



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 1: 9th September 2019

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates before Half Term:-
13th September – Non uniform day for children in ASH
14th September – Grammar School Tests
24th September – Individual/Family School Photos
9th October – Reception Curriculum Evening – 6pm
14th October – Welcome Assembly for New Reception Children and Parents – school hall – 9.15am
2.00pm 15th October - Juniors Harvest Festival in school
2.00pm 16th October - Infants Harvest Festival in school
22nd October – Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
24th October - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
28th October – Start of Half Term
31st October – Closing Date for Secondary School Place Applications for September 2020

SPORTS NEWS

Football News

Congratulation to Harrison E on being successful in securing a place in the Gloucester Primary Schools' Football Association Squad for the forthcoming 2019/20 season. He did amazingly well to go through 4 trials and be selected in the final 13 children. Well done!

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Clubs News

The Cheltenham Town Y2 – Y4 football club is starting this Friday 13th September.
 Fizz Pop Science starts on 16th September.
 Rhythmic Gymnastics for Year 3 and 4 will be starting with the

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to school for the new year, and special welcome to all the new members of our school community. The Reception children are starting soon and we have new children in Years 3, 4 and 5. We hope they will be very happy with us.

Upton St Leonards - Vision and Values

During the last academic year, the staff and some governors paused to look again at the direction in which the school was heading. Its vision and the aims to achieve this vision. You may remember a questionnaire which was sent out in February asking your opinion too, and thank you to all of you who replied. As a result of this reflection, the school's vision has been adjusted slightly.

Our new school vision: **Building foundations for a love of life, a love of learning and a love of one another.** You will notice how similar it is to the phrase which was previously used. In the past this was not our vision. The vision was much longer with a list of aims, which you may have read on the website. We feel that this short phrase sums up our vision for the school and is easy to remember.

As part of this work we also considered the Christian values which underpin our school vision. While all twelve values will continue to form part of our Collective Worship, we have chosen the three which we think best reflect our vision. These three were chosen by looking at responses from the staff, from the questionnaires and the children also had a say the year before. These three are Respect, Truthfulness and Perseverance. Alongside the three values we have added "Love" as this underpins all the other values.

Staff News

We have two new members of staff this term: Mrs Riley and Miss Fenton. We are delighted to have them on our team and hope they will be very happy with us. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Adlam on the birth of their baby boy, Rowen, over the Summer holidays. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Important Dates

We shall be sending out a list of important dates for the school year very shortly. However, it may be useful for those of you with children in Year 6 to know now that next years' National Curriculum Tests (SATs) will take place during the week commencing Monday 11th May, and the assessments for Year 2 will take place throughout May (absence will not be authorised during this period).

Building foundations for a love of life and a love of learning

On the Ball team from 17th September.
Multi Sports will start with Years 1 and 2 from 18th September.
The Y5/Y6 Boys Football Club will start from Monday 16th September.

This Term's Value
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Friendship

Ideas for discussing at home accompany this newsletter and are also on our school website.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24th September, families will be able to have group photographs done in the morning from 8.30am, classes will be taken to the hall throughout the day for individual and sibling photographs.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

From 6th September to 3rd November, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up our school's poster for a chance to win.

How it works... Get involved!

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers we can send the poster back to Aldi to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for the school.



Transfer to Secondary School

Year 6 should have received letters today giving information about applying for secondary school. Important dates are:

September - October - Schools/academies open days/evenings – please check each school's website for times and dates.

From **2nd September to 31st October 2019** - Online secondary school transfer and middle to high school application facility open.

Saturday **14th September 2019** - Grammar entrance test day

By Monday **14th October 2019** - Grammar test results sent to parents

Thursday **31st October 2019** - Closing date for all applications

Monday **2nd March 2020** - Allocation Day

By midnight Monday **9th March 2020** - Closing date to return reply form accepting the school/academy place allocated or request reconsideration

After Monday **30th March 2020** - Outcome of waiting list requests

By Wednesday **8th April 2020** - Closing date for return of reply forms

May - July 2020 - Appeals

Upton St Leonards Annual Show

Well done to Hannah B in Y4P who took part in several sections at the Upton St Leonards Annual Show, she came back with 4 a 1st place, 2 x 2nd place and 1 x 3rd place, she then won the overall prize and came back with the Juvenile Cup.

Hannah's brother, George, who will be starting in Reception soon also won 1 x 1st place and 1 x 3rd place.

Little Princess Trust

Well done to Jorja H for kindly donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Space Chase & Super Summer of Reading

Well done to J-J, Sophie P, Heidi, Henry H, Emily H and Lauren D for taking part in the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge. Well done too to Alex D for reading all of the books in the Harry Potter series.