

29th September 2017

Quote of the week: "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up" Proverbs 12:25

Dear Parents/Carers

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

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| W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> October | CLUBS continue this week  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October     | SWIMMING for Years 4 and 5  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October     | FOREST SCHOOLS for Year 3   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October     | Meeting for Year 4 Parents/Carers at 4pm                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October     | Church service at 3pm in St. John the Baptist Church - ALL WELCOME. |

**Key dates for your diary**

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> October       | UCFS Open Day   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October      | ABACUS Maths Information Meeting at 4pm - ALL WELCOME |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October      | My Book Blog Information Meeting at 4pm - ALL WELCOME |
| W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> October  | SHINE Assessment Week                                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October      | SATs Meeting for Years 5 and 6 Parents at 6pm         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October      | PTFA Fancy Dress Disco                                |
| W/C 30 <sup>th</sup> October  | HALF TERM   |
| W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Remembrance Week in School                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November      | Parents' Evening                                      |
| W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Anti-Bullying Week                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas trip to STORYHOUSE                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December     | Carols around the tree at 2.30pm - EVERYONE WELCOME   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December     | END OF TERM   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 request an appointment to see me or drop me an email to make an 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.

### EXCITING NEWS!

Miss Mercer and Mr. Benson have been working incredibly hard to re-organise our MUSIC curriculum and make it even more exciting. It promises to be something REALLY special! With this in mind, we have now added a new weekly certificate for OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT in MUSIC. This is in addition to our usual certificates for Maths, English, Learning Behaviour and Star of the Week!

**This week, the class with the highest ATTENDANCE is Reception Class with 99.3%. WELL DONE to you all!**

- THANK YOU so much for supporting our Macmillan Coffee and Cake day today! It was lovely to see so many Parents, Carers and Friends in school to support this worthwhile charity. Also a massive THANK YOU to everyone who managed to send cakes in for the sale - it was a SPECTACULAR show of cakes! I will let you know our grand total as soon as all donations are counted.
- Last week I asked you to support us in making sure that all children are in school by 9am at the latest. This week, the majority of children were in their classrooms and already learning by 9 o'clock! THANK YOU for supporting us with this. 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.
- On Wednesday of this week, we held short information meetings for My Book Blog and ABACUS maths. Both sessions were really informative and interesting! You will see from our key dates that we will be holding repeat sessions during this half term. If you were not able to join us this week, SAVE THE DATE! Thank you to both Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Foulkes for arranging and delivering these sessions.
- As you will see from our Key Dates, there will be a **SATs meeting** on 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

- There will be a meeting for Parents/Carers of Year 4 children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. This will be to discuss plans for a residential visit and will take place in the year 3 classroom.
- Apologies for the late start to Eco club. This club will now take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm in the year 3 classroom with Mrs Gill.
- HOMEWORK - Please make sure that homework is returned to school on time. Homework is sent out on a Friday and should be back in school by the following Wednesday.
- 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.

**It is Eleanor Johnson's birthday today! 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 |
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| Reception | Amelia                    | Iremide                     | Bella                          | Mylie            | Gustavs                   |
| Year 1    | Bobby                     | Sofia                       | Nadia                          | Carmen           | Mattie                    |
| Year 2    | Dylan                     | Tallulah                    | Ava                            | Lara             | Ellie                     |
| Year 3    | Sophie                    | Kaya                        | Bella                          | Isabelle         | Joseph                    |
| Year 4    | Angel                     | Leo                         | Samuel                         | Nia              | Jonathan                  |
| Year 5    | Harry                     | Harper                      | Nathaniel                      | Thomas           | Simon                     |
| Year 6    | Isaac                     | Darcy                       | Isobel                         | Lily             | Isobel                    |

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements. This week, CONGRATULATIONS go to Alexander Coward-Auclair who took part in a county wide cross-country event at the weekend. Alexander came 25<sup>th</sup> out of 40 entrants and we are very proud of him. WELL DONE!



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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

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