

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Friday 8th November 2024

Whole School

12th November - **ODD SOCKS DAY**: We will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week, kicking off with **Odd Socks Day**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to wear odd socks and express their individuality while promoting a message of acceptance and kindness. We are asking for a £1 donation in support of this initiative.



Christmas Disco: This year's Christmas disco will be held on Friday 6th December. Nursery and Reception will take part in the afternoon and Year's 1 to 6 will take part at different time slots throughout the day. If you would like your child to attend please pay £4 on schoolgateway - Payment will be taken as permission for your child to attend.

Reading in KS2

We are very fortunate to have a school library, so please encourage your children to take responsibility for the care of their library book. Books should be kept in their homework folder whenever they are not being read.

Our expectations are for children to read at least five times each week, and have the opportunity to earn 5 points every week. When the children have read a particular amount of times, they will receive a certificate in Achievement Assembly. The certificates will be rewarded as follows:

Bronze Certificate – Reading 50 Times

Silver Certificate – Reading 100 Times

Gold Certificate – Reading 160 Times

Nursery

No updates

Reception

Reading: Your child would have come home with a reading folder this week. If your child did not receive a book, it is because they are not quite ready for our blending books. Please do still encourage your child to join in with you when reading books at home and watching, and joining in, the Fred Games that Mrs Stone has spoken to you about. Please do record whenever you read or watch one of the Fred Games into their orange reading record book.

The orange reading record books are for you to record when you have read with your child. We expect at least 5 times a week – we will only count **one reading entry per day** when it comes to counting the entries for certificates.

Children receive a reading certificate when they have read 30, 60, 100, 150, 200 and 250 times.

Your child will change their book **once a week**. Please look out for a sticker that will be stuck into your child's reading record book from next week.

Lost property: On the Reception playground, there will be some items that have not been claimed for weeks, in a box. Please can I ask you to have a look at these items next week to ensure that they do not belong to your child. If nothing is claimed by the end of next week, we will put them with the main school lost property.

When collecting your child, please exit the Reception playground promptly, it is important that all children are collected from the classroom and we can ensure a safe exit from the school. No equipment should be taken out onto the playground and children should not be climbing on the frames. We thank you for your support in this matter.

If you have any Nativity costumes that you are no longer using – could you please consider donating them to Reception? Thank you.

Year 1

Ed Shed logins for maths and spelling homework have been put into the back of your child's reading diary. Homework will be set every Friday (not including half terms.)

Please can all children bring their favourite teddy bear to school on **Monday 11th November**. The teddy bear will be used to support the children's writing for the week. Please ensure your child's teddy bear is labelled with your child's first name.

Year 2

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 2 visit from Trunk Theatre on **19th November**. This visit links to our current CLC topic – The Great Fire of London and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the story of what happened.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. Learn the story of the fire of London.
2. Understand how we know about the fire of London.
3. Find out what happened after the fire.

The timings for the day are as follows: The Theatre troupe will arrive in school hours. The visit will take place in the afternoon in the school hall and finish well before home time.

The cost of this visit will be £8.47 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by _____ . By paying for the school visit you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may do so via Schoolcomms. Please contact the School Office to give permission for your child to participate in the visit.

Year 3

We are pleased to inform you that Year 3 will be visiting Thames Estuary Nature Reserve for a Stone Age Day on **Tuesday 26th November**. The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To learn about life in the Stone Age through practical, immersive experiences.
2. Use tools and wild artefacts to live like past humans.
3. Take part in an immersive experience where we make fire, build dens and play Stone Age games

This trip will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times.

Your child will also **need a packed lunch**. If you require a school packed lunch, please choose this option on 'Lunch Money' in schoolgateway.

The cost of this trip will be **£12.05 per child**. Payments should be made on SchoolGateway **by Friday 15th November**.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

By paying for the school trip, you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

Click here for further details:

<https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do/thurrock-thameside-nature-discovery-park-p1269471>

In order for our school trips to go ahead, we do require a specific number of adults. If you are available to attend as a parent helper for this trip, especially if you hold a DBS with the school, then please speak to either Mrs Rose or Mr Groome.

Year 4

We are pleased to inform you that Year 4 will be attending Stubbers Adventure Centre on **Wednesday 4th June 2025**. The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To support our PE curriculum topic, Outdoor Adventure.
2. To develop communication skills.
3. To work collaboratively with others.

The day will begin at 8:30am and finish at 4:30pm. The children will be taking part in a range of land/water activities. This trip will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times. Your child will also **need a packed lunch**. If you require a **school packed lunch**, please choose this option on 'Lunch Money' in schoolgateway.

The cost of the trip is £55.20 and can be paid in 3 instalments on schoolgateway with the deposit of **£15.20 due on 20th November 2024**.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

Click here for further details:

https://www.stubbers.co.uk/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAxKy5BhBbEiwAYiW--4uSI3vjX2AQsb_QIJaiPV3QWk6_bv69-YaZfSPGTqOdbBeVD0G8VRoC_LAQAvD_BwE

A NOTE ABOUT SNACKS

- We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in unsuitable snacks for break time. Please note – children should be bringing in **fruit, vegetables, plain crackers or a cereal bar ONLY**.
- We have been allowing the children to eat their snack up until now, but as of next week – any snack that isn't one of these 4 items **will be sent back home**. It is unfair on the families who are following the rules.

Year 5

No updates

Year 6

As a celebration of their success on International Day, Year 6 will be going to the cinema on **Wednesday 20th November**. Please click and submit on the following form to give your permission for your child to attend this FREE Trip **by Tuesday 12th November**. <https://forms.gle/YXXmURMrWEhFWDS9>

St Joseph's

No updates