



USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 16 : 5th February 2018

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Worship

The next Class Worship is:
Y6S – Tomorrow, 6th February at 9.55am and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Term 3 finishes on Friday and **Term 4 begins** on Monday 19th February. Have a lovely half term break.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball



On Wednesday 31st January, 8 year 5 & 6 children from the netball club represented the school in the Mid-Season Netball festival. There were 25 schools in attendance with over 200 children participating. The children had a fantastic day playing netball and learnt a lot as the games progressed. We played against some strong schools throughout the day as we won 5 and lost 1. All the players performed well with all 8 scoring at some point across the day. There was some particularly superb shooting on show from Safia and Daniel. The children who participated were Kamea, Molly, Daniel, Izzy, Jaime, Tom, Jeneice and Safia.



Football



Our final league game of the season was against Robinswood. On a bobbly pitch, the boys struggled to get into any rhythm and the match

Anti-Bullying Steering Group

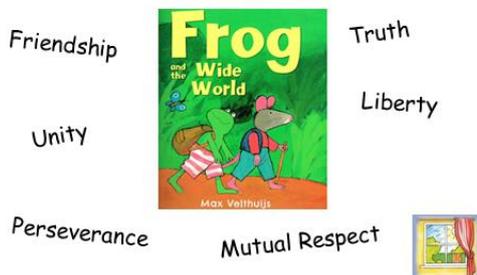


At Upton we take bullying very seriously, and as many of you will know, we have already achieved the Bronze Award from the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark. This was only achieved with the invaluable help of a Steering Committee, made up of Staff, Governors and Parents. We are currently working towards our Silver Award and would therefore like to expand our Steering Group further. We are aiming to meet at least once every half term, after school. These meetings will include discussing our action plan and giving parents and children the opportunity to help practically in achieving the award. If anyone is interested in joining us in this exciting venture please see Mr Jones or Mrs Nelson for further details, or leave a message for them in the office.

Y2H Class Worship

Y2H's assembly on Tuesday was based around the story of Frog and the Wide World. In class the children used their Philosophy for Children lessons to investigate the story in greater detail. We asked ourselves lots of questions about adventures, and how to survive the night when you get scared.

School Values and British Values



Upton Earlies Breakfast Club

As it's the last day of term on Friday 9th February, Upton Earlies are offering a different breakfast option as a trial ... A Full English breakfast will be on offer!

Sausage, bacon, egg, beans and toast!

Children will need to be booked into Upton Earlies by Thursday morning to guarantee the breakfast. Don't miss out ... book now.



Year 2 Parent/Carer Lunch

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our Year 2 family lunch last Wednesday, it was a great success and the children were thrilled to have you all there. It is always important for us as a school to gather as much feedback as possible from our families and we would like to remind our Year 2 parents and carers to complete our short survey if you haven't already done so. It will only take a couple of minutes. Once again, thank you for engaging with school events. To access the survey please click on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/65LJPXX>
 Feedback received from the survey will be available after half term.

was to and fro with both sides having chances. Will had a good shot that hit the post but the side were unable to seriously challenge the opposition goalkeeper. Deputising for Ellis in goal, Tom made some excellent saves but was unable to do anything about a long range effort that saw Robinswood go 1-0 up. This ended up being the decisive goal and saw Robinswood win 1-0. We finished the league season top of the league, equal on points with Robinwood but with a superior goal difference. This is a great achievement by all of the boys involved in the season: Will, Jonas, Riley-Jak, Toby, Darren, Rio, Reece, Lewis, Lewis, Ethan, Ellis and Tom.

Netball



On Friday, the netball A team travelled to King's to play in the latest netball fixture. This was always likely to be a tough fixture as King's have always been one of the strongest schools over recent years. Our team found it tough to cope with the speed at which King's moved the ball from one end of the court to the other. Hopefully we learnt a lot from the experience as King's played some outstanding netball at times. They raced into a 6-0 half time lead. In the 3rd and 4th quarters, we were much better as our defending improved and we kept possession better. It meant the final two quarters were closely matched. The final score was 10-3 to King's. The King's team selected Izzy as our player of the match. The team was Izzy, Safia, Molly, Tom, Daniel, Jeneice and Kamea. Our next game is against Robinswood this Thursday.

