



20th October 2017

Quote of the week: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." Samuel 22:29

Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a reminder of key dates for next week:

W/C 23rd October	CLUBS continue this week
23rd October	SWIMMING for Years 4 and 5
24th October	FOREST SCHOOLS for Year 3
25 th October	SATs Meeting for Years 5 and 6 Parents at 6pm
27 th October	PTFA Fancy Dress Disco
26 th October	Mini-Kickers event for Year 2 children at Blacon High School (selected Children)
27 th October	Everyman Remembered event at STORYHOUSE for Year 5 and 6
W/C 30 th October	HALF TERM

Key dates for your diary

W/C 6 th November	NO CLUBS this week with the exception of Football and Netball
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
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
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 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 Condoover Hall
30 th April - 4 th May	Provisional date for Year 5 residential trip
21 st - 25 th May	Provisional date for Year 6 residential
21 st - 22 nd June	Year 3 residential trip to Bushcraft at Cholmondeley Castle

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.

EXCITING NEWS!

As a school, we are busily planning residential trips for all of our children from Year 2 upwards. Most schools will offer a residential trip to children at the top end of Key Stage 2. In most cases, this may be the first experience of nights away from home and this can be quite stressful (for us as parents more than for our children!). With this in mind, we think that offering a more gentle slope, starting with the much younger children, will help to prepare them and allow them to become more accustomed to staying away from home. You will see from the key dates that some of the dates are still provisional whilst we are waiting for confirmation.

This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Reception Class with 98.7 %. 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.

- It was lovely to see SO many people join us for the harvest service last week in St. John the Baptist Church. The children really enjoyed presenting their learning to you and we hope that you enjoyed watching and listening!
- This week the children have all been working really hard on their assessments! They have all done their very best to **SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!** Teachers and Senior Leaders will be looking carefully at the outcomes, checking to see that all children are making good progress and planning the next steps for each child.
- You will see from our key dates that we will be holding our first Parents' Evening of this academic year during the first week back after half term. We will be sending out a letter to you at the beginning of next week, inviting you to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. We really hope that you will be able to join us.
- During the afternoons this week and next, the children will be focusing on the Diwali Festival.
- At the beginning of next week, we will be sending out our **CLUBS** offer for the next half term. Please complete the slip and return it to school as soon as possible so that children can be allocated to clubs up until Christmas.
- 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!
- 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.

SPORTING FIXTURES

27 th October	Year 5/6 Football match vs Saighton Primary School. 2pm pick up for 2.30pm kick off. All children back in time for the disco!
8 th November	Year 5/6 netball match vs Mickle Trafford 3pm start
10 th November	Year 5/6 netball and Year 3/4 football vs Cherry Grove 3pm start
13 th November	Year 3/4 football
24 th November	Year 5/6 netball match vs Guilden Sutton 3pm start
24 th November	Year 3/4 and 5/6 football match vs Delamere 3pm kick off
1 st December	Year 5/6 netball match vs Waverton 3.30pm start



- 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 Harry McCarroll, Ted Powell, Cerys Royles and Benjamin Coward-Auclair. 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
Year 1	Alex	Bailey	George	Poppy	Harvey
Year 2	Andrew	Leah	Rose	Stilian	Jessica
Year 3	Isabelle	Sophie	Alice	Maisie	Ben
Year 4	Maya	Reika	Nicko	Seth	Samuel
Year 5	Jack M.	Simon	Charlie P.	Annie	Lily-Jo
Year 6	Lilly P.	Isobel	Alexandra	Eve	Ruby

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements. This week, CONGRATULATIONS go to Aine Carberry (Year 4) and Kobi Kyei (Year 2) for completing TEN Super Science investigations! Well done to Jessica for getting her swimming certificate, Kaya for her gymnastics certificate, Charlie L for his POW! Award and Eleanor for her running medal. WELL DONE Everyone!

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. One week to go!

W.J. Farrington