



Unsworth
Primary School

Newsletter

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What's happening this term?

This is always a busy term as we prepare for our Christmas productions and events. The Infant Christmas Nativity is on the 4th and 5th December and the Junior Production is on the 11th and 12th December. Preparations are underway; teachers will be issuing parts and sending home lines to learn very soon.



If your child is in the school choir please keep the 10th December free as this is the date of the Bury Hospice Carol Concert at Bury Parish Church. It is a moving event and the highlight of the choir's calendar. Miss Geelan will be working with the choir to practice their songs. Parents will be able to purchase tickets for the concert from school nearer the time. On the day of the event the children will attend a rehearsal at the church in the morning.

We also have Christmas parties and Christmas Dinner coming up in December too. Please check the Calendar of Events <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/calendar-1819.pdf> for these dates.



Our School Council are organising a Bring and Buy Sale on Friday 16th November in aid of Children in Need. Please can you send in any used games, books or toys that are in good condition on Monday 12th November so that we can get them ready for the sale. Children can bring in £1 donation on Friday 16th November which they can spend at the Bring and Buy Sale.



Antibullying week is the week beginning 12th November. The week will start with an Odd Socks Day on Monday 12th November when children and staff can come to school in odd socks. We will be discussing different types of bullying in assemblies throughout the week. Parents are invited to an online safety workshop on Wednesday 21st November, 9am—10am. More details about this will follow.

Design & Technology Enquiry

Later this term the children will be taking part in a whole school enquiry. We will be designing gifts and small items which will then be on sale at our Unsworth Christmas Market. Look out for more information via our Twitter page @unsworthprimary.

Class News

Our new topic in **Reception** will focus on people who help us. We will be learning about people in our local community and talk about different occupations. The children will be encouraged to develop their imaginative play by taking on the role of a vet, police officer, nurse, shopkeeper and many other roles. Keep a look out on Tapestry for observations of your child acting out these roles and add your own observations too. Miss Ashton.



Over the next few weeks **Year 1** will be learning about mapping skills in our Geography enquiry 'maps and compasses.' We will focus on what a map is and create picture maps of the school and the local area. In Science we will be learning about our bodies including the five senses and naming body parts. In English we are currently learning about instructions and will be creating a set of instructions ready for our food based D&T day where we will design and make fruit kebabs. Miss Dooley.

After a fantastic first half term, **Year 2** have settled straight back in and are working very hard. In Maths we will be beginning to look at multiplication and division and in Literacy we are aiming to write our own instructions. We are also looking forward to learning about our new topics, 'The Great Fire of London' and 'Mighty Materials.' We are working on our pirates class assembly and will soon begin to practise our Key Stage 1 nativity. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half-term! Miss Garvin.

Year 3 have begun our new Literacy topic about adventure stories. Our class novel is called 'Oliver and the Sea Wigs.' We shall be making our own sea wigs later in the term. In Maths we are beginning to work on addition and subtraction. The class are working on calculating mentally as well as using the forwards jump, the backwards bounce and the partition jot. Our PE will be ball skills this half term and we will be outside most weeks so the children will need an appropriate kit e.g. trainers, jogging bottoms and their school jumper. Miss Sinclair.

Year 4 have a busy half term coming up with a Communitree day and their assembly on the Romans. They will be doing an enquiry on 'Europe' in Geography, have swimming and dance in P.E., writing a narrative in historical context in English and many more interesting lessons. Please continue to ensure that homework is handed in on time and that the times tables and spelling books are brought in daily. Mr Garside.



What a busy time in **Year 5**. The children are very excited about our new enquiries. In Science we will be finding out about Space and in Geography we will be learning about the Arctic and how people live there. We are also busy getting ready for our class assembly on 15th November and we look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Ali.

Year 6 have an exciting term ahead. In our Geography lessons we will be learning about land use in certain parts of Canada and how this is similar or different to the UK. In Science we will be learning about the role of the different organs inside our bodies. Year 6 are also very excited to hear that the script for our Christmas production is on it's way! Mrs McLoughlin.

Sports News

Many congratulations to the football, netball and tag rugby players who represented the school in the last half term. One tag rugby team got to the final of the Bury schools competition! We have had a lot of children attending clubs in dodgeball, football, tag rugby and netball. This half term will see some new clubs and competitions for the children to compete in and develop their skills. The new competitions to look out for this half term are girls' football and basketball.



PTA News

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Infant and Junior Discos on Friday. The children had a great time and we raised nearly £450! This money will go directly to benefit your children.



The school calendar photographs have been taken and an order form will be sent home this week. Please send your orders in as soon as possible.

Don't forget if you are shopping online for Christmas please take a moment to register with Easyfundraising. You can shop online and raise money for our school at the same time without it costing you a penny! We have raised £529 so far with 34 supporters registered. To register simply follow the link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/unsworthpta.



Thank you for supporting our recent book fair. This raised £168 commission which will be used to buy more books for school. We hope the children enjoy reading their new books!

Parking

Can we politely remind parents and carers not to use the staff car park as a pick up or drop off point for your children. This also applies for the before and after school club. Parking permits can be issued for those with a disability badge or other reason why they need to use the school car park. These must be applied for in writing to the headteacher and written medical evidence must be provided. Staff will be monitoring the car park and will challenge anyone who is parked there without a parking permit.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
8th November	Year 2 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
15th November	Year 5 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
20th November	Flu vaccinations	1pm onwards
22nd November	Year 4 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
4th/ 5th December	Infant nativity	7pm
8th December	Communitree Christmas Family Day	
10th December	Choral group attend concert at Bury Parish Church	7pm
11th/ 12th December	Junior production	7pm
21st December	School closes for Christmas	Note: early finish at 2pm.
7th January	Back to school	