



13th October 2017

Quote of the week: "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a reminder of key dates for next week:

W/C 16 th October	SHINE Assessment Week
W/C 16 th October	CLUBS continue this week
16 th October	SWIMMING for Years 4 and 5
17 th October	FOREST SCHOOLS for Year 3
17 th October	PHONICS workshop for Reception Parents/Carers 4pm - 4.30pm

Key dates for your diary

25 th October	SATs Meeting for Years 5 and 6 Parents at 6pm
26 th October	PTFA Fancy Dress Disco
W/C 30 th October	HALF TERM
W/C 6 th November	Remembrance Week in School
6 th November	Parents' Evening
W/C 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
17 th November	Trip to Chester Zoo for Years 1-6
17 th November	Reception FOREST SCHOOLS trip to Broomheath Plantation
20 th December	Christmas trip to STORYHOUSE
21 st December	Carols around the tree at 2.30pm - EVERYONE WELCOME
21 st December	END OF TERM
8 th January	Back to School

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



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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.

EXCITING NEWS!

The School Council met for the first time this week and elected Nathaniel as Chair and Seth as Vice-Chair. CONGRATULATIONS to you both! We are looking forward to seeing the impact of your work in our school!

This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Reception Class with 98.9%. WELL DONE to you all!

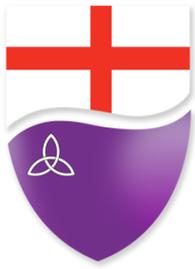
- Don't forget that for Safeguarding reasons, the playground gate will be locked at 9am. If you need to access the playground after this point, you will need to telephone the school office in order to gain admittance. The number is 569560. **Please remember that if your child arrives at school after 9am, you will need to accompany them to the gate in order for them to gain access.**
- Next Tuesday, there will be a PHONICS information meeting for Reception Parents at 4pm - 4.30pm. This is a brilliant opportunity to find out more about how we teach young children to read and write. Please try and come along if you are free!
- As you will see from the key dates, on 17th November Years 1 to 6 will be visiting Chester Zoo for the day. The Zoo is well-known for the amazing work that they do within the area of preservation and conservation. Workshops have been planned for all children in key Stage 2 and the visit will enable the children to make strong links with their Science learning. It promises to be a very worthwhile day. **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**
- If any Parent/Carer has a current DBS for our school and is interested in helping out with the trip to Chester Zoo, please see Mrs. Gill or Mrs. Leslie.
- If any Parents/Carers/Friends of UCFS are interested in coaching our 3/4 NETBALL team, please see Mrs. Gill.
- As you will see from our Key Dates, there will be a **SATs meeting** on 25th October. This is an opportunity for Parents/Carers to gather information about the end of Key Stage 2 tests and to sample some questions! Although this is primarily for Year 6, Parents/Carers of children in Year 5 are **MORE** than welcome if you would like to get the 'heads up' on what your child will be expected to achieve at the end of the following year!

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- This term, Miss Mercer and Mr. Benson have been working really hard to review our music provision and ensure that music at UCFS is really exciting. Please see attached summary of their work so far!
- Don't forget that if your child suffers from ASTHMA, 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.
- FOREST SCHOOLS will continue for children in Year 3 on Tuesday. 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.

Birthdays this week include Carlos Gill, Mattie Silveira and Mrs Norton! 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	Roman	Imogen	Henry	Bella	Martha
Year 1	Joseph	Cerys	Tommy W	Antoni	Chloe
Year 2	George	Hannah	Kobi	Thomas	Meryem
Year 3	Henri	Minnie	Ted	Bella	Harry
Year 4	Dimitri	Saraid	Tomai	Faith	Aimee
Year 5	Eleanor	Charlie P	Evie	Charlotte	Adelle
Year 6	Ruby	Lili H	Isobel	Darcy	

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements. This week, CONGRATULATIONS go to Alexander and Benjamin Coward-Auclair for completing TEN Super Science investigations! Congratulations to Reika, Anika and Bruno for completing the Chester mini marathon and to Bruno for getting a silver medal in his Judo competition. Henri achieved a POW drama award. WELL DONE Everyone!



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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 interest and support in helping us to make UCFS a special place to be. I hope that you all enjoy a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

W.J. Farrington

Following an evaluation of the music provision across the school and having revisited the original bid that was submitted to the EFA, staff at UCFS have been working hard to provide a more inclusive musical experience across the school.

To this end it was decided that alongside weekly Music Express lessons, we should offer a bespoke musical curriculum to be designed, delivered and evaluated by a trained music specialist. Miss Mercer (music lead) and Mr Benson (music specialist) have invested a huge amount of time writing a new music scheme which is designed to provide cross curricular links as well as delivering all aspects of music including notation, keyboard skills, appraisal, performance and composition. Embedded within the new music curriculum is a solid and comprehensive music theory scheme based upon the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Grade 1 theory syllabus.

Pupils from Years 1 to 6 are now gaining a much more focused and secure understanding of music and have their sessions delivered in the highly resourced music room. We are also currently converting one of the ground floor rooms into a music practice room/drum studio.

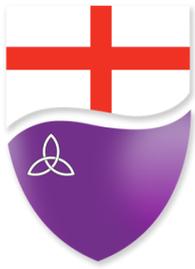
At 3.15 every day, the whole school now takes part in music enrichment activities. Key Stage 1 pupils work with Miss Mercer, whilst Key Stage 2 pupils work with Mr Benson. All members of staff are support this special time of day. This term, the focus is exploring a variety of singing styles and genres including formal hymns, contemporary pop songs, classical pieces and songs from the musicals.

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Music ignites all areas of child development and skills for school readiness: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words.

Due to this exciting new provision across the school, we really can say that musically, we deliver something that no other primary school in the North West can offer.

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