**St Ursula’s Catholic Primary School**

**Weekly News Bulletin**

**Friday 18th October 2024**

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| **Whole School** |
| * There will be no Chess Club next week due to Parents Evening. * A reminder that children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. Digital watches are allowed; however, should these cause a distraction, we will ask parents to keep these at home. Analogue watches would be our recommendation. * **The booking system for Parents Evening will close** later this evening. Please be aware that appointments cannot be made after this and Teachers will not be arranging alternative times. * Our much-anticipated **International Day is scheduled for 25th October**. Year 6 pupils will create an international market of food and games, which each year group will have the opportunity to visit throughout the day. Parents are also warmly invited to join us for this vibrant celebration of cultural diversity. On this day, all the school are invited to wear the traditional clothes from their country or dress in the colours of their countries’ flag. The International Day market will be open for children from Year 1- Year 5. The children will need the following for the day:   + Money for the food stalls (Most items and games cost between £0.20 to £1.00 so children will not need more than £5)   + Traditional clothing or clothing representing their country;   + Tupperware to store their food.   The Market will then be open up to parents from 14:15pm until 15:00   * **Scholastic Book Fair –** During parents evenings this half term we will be hosting a scholastic book fair. This is a great opportunity for parents to expand your child’s book collection, whilst also raising money to purchase books for our school. Every purchase goes towards vouchers for our school. The book fair will be being held in the dare to dream room during parent’s evenings. Further information will be sent out. |
| **Nursery** |
| No updates |
| **Reception** |
| No updates |
| **Year 1** |
| No updates |
| **Year 2** |
| No updates |
| **Year 3** |
| **Change of date – Year 3 Advent Assembly**  Due to a school trip, the Year 3 Advent assembly has been postponed to the following week. It will now take place on **Tuesday 3rd December at 9am** in the KS2 hall. Parents/Carers are invited to attend. Further details about the trip will follow at a later date.  **Column Method**  Over the next few weeks, we will be learning the column method of addition and subtraction in Maths. Previously, we have found that our Year 3 children can often struggle to grasp this method, especially when ‘exchanges’ are involved. Therefore, if you are able to practise this method as much as possible at home with your child, then this would really support their learning. If you are unfamiliar with the column method, then please use this link as a reference:  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3kmrwx#z4qpb7h> |
| **Year 4** |
| **Library Books**  Unfortunately, due to the library being booked this week for other meetings, both year 4 classes missed their slots this week. We apologise for this and instead ask you to encourage your child to read a book from home instead. We will change their books on Monday. |
| **Year 5** |
| **Year 5 Remembrance Day Assembly**  Parents are invited to attend the Year 5 Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday 6th November at 8:55am in the KS2 Hall. |
| **Year 6** |
| **St Margaret’s PE**  St. Margaret’s class will be swapping their PE day from Monday (21/10/24) to Thursday (24/10/24) just for this week. PE will continue to be on Mondays after the half-term.  **St. Ursula’s Day Mass**  On Monday 21st October, we will be celebrating our school feast day; during this service, the Pupil Chaplains will be being awarded their badges. Please ensure your children are in the correct school uniform as the Pupil Chaplains will be having their photo’s taken.  **International Day**  Thank you to all those parents who have already sent their recipes in, we have been looking over them. You will only hear back from us if you need to make a change to one of the ingredients.  Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school at 8am on Friday 25th October; the KS2 school hall will be open for parents to help their children set up their stalls. At 2pm parents and family members will be allowed to attend international day as customers. We love having some time for all of our families to celebrate this day together, and we look forward to seeing you all.  We thank you for your continued support. |
| **St Joseph’s** |
| No updates |
| **Church Community** |
| **Light Party** – All children are welcome to the Light Party in St. George’s Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church on **Thursday 31st October** (3pm – 5pm). Dress up in Disney and super hero costumes. Please bring a pumpkin with a cross. **NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ALLOWED**.  **Christmas Market** – The Parish Christmas Market will be held at the Most Holy Redeemer Church on **Saturday 23rd November & Sunday 24th November**.  If you are able to donate chocolate or bottles of fizzy drink, then that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off the donations to the School Office and they will be delivered to the church. |