



**USL Primary News** **Term 4 School Newsletter 18 : 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Class Worship**

The next Class Worship is:  
**YRC** – Tomorrow, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March  
**Y3M** – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March  
 Both are at 9.55am and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Gymnastics**

Congratulations to Jessica on moving up to competition level in gymnastics.

**'A' Team Football Report- Plate Competition Quarter-Finals Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**



On Wednesday last week, the A team played in the quarter finals of the Plate knock out football competition. This involved a three-way mini-tournament between us, Heron and St Peters. In the first game Heron provided the opposition. It was a close match but Lewis V scored the all-important goal, which meant the final score was 1-0 to us. The second game, between Heron and St Peters, was just as tight and again finished with just one goal to separate the sides. Heron won and so this meant that we needed a draw or ideally a win in the last game to ensure that we progressed. We started well and a shot from outside the area by Thomas T rocketed into the net, making the score 1-0. Will K then found some space in midfield and scored a trade-mark left-footed rocket into the corner from outside the box. A failure to clear our lines before half time meant that St Peters pulled a goal back to leave the half time score at 2-1 to us. This remained the case through the second half as our team duly progressed to the semi-finals. Well done to the team: Will K, Ellis, Riley-Jak, Lewis

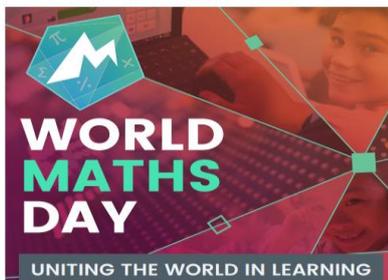
**Our Governor of the week this week is Mrs Jane Bullingham**



Jane Bullingham is a Co-opted Governor and is Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of the Pay & Personnel Committee, as well as a member of Curriculum and Finance committee. Jane has a lot of experience in education as a Class Teacher with 20 years of experience in primary education. Jane lives in the village and both of her children went to Upton St Leonard's Primary. Jane says, "I have been a governor at the school for 8 years, originally as a parent governor, and still enjoy supporting the school even though my own children have moved on". Jane is often at school events and would be happy to talk to other parents/carers about the role of school governor.

**World Maths Day**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Maths Day. We will be participating in this event by using our Mathletics accounts for all children from Y1-Y6. Reception children will also be taking part as they will be doing a maths competition within class this week. For children in Y1-Y6, the focus this year is on mental maths. The children will need to complete as many 'live races' as they can on Mathletics from 10am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - 10am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Their top 20 live scores from within this 24 hour period will count towards their overall score. There will be rewards and prizes handed out in Friday's assembly so please encourage your child to use the live races part of Mathletics as much as possible. Good luck everyone!



**Chess Teams News**



On Sunday, children from both the A and B Chess teams travelled to Oxford to take part in the qualification round of the English Primary Schools National Chess Championships. The competition was tough and the playing standard was very high. The A team produced some very pleasing results and were very unlucky not to qualify for the next round, falling short by only half a point! The B team, in their first ever competition, played with a fantastic attitude and will be much stronger for the experience of playing such quality opposition. We are now hoping to enter both teams into the Plate competition in Prestatyn in June, and will be looking forward to having a successful and enjoyable weekend away!

**Chess Success**



On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6 of our pupils took part in the Gloucestershire Junior Chess Championships and Megafinal Qualifier. Rosa, Sophie, Jay, Aubrey, Daniel L and Jaime all played really well. Congratulations to Jaime, Sophie and Aubrey, who all qualified for the Megafinal and also to Jaime and Sophie who were the Girl County Champions for their age groups.

C, Lewis V, Toby, Rio and Thomas T.

## NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Menu This Week

Week 1 of the menu

#### Upton Holiday Club

A full programme of activities will be available for parents/carers to view within an Upton Holiday Club booking form which will be available in the next couple of days. We are delighted to inform you that there will be a Circus Workshop on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Booking forms will need to be returned by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March to allow us to staff appropriately.



