



# University Church Free School

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15th December 2017

Quote of the week: "Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy." Psalm 33; 1-3

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Here is a reminder of key dates for next week:**

19 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing carols at Forest Court
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas trip to STORYHOUSE to see Secret Seven
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carols around the tree at 2.30pm – EVERYONE WELCOME
21 <sup>st</sup> December	END OF TERM

### **Key dates for your diary**

8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Back to School
8 <sup>th</sup> January	SWIMMING for Year 3
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Forest Schools for Year 4
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery consultation drop-in at 9am
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nursery consultation drop-in at 4pm
8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Provisional date for Year 2 residential trip to Trafford Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential trip to Conover Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 residential trip to Min Y Don
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 residential trip to Min Y Don
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3 residential trip to Bushcraft at Cholmondeley Castle

### **Key dates from St. John the Baptist Church:**

17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service for the Parish and the City including UCFS Choir!
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Christingle Service at 2.30pm

### **Special Notes:**

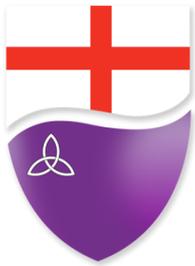
- I will always try to see you at short notice if at all possible. If your issue is urgent and I am unavailable, I will ensure that Mrs. Bartram or another senior member of staff is made available to you. For non-urgent meetings, you are welcome to telephone the School Office and request an appointment to see me or drop me an email to make an

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arrangement ([jfarrington@ucatrust.org](mailto:jfarrington@ucatrust.org)). Alternatively, you can catch me most mornings on the school gate where we can easily make an arrangement to meet.

The wintry weather was back with a vengeance this morning! During the winter months, school will operate normally wherever feasible and I will only resort to school closure or early closure in the case of adverse weather conditions. If it is necessary to close the school to protect the welfare and safety of our children, a decision will be made as soon as possible during that day. Consideration will be given to the state of pathways around the school, the condition of roads leading in and out of school, appropriate staffing levels, the school's heating system, whether catering can be provided, the availability of public transport, the feasibility of running our minibus and the weather forecast. In the event of snow falling during the night and it is necessary to close the school, you will receive a text message to inform you of that decision. The local radio, Dee 106.3 will also be informed and the closure will be published on our school website. **Please make sure that your contact details that we hold on record are up to date.**

- As you know, the 100% ATTENDANCE treat this term was a visit to Rubens café for hot chocolate! Pictures are now on our school website for you to see! Thank you to Bobby Bailey at UCAT Central for taking the pictures and making the link.
- Next week, all the children who achieved 96% or more attendance this term will be entered into our PRIZE DRAW. Thank you to the Friends of UCFS for sponsoring our prize.
- Don't forget that the Christmas POST BOX is still in the Foyer ready to take your Christmas post. Please make sure that all cards are clearly named with the relevant class to ensure safe and accurate delivery!
- Please note that our UCFS choir WILL be taking part in the carol service at St. John's church on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for returning your permission slips. **Please arrive at the church no later than 6.15pm.**
- It was lovely to see SO many people in the church to watch our Christmas performances. I'm sure that you will agree that all the children entertained us in true style and got the festive season off to a brilliant start. Paddy the donkey brought real life to the Christmas story once we could convince him that he wanted to come into the church! THANK YOU for all your positive feedback. I thought that you might enjoy reading a comment that was emailed to me this morning about last night's performance:

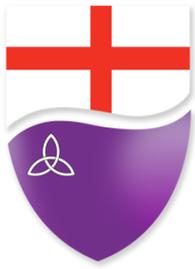
*The singing was absolutely magic and I couldn't believe that I was listening to primary school children. The readers were equally as good and you could hear every word. I guess when children achieve such amazing things, they must believe that they can achieve anything that they put their minds to – what a fabulous confidence booster.*

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- Don't forget that Christmas keyrings containing a picture of your child are still available to buy from school at a cost of £2 each. Orders can still be taken for any additional keyrings until Monday at 4pm in order to guarantee Christmas delivery!
- We have all had a really festive day today wearing our Christmas jumpers and clothes! It was all in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN. There is still some money to come in so I will let you know next week of our grand total raised. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.
- This week, the children have been rewarded for their excellent behaviour with our GREEN treat and POWERPOINTS treat. WELL DONE to all these children – we are very proud of you.
- This week, I have continued to show prospective parents around our school in preparation for entry in September 2018. Once again, they were all blown away with what lies behind the front door of UCFS and they all really loved our school.
- If you haven't had time to respond to the NURSERY consultation document that was sent to you earlier this week, please try to find the time. All feedback will be looked at and considered carefully.
- 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.

**This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Year 4 with 97.2%. 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.**
- Don't forget that the FOREST SCHOOLS programme will start again after Christmas with YEAR 4 enjoying the great outdoors! 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 Lily-Jo B. and Courtney G. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you both from all of us at UCFS!**

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



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	<b>Outstanding work in Maths</b>	<b>Outstanding work in English</b>	<b>Outstanding Learning Behaviour</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>	<b>Outstanding work in Music</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Bella	Gustavs	Amelia	Iremide	Kiara
<b>Year 1</b>	Thomas M.	Jasper	Bobby	Harvey	Tommy W.
<b>Year 2</b>	Mahar	Ava	Leah	Andrew	Thomas
<b>Year 3</b>	Ephraim	Harry	Ben	Leo	Oliver
<b>Year 4</b>	Reika	Jonathan	Alexander	Leo	Faith
<b>Year 5</b>	Sophie	Thomas	Charlie L.	Jack A.	Annie
<b>Year 6</b>	Ruby	Evie	Lili H.	Ella	Whole class

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. I hope that you enjoy a festive weekend!

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