



# University Church Free School

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5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Matthew 16:2** He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'

Composer of the Week: Vivaldi

Dear Parents/Carers

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

8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	CLUBS running as usual
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 FOREST SCHOOLS Project continues

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

15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	WALK to school week!
19 <sup>th</sup> May	50p Grow organised by Year 3
W/C 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening test
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Official Opening of UCFS
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Soiree 6pm – 8pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year REPORTS home
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Summer term

**EXCITING NEWS!** The University of Chester have kindly agreed to us using their fabulous facilities to host our Sports Day! I will confirm the date with you next week with more details to follow shortly!

Also, we have arranged for the Year 4/5 class to take part in a pilot three day integrated Arts Project working in conjunction with the University at the end of the summer term. It promises to be a fantastic piece of work.

**THANK YOU** to the University for supporting our children with these projects.

### **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

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

- Arriving at school in good time for the start of the school day is really important. Don't forget that the doors open at 8.40am and registers close at 9am prompt. Please try to allow sufficient time for your child to make a calm and punctual start to the school day.
- Next week, Year 6 children nationally will be completing their SATs tests. I have a responsibility to quality assure the administration of these tests in both UPAK and UPAW. Therefore next week, there will be some mornings when I will not be on site but will return to school as soon as the tests are completed for that day. This time next year, it will be our very own Year 6 children sitting these tests!
- Thank you to Mrs. Gill for organising the parent information meeting for parents of children in years 3, 4 and 5 about the proposed trip to China next year. Just in case you weren't able to attend, I have asked Mrs. Gill to send out the information to all Parents/Carers of these year groups.
- Thank you to everyone who has now returned the questionnaire. As a school, we have looked closely at your responses and can now set to work on making further improvements to our school. One aspect that many parents felt could be improved is to develop more effective communication between home and school, particularly within the area of keeping you informed. With this in mind, I have asked each teacher to now send you a weekly newsletter from their class. This will provide you with information about your child's learning this week and give you a flavour of life in their class! The first letters are being sent out today. I hope that you find this information useful.
- Don't forget! In order to practise their financial management skills and to raise money to buy t-shirts for their residential visit, Year 3 will be conducting a 50p grow on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Stalls will be on the playground/school Hall from 3.40pm onwards. Everyone is welcome and DON'T FORGET your pocket money

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

Reception: Poppy and Bobby

Year 1: Lara and Jessica

Year 2: Joseph and Kelsey

Year 3: Lyra and Tomai

Year 4/5: Amika and Ruby S.

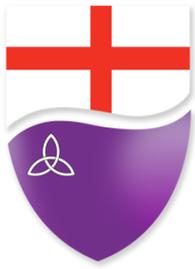
CONGRATULATIONS to Kelsey Bargery for moving up two swimming classes!

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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!

The next Friends meeting will be at 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May in school. A movie night will be held for the children of people who wish to attend.

I hope that you all enjoy a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

W.J. Farrington

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