#### Advanced Gymnastics Report – Ribston Hall High School Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

On Thursday, 6 gymnasts travelled to Ribston to represent the school in gymnastics, despite our school being closed! With most making their competition debuts, the gymnasts were asked to perform a floor and vault routine with approximately 56 athletes in the competition. The standard was high and we began our venture on the vault. The box top was difficult to navigate but the gymnasts all performed well to complete their vault.

The floor routines were not set to music and had to be put together by the gymnasts themselves. There were a number of key moves that they could choose between, with six needing to be chosen. As well as points for the moves, a large number of points were given for the composition of the routine (i.e. how it was all put together). Our athletes all aimed high by choosing some of the elements that had extra difficulty points awarded to them. Everyone performed their routine with confidence.

There was no team score for this event and instead it was scored individually. None of our athletes finished near the bottom and we were delighted for Lottie that her combined score of 17.8 out of 20 for her vault and floor routines meant that she came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done to Chloe, Brandon, Ella J, Ella W, Lottie and Kamea.

#### Year 2 Trip

Year 2 braved freezing temperatures last Wednesday to visit the SS Great Britain in Bristol. They learnt about the engineering work of Brunel and even re-launched the ship for a second time, dressed up as Victorian ladies and gentlemen. The children explored the ship and found out what it was like to be a traveller in Victorian times. Well done to the children for their good behaviour and thank you to the adults who came along to assist with the trip.



#### School Improvement Priorities Information Meeting for Parents

We would like to remind you to attend the meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the school hall where we will provide information on our current School Improvement Plan priorities. There will be a short presentation followed by refreshments and the opportunity to talk to members of the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body and to ask any questions you may have. We hope to see many of you there.

#### Cross Country

Congratulations to Jaime who has been selected to represent Gloucester City Schools in the Cross Country County Championships on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Y5W Class Worship

Y5W performed their class assembly sharing the science and history they learnt about during their Time Traveller topic. They also showed how they use Talk for Writing to help remember structure and vocabulary in writing. They ended the worship with their fantastic version of Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love' using their own lyrics based on our current value, 'peace', whilst accompanying on glockenspiels. Well done Y5W and a big thank you to all those who came to watch.

### Parents Consultation Evenings

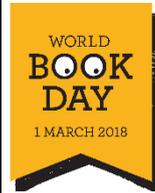


The Parents Evening due to take place on Thursday will now take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to book your appointment via our website from tomorrow morning.

### Snow Day Reading Photos

Thank you to everyone who sent in their snow day reading photos. We had some great ones sent in which are now on Twitter, prizes will be given out in our World Book day on Friday.

### World Book Day - 9<sup>th</sup> March



Following the school being closed on Thursday, we have rearranged for our World Day activities to take place this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Your children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and enjoy a day of fun and activities based around books, storytelling and role-play. At the end of the day, children will bring home a World Book Day token to spend at a book shop. We look forward to a really exciting day!

### World Book Day – Special Lunch

This has been rearranged following school being closed and will take place this Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. Choose from :

**World Book Day Lunch Menu**

Bertie Botts Bean Bolognese  
or  
Percy Parks Vegetable Ratatouille  
Served with  
Slytherin House Spaghetti  
and Vegetables  
or choose a  
A Mr Potato Head Jacket  
Served with  
Jacks Magic Beans  
or  
Grated Expectations  
with a Mr. Blooms' side salad  
followed by  
Winnie the Witches Worm Jelly  
and  
Dinosaur egg Biscuit

All with the usual accompaniments of:  
The Hungry caterpillar's crudities  
Babar's Bread  
Yogi bears yoghurt

Book covers shown: Jack and the Beanstalk, Winnie the Witch, BABAR, HARRY POTTER and the Prisoner of Azkaban, CHARLES DICKENS GREAT EXPECTATIONS, THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR and the Party.

### Upton Lates - Arts and Crafts

At Upton Lates this week, there will be an opportunity for the children to make Mother's Day hearts and home-made cards!