do need to be red, plain and either a cardigan or a jumper. Please do not send children to school in red hoodies.
- Socks and tights. Please make sure socks are plain and black, white or grey and / tights are plain, black, red or grey.
- Warm coats will be needed soon as will gloves, hats and scarves. PLEASE, PLEASE label everything as we have a huge pile of lost property, none of which can be returned as we don't know what belongs to who!
- EXCELLENT sticky labels can be bought from 'Stickins' if you use the link below the school will get commission!



<https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=24257>

## PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform

Our PTFA are keen to run 2nd hand uniform sales, if you have anything you can't use and wish to donate it, please do! It needs to be in good repair and clean please. We can also take shoes if you have any which have hardly been worn before your children have outgrown them. We will let you know when the next sale will be!

# Parking

Parking in every school is a problem and here at UTS it is no different.

**The School car park is for Staff and visitors only.**

The exception to this is before 8:15 when dropping off at breakfast Club or after 4:15 when collecting children from clubs which finish at 4:30pm.



If you do park for pick up / drop off at the above times PLEASE do not block staff in, staff want to be able to go home when they are ready to, not have to come into school to ask people to move their cars. If you are disabled and need to park in our disabled spaces, please speak to Miss Daley in the office to gain permission.

**Parking at the Horse and Groom / Bellinis / Star**

**We do not have permission for parents to park in our neighbours properties.**

If you have to drive, please be mindful and respectful to our neighbours when you park and also in the way that you behave outside and inside of our school grounds.

## Smoking and Dogs

We are a no smoking site (including e-cigarettes and vaping)

This includes ALL areas of the school grounds, the drive, playground, field and all of the buildings.



Dogs are also not allowed on the school site for a number of reasons. If you have a dog, please do not bring it into school, either on a lead or being carried and do not tie them up anywhere near the school gates. (The only exception to this is Guide Dogs / Hearing Dogs for the Deaf or Dogs who are visiting as part of an agreed curriculum session)



Please support us by keeping to these rules to ensure that our school is a calm, respectful and friendly place to be.

## Values Education 2019 2020

Autumn Term 1	Respect
Autumn Term 2	Love
Spring Term 1	Koinonia
Spring term 2	Gratitude
Summer Term 1	Resilience
Summer Term 2	Responsibility

At UTS we follow a programme of Values Education through the year, focusing on a different value each half term. Each class is responsible for introducing or concluding a value and presents an assembly to all our children and staff, sharing their learning and great ideas.

All our Values are distinctly Christian in their nature, they cover Biblical teaching and also British and Human Values. All children are able to be part of this and we encourage discussion, the sharing of ideas and also children bringing things in from home to share how they have used the values in their lives.

Rev. Stephen Liley leads our worship once a week and integrates our values into his worship wherever possible.

### This Half Term's Value is: RESPECT

We will be learning about St. Hilda and her kindness to the people of Northumbria, 'The Golden Rule' mosaic in the UN building, drawing inspiration from 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Matthew 7.12



We will think about respecting others, ours and others property and also respecting ourselves.