



USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 15 : 29th January 2018

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Worship

The next Class Worship dates are:

Y2H – Tomorrow, 30th January

Y6S – 6th February

Both are at 9.55am and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' 5-a-side indoor football Group Stages at GL1



On Tuesday, 6 boys travelled to GL1 for group stage of the 5-a-side football tournament. A tough group lay ahead and our first game was against Elmbridge. We did really well to come through 1-0 with a goal from Lewis and penalty save from Ellis. The second game was against Finlay and the boys were unstoppable! Goals from Will, Lewis and a hat-trick by Jonas meant the final score in the 7 minute game was 5-0. Our third game was against Beech Green. Another dominant display led to goals from Will (2) and Jonas, making the final score 3-0. This meant that, with other results going in our favour, we had won the group to progress, even without playing Longlevens. In our game against Longlevens we were unlucky to lose 2-0. All of this meant that we would be the only team from this tough group to make it to finals day on Friday, and we did this without Reece, who was unwell. Good luck boys!

Football News



On Friday, the boys' football team played in the finals of the 5-a-side indoor football Gloucester competition. A tricky start against what turned out to be the eventual winners, Harewood, saw us lose 2-0. A 1-0 loss to Fieldcourt followed by another 2-0 loss to Harewood meant that, even with one group match still

Times Tables



The national curriculum has the expectation that all children will know and be able to recall their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. At Upton St Leonards, we have broken this down into year groups so all children are expected to be counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 in year one; know and recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2; know and recall their 2,5,10, 3, 4 and 8 in Year 3 and know all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. Every Friday, all children from Year 2 upwards do a times table quiz on their target table for that week. Children in Years 5 and 6 will also be constantly practising their tables each week and will also start to look at connected facts. For example if they know $7 \times 6 = 42$ they can use this to work out questions such as 700×6 , 70000×6 , $420 / 6$ etc.

Children who practise their tables on a daily basis at home and at school will have a far better chance of achieving the above expectations. We would really appreciate your support in helping children practise their tables at home. 5 minutes daily will not only help them with learning their tables but it will also make the children far more confident mathematicians. As the children get older and progress into secondary school, a large proportion of the maths curriculum requires secure recall of times table facts.

Year 4 children are currently trialling an internet programme called Times Table Rockstars and the children are really enjoying using it during school time. Every child has a unique username and password which allows them to use the website at home. If the trial is successful, it will be used in further year groups. If you have any questions about times tables, please see Mr Lewis.

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been working with groups of Year 3 children, creating lego robots. These are coded and controlled remotely by the children, using a computer. Fantastic fun at lunchtime!



Y3T Class Worship

On Tuesday, Y3T presented their assembly/worship based on our value of 'Truthfulness' to the school. They enjoyed acting out real life scenarios and the story of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' as well as sharing famous Bible quotes and a very catchy rap song. Thank you to all our visitors. We hope you enjoyed it and learned something along the way!

to go, we could not progress. However, the boys kept going and managed a 1-0 win with Will the scorer. We then played in a 5th place play off with the 3rd placed team from the other group, Kingsholm. Despite dominating, the two sides could not be split and at the end it was 0-0, meaning that we finished equal 5th. Although the boys may be disappointed with this, it is still a great achievement and we are all very proud. Well done to Will, Riley-Jak, Jonas, Ellis, Reece, Lewis and Lewis.

Netball



The netball A team played their first game of 2018 against Dinglewell on Thursday evening. Having won their league before Christmas, the team are now in the top league for the second half of the season. Against a very good Dinglewell side, the team played some excellent netball despite some blustery conditions. The game started off slowly but by the end all 7 players were moving the ball well and the shooting was excellent once again. After a close first half – where the score was 4 -2, we pulled away in the second to win 8 – 2. Well done to all the players on a great start to the new year. Our player of the match for her excellent shooting in the 4th quarter was Jeneice. The other players were Molly, Daniel, Safia, Izzy, Tom and Jaime.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told “Jesus is Baptised” in whole school worship on Friday.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 3 of the menu

Disco

The PTA has organised a school disco which will take place next Thursday, 8th February. The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will have their disco from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. They should bring disco clothes to school in a named bag, and will be able to change into them at the end of the school day. The cost will be £2.50 which includes crisps and a drink, and this money can be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. The children will be supervised at all times by teachers and members of the PTA, and will be taken back to their classrooms for collection by parents at 4.15pm.

Children in Years 3 and 4 will have their disco from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and so can go home to change into their disco clothes before returning to school via the main entrance and going to their classroom, where their teachers will collect their £2.50 entrance money. There will be a tuck shop selling sweets but children should bring no more than £2 for this please. The children will be dismissed from the main entrance at 5.30pm.

If your child is in Years 5 or 6 do not despair, there will be a Film Night for them later in the year.



Year 2 Parent/Carer Lunch on Wednesday

The Year 2 parent/carers lunch is this Wednesday at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you then. Bookings are now closed for the lunch.

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.

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.



Attendance



Last week’s class with the highest attendance is Y1B and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

Upton Lates Arts and Craft

At Upton Lates we try to engage the children with various craft activities, this week, the topic is designing your own suncatchers.

Open Classroom

We would like to invite parents and Carers to our Open Classroom event on Thursday after school. Once the children have been dismissed the class teachers will invite you in to see the children’s work and lovely displays in the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your children’s learning and to see first-hand how proud they are to show off their work.