Swimming

Well done to Jayden Y1GT for excellent swimming. Jayden was awarded his ASA swimming award.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 1 of the menu
The menu after half term will be Week 2 of the menu.

Year 5 Walk

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on a very enjoyable walk around Upton St Leonards. They were guided by local historian Mike Stratford who showed them both historical and geographical features of our village.

Maths

We are currently in the middle of our Mathletics competition week. All the children from Y1 - Y6 have an individual log on for Mathletics and can earn points by playing on a variety of games online. There are curriculum tasks, races, times table games and problem solving games. All correct answers earn points which will go towards their class total. The competition started on Thursday 1st February and will run until the evening of Thursday 8th February. The winning class will get to keep the 'Mathletics Minion' and be rewarded with some extra playtime! Please support your children to use Mathletics as often as possible. If there are any issues with logging on, please see your child's class teacher.



Staff Vacancy

We are seeking a new member to join our dedicated Inclusion Team working over lunch time as a Midday Supervisor working on a 1 to 1 basis. This is a very rewarding role and a wonderful opportunity to work in our school setting. 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. 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.

School Council News

Our school council presented their ideas for fundraising to the whole school in assembly on Friday morning. They asked all of the children to vote on an idea to raise funds for our nominated charities; Action Aid, Winstons Wish and The James Hopkins Trust. Children are able to choose between, a Sunflower growing competition, a cake sale or a raffle. The School Council were not daunted by the prospect of talking in front of the whole school and delivered a confident pitch. Well done to all the council members!



Violin Success

Well done to Lewis on achieving his Gold Award in violin last week.



Chess News

On Tuesday the Chess Team played in a friendly match against Parton Manor School in Churchdown. We were very excited to include some new players who were playing their first school matches. All the children played really well and despite the strength of the opposition we managed to run out 9-2 winners.

Upton St Leonards School Calendar 2018

We still have a few calendars available at the bargain price of **£4.00** each. Cheques should be made payable to 'Upton St Leonards PTA'. Please see the staff in the school office if you would like one.



Bookmark and Cake Sale



Some Year 5 children are holding a bookmark and cake sale tomorrow, 6th February, after school outside the front of the school in aid of the Dogs Trust charity. Infants and Juniors are welcome. Cakes: 50p each and bookmarks: 25p each.

Year 4 trip to Bristol Aquarium

On Wednesday, Year 4 travelled to Bristol Aquarium as part of their Blue Abyss topic. They took part in a workshop where they got to handle artefacts including fossils of shark teeth that were larger than their hands! The friendly tour guides led groups round on a tour of the aquarium and shared some amazing underwater facts! The range of marine life on display gave the children a memorable experience and helped them to enhance their knowledge of life under the sea. Thank you to all of the parent helpers.



Year 1 Parent/Carer Lunch Invitation

We are extending our family lunch invitation next term; we would like to offer our Year 1 families the opportunity to share lunch with their children. Response to our Year 2 family lunch survey suggested that more notice of such events be given, so we are letting you know as soon as possible to pencil the 28th February into your diaries for lunch with your child. The meals cost £2.10 each. A letter will be sent out after half term with more details.

Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance is Y5W and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

Musical Theatre

Congratulations to Ruby-Jane on passing the RSL Level 1 Award in Musical Theatre Performance with distinction.

Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL 2018



Our residential visit is getting closer! In preparation, we shall be having a meeting for parents/carers and children at 5pm on Thursday 22nd February. Consent forms and another copy of the kit list have been given out last week, so please check your child's bag. PGL are providing bedding, so there is no need for sleeping bags or pillows.

Safer Internet Day

Tomorrow, 6th February, is **Safer Internet Day**, a day that is very important to our school and our pupils. Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the Insafe network and is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** (www.saferinternetday.org.uk), and this year's slogan is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

We are really pleased that our Year 5 and Year 6 children will benefit from a talk from our local police early next term on the topic of Internet safety, the police team, including our local PCSO Lianne Hiscock will deliver a talk and a quiz to the children.



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Upton Lates

Arts and Craft

At Upton Lates we try to engage the children with various craft activities. This week, the theme will be valentine crafts.

Open Classrooms

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Classrooms event last Thursday. We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to visit children's classrooms and to see the work they have been doing in school. The feedback we have had so far has been very positive.

Chinese New Year – 16th February

