



USL Primary News

Term 6 School Newsletter 37 : 14th July 2017

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Term 6 – Friday 21st July – the school ends at 3.15/3.20pm. Please note school will resume for pupils in Years 1 – 6 on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

Summer Concerts

The Summer concerts are taking place next week as follows:-

2pm on 18th July –

Infant Choir, Lower Junior Choir, Upper Junior Choir and Small Choir

2pm on 20th July –

Instrumentalists and violin group.

If you have requested extra tickets for either of the concerts they have been granted.

SPORTS NEWS

Gymnastics Success

Well done to the following children who have achieved various levels of the British Gymnastics proficiency award and will receive their certificates on Monday.

Silver in Pairs and Groups – Melody Kershaw, Amelia Law, Brook Marks-Warwood, Charlee Tomlinson.

Bronze In Pairs and Groups – Abigail Dempster, Jamie-Lee McLean, Ellie Snee.

Level 1 – Chloe Condon, Beatrice Braddock.

Level 2 – Jolie Roberts,.

Level 3 – Lila Dare, Kitty Horne, Evie Bodman.

Level 4 – Eden Bennett, Rebecca Brotherton.

Level 5 – Jayden Tomlinson, Maddy Dupree, Lily Hall, Annabel Tomes.

Level 6 – Amelia Goodman, Bobbi Davey, Holly Meek, Sophie Pitt, Daisy Smith, Belle Stoneman.

Level 7 – Izzabella Caraher.

Level 8 – Lea Sanchez-Cousin.

Reports

Reports went live on SPTO last Friday. If you have been unable to access them, or have not got a user name and password, please contact the school office as soon as you can.

Y4WY Class Worship

Year 4WY delivered their class worship on Tuesday. The worship was linked to their Road Trip USA topic. The children told us all about Independence Day and why it's considered to be America's birthday. The children shared a song that helped them to remember all 50 US states! They linked it our value of unity by sharing what they'd learnt about the work of the United Nations.

Upton Lates – News Flash

Following the recent feedback from the parent/carers survey about our after school club facility Mrs Morris and the Upton Lates team met this week to discuss our after school club from September and are thrilled to announce that Governors have agreed to extend the club to 6pm as many parents requested. The survey responses were extremely positive about the club, in fact the only concerns were the lack of space and the club finish time. Once again we have taken your views on board and are doing our best to accommodate your needs: From September we will have use of the school hall, teaching kitchen, library and snug room as well as our wonderful school grounds outside and we will stay open until 6pm.

More about Upton Lates

The team is growing and we are delighted to welcome Mrs D Wright, Mrs M Davis and Mrs S Ashworth in their new roles at school as Upton Lates Club Assistants. Upton Lates will change quite considerably once we return from the summer holidays. The team are excited by these changes and are looking forward to implementing many more games and activities for the children after school. There will still be the opportunity for children to have quiet time, sit in the library and relax or curl up with a book or go to the snug room and watch a DVD after their long day at school. We hope that parents and carers will be pleased with the new look Upton Lates and value this fabulous facility. Booking forms are now available from the club or the school office as well as on the school website. Please remember that Upton Lates provides children with a snack at after school club and not a full meal. The snack will usually consist of a sandwich, yoghurt, fruit and crudities. Children should be collected via the school library door as they are now.

Staff Vacancy

We are seeking new members to join our dedicated team of Midday Supervisors to work with the infant and junior children at lunchtimes. This is a very rewarding role and applicants should have a desire to engage with the children to enhance their overall lunch time experience, encourage structured play and support our healthy eating values. Please see Mrs Morris for details of what to expect in the role. Members of our current MDSA team would also be very happy to talk to interested applicants. Please visit our website www.upton-st-leonards.co.uk for an application pack. This post is offered at 6.25 hours p/w (12.15pm – 1.30pm) term time only.

Piano Success

Well done to William Dodd on passing his Grade 1 piano exam.

Scooters and Bicycles on school grounds

For safety reasons, no one should ride their scooters and bicycles on school grounds. This includes pre-school children and adults. When off school grounds please encourage your child to wear their helmets for their own safety.

More Gymnastics Success

Well done to Jessica Packer on winning 2 gold medals in a recent gymnastics competition.

