

15th September 2017

Quote of the week: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a reminder of key dates for next week:

W/C 11 th September	CLUBS begin this week
18 th September	SWIMMING for Years 4 and 5
19 th September	FOREST SCHOOLS for Year 3

Key dates for your diary

29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
6 th October	UCFS Open Day
W/C 16 th October	SHINE Assessment Week
W/C 30 th October	HALF TERM
6 th November	Parents' Evening
W/C 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week

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.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS:

Weekly attendance - where children have achieved 100% attendance during a week, this will be acknowledged by the Class Teacher

Termly 100% Attendance - Children who achieve this will each receive a certificate and will be invited to take part in a special treat.

Termly 96% Attendance - We think that it is extremely important to acknowledge children with good attendance but who have unfortunately just missed out on achieving 100%. For children who achieve 96% or above, they will be entered into a PRIZE DRAW with the chance of winning a range of exciting prizes!

Annual 100% Attendance - To celebrate and reward such a fabulous achievement, children who achieve this will each receive a certificate and will be invited to take part in a VERY special treat or receive a special award.

This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Year 6 with 97.8%.

- As you will see from our key dates, this year we are taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning for MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT. We feel that this is a really worthwhile fund-raising event as most families will unfortunately have been touched by cancer in some way. The Friends of UCFS are supporting this event and you will be able to drop in at the beginning or end of the day on 29th September for a cake and cuppa!

ESSAR West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series for 2017/18 will take place at Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port on September 23rd, December 9th, March 3rd and March 24th. Races begin at 10am if any children in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 would like to take part! Please note that this is not a school event.

- 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.
- As a school, we have now re-visited our Prevent Duty in order to be able to identify the signs of radicalisation and also refreshed our school LOCKDOWN Procedure in order ensure the safety of all our children during a serious security risk.

- If you have been contacted by your child's private music tutor about lessons for this coming year, but have not had chance to respond, please can you do so as soon as possible as we are trying to confirm numbers and time slots! Laura Miller, our violin teacher has a limited number of additional places available. Please speak to Mrs. Leslie in the School Office if you are interested.
- FOREST SCHOOLS will continue for children in Year 3 on Tuesday 19th September. 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.

This week's birthdays include Faith Flitcroft, Jack Bartram, Dylan Randles and Jessica Noden. HAPPY BIRTHDAY from all of us at UCFS.

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements. This week, CONGRATULATIONS go to the following children who took part in the ANIMAL AGENTS Summer Reading Challenge - Joseph Denton, Aphra Endersby, Harper Endersby, Jessica Noden and Thomas Ling-Swanwick. Sophie Lewis-Jones has achieved the ASA SILVER swimming Award, Joseph Denton has completed the Denbighshire and Flintshire Agricultural Society's Children's Competition, Reika Endo-Glynn for achieving Grade 3 with Distinction in her Royal Academy of Dance Ballet examination and performing beautifully in the Regional Youth Ballet production, Amika Endo-Glynn for performing beautifully in the Regional Youth Ballet production, Saraid McGuire-Lee for achieving Grade 1 with Distinction in her Royal Academy of Dance Ballet examination and Eleanor Johnson and Jessica Noden who both gained a MERIT in their ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE examination. Thomas Ling-Swanwick has also gained his Level 3 Learn to Swim Award and also the ASA 10m Rainbow Swimming Award! WELL DONE EVERYONE - What a busy Summer!

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

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