



10th November 2017

Quote of the week: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

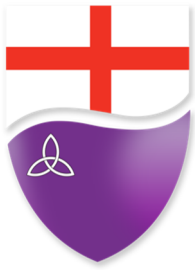
Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a reminder of key dates for next week:

W/C 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th November	Swimming continues for Years 4 and 5
14 th November	Forest Schools for Year 3
17 th November	Trip to Chester Zoo for Years 1-6
17 th November	Reception FOREST SCHOOLS trip to Broomheath Plantation

Key dates for your diary

23 rd November	Year 2 BEATLES trip
23 rd November	Year 3 visit to Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool
30 th November	Year 2 Multi-skills festival in Ellesmere Port (selected children)
1 st December	CHOIR singing at STORYHOUSE
1 st December	Christmas Fayre at 3.15pm - 6pm in school
12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 2pm - 3pm
13 th December	KS2 Carols and Readings Presentation at 2pm - 3pm
13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 6pm - 7pm
14 th December	KS2 Carols and Readings Presentation at 6.30pm - 7.30pm
15 th December	Christmas JUMPER day in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN
20 th December	Christmas trip to STORYHOUSE to see Secret Seven
21 st December	Carols around the tree at 2.30pm - EVERYONE WELCOME
21 st December	END OF TERM
8 th January 2018	Back to School
8 th - 9 th March	Provisional date for Year 2 residential trip to Trafford Hall
26 th - 28 th March	Year 4 residential trip to Conover Hall
1 st May - 4 th May	Year 5 residential trip



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21st - 25th May

Provisional date for Year 6 residential

21st - 22nd June

Year 3 residential trip to Bushcraft at Cholmondeley Castle

Key dates from St. John the Baptist Church:

11th November

Silence and Prayers in St. Johns

12th November

The Eucharist of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths at 10.45am

2nd December

Christmas Fayre with Grotto and Father Christmas

17th December

Carol Service for the Parish and the City

Special Notes:

- I will always try to see you at short notice if at all possible. If your issue is urgent and I am unavailable, I will ensure that Mrs. Bartram or another senior member of staff is made available to you. For non-urgent meetings, you are welcome to telephone the School Office and request an appointment to see me or drop me an email to make an arrangement (jfarrington@ucatrust.org). Alternatively, you can catch me most mornings on the school gate where we can easily make an arrangement to meet.
- You will see from our Key Dates that next week that our youngest children are visiting Broomheath plantation and all children from Year 1 to 6 are off to Chester Zoo. If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip on Monday. **We will not be able to take children out of school without a signed slip.**
- We are currently reviewing our Administration of Medication policy. If you require school to administer medication to your child, please ensure that you have filled in the relevant consent form. **We are not be able to administer any medication without written consent.**
- Don't forget that if your child suffers from ASTHMA, please ensure that you have completed the necessary paperwork and that an up to date INHALER is in school. Ask at the OFFICE if you are unsure.

EXCITING NEWS!

The PTFA are working very hard to organise our Christmas Fayre. This will take place on Friday 1st December at 3.15pm - 6pm. It promises to be a very exciting event with a very festive visitor! Please come along to make your Christmas purchases and have some festive fun!

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- It was lovely to see so many Parents/ Carers at our first Progress Meeting this week. If you didn't manage to make it, I am sending home a letter tonight offering you to make an alternative arrangement. Please try to see your child's class teacher so that you can check your child's progress during the first half term.

This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Year 4 with 98.3%. WELL DONE to you all!

- Don't forget that for Safeguarding reasons, the playground gate will be locked at 9am. If you need to access the playground after this point, you will need to telephone the school office in order to gain admittance. The number is 569560. **Please remember that if your child arrives at school after 9am, you will need to accompany them to the gate in order for them to gain access.**
- Please note that the date for the Year 5 residential trip has now been confirmed - **see key diary dates**
- This week, all the children have spent time thinking about the meaning of Remembrance Sunday. Keep a look out for the display of thoughtful work that they have produced.
- If your child has private music tuition in school, please remember to send them to school with their instrument on the relevant day.
- If there are any changes to pick up arrangements for your child, please ensure the office are informed by 3pm.

SPORTING FIXTURES

13 th November	Year 3/4 football against St. Martins Academy. 4pm kick off at the University
24 th November	Year 5/6 netball match vs Guilden Sutton 3pm start. Collect from school at 2.40pm
24 th November	Year 3/4 and 5/6 football match vs Delamere has been postponed
1 st December	Year 5/6 netball match vs Waverton 3.30pm start. Collect from school at 3.10pm

- FOREST SCHOOLS will continue for children in Year 3 on Tuesday 14th November. Please send your child to school in their uniform but don't forget to ensure that they also bring to school some old clothes to change into that are suitable for all weather.
- We would really love to be able to make some wall hangings for our school hall which will help to promote and celebrate our Christian values of Friendship, Thankfulness, Peace, Compassion, Hope and Trust. If anyone has any sewing skills and a little free time to help and support our



children in making the hangings, please can you let Mrs. Bartram know ASAP! Your help and ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Birthdays this week and next include Lili H, Evie W, Angel T and Kelsey B. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from all of us at UCFS.

This week's Certificate winners - WELL DONE to all these children!

	Outstanding work in Maths	Outstanding work in English	Outstanding Learning Behaviour	Star of the Week	Outstanding work in Music
Reception	Reubon	Henry	Imogen	Amelia	Freya
Year 1	Anita	Thomas M.	Emily A	Nadia	Bobby
Year 2	Benjamin	Alice	George	Oliver	Lara
Year 3	Ben	Erin	Oliver C.	Maisie	Alice
Year 4	Lyra	Charlie	Dimitri	Leo	Saraid
Year 5	Charlie L.	Annie	Harper	Sophie	Charlotte
Year 6	Alexandra	Lily W.	Lili H.	Isobel	Ruby

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements. This week, CONGRATULATIONS go to Lily-Jo who was successful in getting through to a singing audition for THE VOICE, Faith F. for completing 10 Super Science Investigations and Kobi K. who has now completed 20 and Adelle N. who has been awarded the Trinity College London Entry Level Award with Distinction in Initial Violin. WELL DONE - we are VERY proud of you!

Also, another WELL DONE to the Year 2 football team - Austin F.H., Alice B, Benjamin C-A., Jonah O'., Kobi K and Dylan R - who took part in the Manchester City Mini Kickers tournament in October. The children have received their certificates today!

The FRIENDS of UCFS work really hard to raise money in order to provide additional experiences for our children. They are always looking for volunteers to join the group or simply to help out at some events. If you are interested in finding out more, please see Mrs. Leslie in the School Office who will be happy to pass on your details!

Thank you for your continued interest and support in helping to make UCFS a special place to be.



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