Tag Rugby Festival Report – Thursday 13th July

On Thursday a team of Year 4s and a team of Year 5s played in a tag rugby festival at Longlevens RFC. The Year 4s came up against teams from St Lawrence, St James, Widden, Hempsted. Of the 5 matches they played, they won 4 and drew only 1, meaning they finished joint top of their group with Hempsted. There was lots of good passing and try scoring, especially from captain Troy Fanolua. The Year 5s came up against teams from Brockworth, St Lawrence, Hempsted and St James. They also played well, winning 4 games and losing just once. This meant that they finished 2nd in the group to Hempsted. Josh Poole was the Year 5 Captain for the day but the stand out performance came from Kamea Gribbon. The children were lucky enough to meet two current Gloucester players and get their signatures too. Well done to everyone who took part.

HOUSE POINT BADGES

House point badges will be awarded on Monday.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu Next Week

Week 3 of the menu.

PGL 2018

Just a reminder that the second instalment of £90 was due by yesterday, Thursday, 13th July.

LOCAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

USL Annual Flower Show

We have entry forms in the office if your child would like to enter the USL Flower Show which takes place on Saturday, 9th September.

Upton Lates

Just a reminder that there will be NO Upton Lates after school next Friday, 21st July.

Year 5 Farmers' Market

Thank you to everyone who contributed/attended the Year 5 Farmers' Market last Friday. It was a great success and an amazing £925 was raised which will go towards the school. Year 5 have decided to give £50 to each year group to use in an enterprising way and any profits can be used for their year group. Well done Year 5!



School Grounds – Tree Damage

Sadly some newly planted cherry trees have been pulled out of the ground at the front of the school directly outside of Mrs Morris's office by some preschool children. Please would parents monitor children's behaviour when they play on the grass area at the front of school. The trees there are still very delicate and should not be climbed on. We hope that families share our respect for the school grounds. Thank you.

Upton Pond

Upton pond is up and running! Some children in Year 6 had the opportunity to test out our recently developed pond area. They found a range of minibeasts in the pond including, snails, bloodworms, backswimmers, beetles, pond skaters, water boatmen and a number of newts. We hope that all children will get a chance to explore the pond area in the coming year.



School Debts

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have settled overdue balances on your parent pay accounts in time for the end of the school year. We cannot emphasise how important it is for the children here at Upton St Leonards that all available funding is spent on their education and not on settling parent/carer debts. Mrs Morris is always happy to discuss, in confidence, any issues or concerns faced by parents/carers about making payments. Mrs Morris can be contacted via the school office or by emailing finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk

Year 6 Production

This week, Year 6 have performed their production of 'Porridge' three times. On Tuesday afternoon, they performed the dress rehearsal to the rest of the school. There were plenty of giggles and laughter from both teachers and children. The children loved the police song with some comical acting from Charlie and Jacob! Yesterday, the children did 2 amazing performances to their family and friends. Again, the hall was full of laughter during both shows. The acting on stage was fantastic. We definitely have some future stars of the acting world. All of the children should be very proud of their work including the children in charge of lighting, sound and props as they ensured the play was seamless. The children have worked really hard for the past month on this play and fully deserved the enormous round of applause they got at the end of each show. Well done Year 6!

Transition Meetings

Thank you to the Year 3 parents who came to the transition meeting on Monday.

Wimbledon

On Wednesday, seven children from Year 6 had a great experience as they went to Wimbledon to watch day 9 of the 2017 championships. We sat on Court No 2 and were able to watch some of the best doubles tennis players in the world. We watched the number one seeded pair in the men's draw in a really exciting match that went to 5 sets. We also managed to watch British player Heather Watson with her partner, Henri Kontinen, in the mixed doubles. They won 2 sets to 0 with the first set ending in an exciting tie-break. The weather was lovely and all of the children had a fantastic time. They even managed to do some celeb spotting as they were able to get a picture with Olly Murs and David Hays. We cheered Andy Murray on from the hill as loudly as we could but unfortunately he was defeated in a 5 set match to Sam Querrey. All of the children represented the school incredibly well and it was a pleasure to take them!



Chess News

On Tuesday, we played a chess match against Parton Manor Primary and won 5.5 to 2.5. The team were Theo Parker, Delphine Wynter, Katie Hatcher, Louise Wiggett, Georgia Bailey, Harry Banks, Alyssa Lyes and Ella Perkins. Well done!

Attendance



This week's class with the highest attendance will be announced to the children on Monday.