



Urchfont C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We only have 3 days of this academic year left and we really can't believe it. We will be sending home our termly newsletter before the end of term, so please look out for it on Weduc.

It can be a sad time of year when we say 'goodbye' to so many of our Urchfont family. We send our best wishes to the Year 6 pupils as they begin the next step of their life journey. We also say goodbye to a number of children who are moving schools and unfortunately we say goodbye to Mrs Couch and Mrs List-Rose. Mrs Couch is moving onto a TA position in another school and Mrs List-Rose is leaving us, with her husband and family, to live in Ireland for a number of years. We thank both Mrs Couch and Mrs List -Rose for their hard work, care and commitment, over the last few years that they have shown Urchfont School.

As with most schools, we face very tight financial pressures. In order that to have a viable budget, agreed with the Governing Body and in-line with County requirements, we will not immediately replace these members of staff. We will be redeploying existing staff between classes to provide support where needed.

As a staff, we have been discussing our current policy of the children wearing PE kits to school on PE days. After a lot of discussion on the pros and cons and taking into consideration parent comments, we are going to revert back to children wearing school uniform to school each day of the week. Therefore, PE kits should be brought into school in a small bag and kept in the cloakrooms. Children will then change for each PE lesson. We will trial this from September to December and then ask staff and parents on how this has worked. A reminder of our school uniform has been included with this letter.

A number of parents have asked us to send a reminder of events that are happening in school. Please look out for a reminder that we aim to send home on a Friday, regarding events for the following week. This will be placed on Weduc. We will continue to include a calendar of events in the termly newsletters.

Another suggestion made, is that we trial class parent reps who will meet with staff. If you would like to be a parent rep, then please contact school. We envisage a termly discussion meeting for reps and school staff in the first instance.



TD day dates have also been set for the next academic year and have been published but in case you have missed them, they are:

Monday 2nd September
Wednesday 23rd October
Monday 24th February
Monday 2nd June
Monday 30th June

I would like to remind you that at Urchfont, we have an open door policy. If you have any concerns or worries, we are happy to listen and help if we can. The teacher is often the first person who can support you. However, I am more than happy to meet with parents. I am on the playground most days so parents can catch me then or make an appointment by contacting the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

C.E. Talbot

Mrs CE Talbot
Head Teacher

