



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week saw the return of assemblies at St Ursula's, with both Year 2 and Year 4 showcasing their wonderful singing, reading, art and drama. Having been over 16 months since our last assembly it was a pleasure to welcome our community back to celebrate this special occasion.



Today was the final day for pupils to bring in their donations for the Harold Hill Food Bank. As you'll see from the photos, our school community has done a fantastic job this year! The Harold Hill Food Bank welcome donations throughout the whole year. Information on how you can help can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



While our risk assessment allows us to, we will continue to invite our families into school; however, please be aware that a rise in positive cases or a change in Government guidance may change this provision. Mr Ashburn

CALLING ALL GREEN FINGERED PARENTS...

As a school we want to support the wellbeing of all our community and that includes our parents and carers. We have decided to create a 'St Ursula's Gardeners' parent group that we hope will provide an opportunity for families to engage with one another and our school.

Bringing our community closer together after school closures and lockdown is a priority and what better way than gardening! It's a known fact that spending time outside in the garden is good for our mental health. There has been research that has shown that if we spend time in a green environment then stress is reduced and mood is improved. Our St Ursula's Gardeners group will meet once a month to develop the green spaces around our school. Parents attending may bring their children too. If you are interested in joining and would like to find out more information please

email: office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow

PHONICS IN EYFS & KS1

On September 29th and October 6th, Mrs Stone hosted phonics meetings for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents. During these meeting Mrs Stone shared important and useful information on Read Write Inc., the phonics scheme of work used at St Ursula's. If you were unable to attend the information shared during these meetings has been uploaded on to the school website. Please click on the 'Learning' tab on the home page.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Jude's	99.55%
2	St Anne's	99.17%
3	St Philomena's	97.69%
4	St Margaret's	97.32%
5	St Matthew's	96.76%

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is open. To book a place for your child/ren please use our Schoolcomms booking system. If you require any help or guidance with this booking system, please contact the school office on 01708 345200.

WONDERYEARS

Wonderyears After School Club takes place between 3:00-6:00pm in the KS1 hall. For any enquiries or to book please either email, call or WhatsApp:

Tel: 0770 777 1114

Email: enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk
Website: <https://wonderyears.co.uk/>

AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES

- 18th—20th October—Parent Consultation Evenings
- 21st October—St Ursula's Day
- 22nd October—International Day
- 25th—29th October—Half Term Break
- 1st November—Inset Day — SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2nd November— Pupils return

INTERNATIONAL DAY!

We are really excited to tell you about our Cultural Diversity Week here at St Ursula's. During this week, children in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Flamenco classes while Year 2, 3 and 4 children will take part in Spanish storytelling/drama sessions based on Little Red riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. This week will conclude on Friday 22nd October with International Day.

The Key Stage 2 hall will be transformed into an international market with groups of Year 6 children selling foods, drinks and games from a country they have chosen to research as part of their CLC topic. During the day, every class from Year 2 to Year 5 will be invited to visit the hall to purchase treats. We therefore ask you to kindly provide your child with a small amount of money to spend, (no more than £2), along with a plastic container to store and transport their purchases.

All the money raised is given to the Eco-School Council who discuss what they would like to spend the money on. Previous purchases have included new play-ground equipment, reading books, wet-play games, donations to charities and money towards workshops and visits.

On this day, children from Nursery up to Year 6 can dress up in traditional dress or the colours of any country they have links with. Please be assured that we do not expect costumes to be purchased for the occasion. Children are asked to bring in a £1 donation.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR APPOINTMENT YET?

Earlier this week parents and carers were invited to book an appointment for a telephone consultation with their child's Class Teacher. As some of you may be aware, the school has introduced a new and easy way to use an online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times for a 5 minute telephone call from the Teacher.

During your phone consultation appointment, your child's teacher will share how well your child has settled into their new year group; discuss your child's personal development and academic progress since the start of term; highlight any attendance or punctuality concerns if relevant and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

The call will be made from a withheld number, so please ensure that you are available at the time of your booked call, in order that the Teacher can keep to time for the ongoing appointments.

The booking system has been live since 12th October 2021. You can book by visiting <https://stursulas.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

Parents' Evenings 2021-22		
Parents' Evening (Phone consultation)	October 18 th – 20 th	3:30 – 5:30pm
Celebration Afternoon (Face-to-face)	December 16 th	3:20 – 4:20pm
End of Term Report sent out (KS1&KS2)		
Parents' Evening (Phone consultation)	February 7 th – 9 th	3:30 – 5:30pm
Celebration Afternoon (Face-to-face)	March 24 th	3:20 – 4:20pm
End of Term Report sent out KS1&KS2		
Parents' Evening (Phone consultation)	May 23 rd -25 th	3:30 – 5:30pm
Celebration Afternoon (Face-to-face)	July 14 th	3:20 – 4:20pm
End of Year Report sent out		

If, once booked, you require any changes or, if you are having trouble booking, please call the school office, who will be happy to help.

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AT THE
heart
OF OUR
St Ursula's
family
WE WELCOME
ALL AS WE
learn
AND GROW
TOGETHER

SCHOOL WEBSITE LINKS

1. What subject/topic is my child being taught this term?

[Click here to find out](#)

2. How is the school supporting the wellbeing of its pupils?

[Click here to find out](#)

3. Where can I find the School policies?

[Click here to find out](#)

4. Where can I find the School's safeguarding information?

[Click here to find out](#)