



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 5 : 16th October 2017

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class worship:

Y2A – (Tomorrow) Tuesday 17th October at 9.55am

End of Term One

The end of Term One is this Thursday 19th October at the end of the school day. Term Two starts on Monday 30th October.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football

On Thursday we played our second league match, which was at home against Calton Primary. The team quickly got into a good rhythm and created some good chances with Reece going close. Eventually a finish by Will Knight made it 1-0. Calton scored an equaliser before half time, which meant the score was 1-1 at half time. In the second half the team started passing much more quickly and playing better as a team. As a result of this, goals came quickly through Reece (with 2), Lewis and Darren, who scored with the last kick of the game. This meant the final score was 5-1. Well done to all of the boys who played.

Girls' Football

Upton girls played their first away game of the season against Robinswood last week. They played in extremely bad weather, which made the ball very slippery. In the first 5 minutes they found themselves 1 – 0 down, then 2 down. In the second half they came back fighting and ready to score goals. The first goal came from Jaime, shortly followed by one from Safia. Well done on an excellent team performance. The team was Safia, Molly, Izzy, Jeniece, Gemma, Jaime, Keira and Natalie.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'Joseph the Prisoner' in Friday's worship.

Harvest Festivals



Thank you to everyone who came to the Harvest Festivals and donated food for the Foodbank. We really appreciate your generosity.

School Holiday Club

Mrs Morris would like to thank parents and carers for completing the School Holiday Club survey, the responses are very positive. As mentioned previously the first stage is to gather expressions of interest from our families, Mrs Morris would be grateful for as many survey responses as possible. The survey is still open so please do take a few minutes to complete the survey by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QS32DPJ> if you haven't already done so.

Please email any queries or suggestions to finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk.

Headteacher's Welcome Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along last Thursday to meet Mr Allen at the Welcome Meeting for parents.

Reception Curriculum Evening

Last Thursday, the Foundation Stage team gave a presentation on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum to Reception parents and carers. Following this, there was a chance for parents and carers to visit the classrooms and to look at English and mathematics resources. Thank you to all the parents who came along.

Children's Health

You may have seen a recent news report showing statistics on child and teenage obesity levels, that they have risen ten-fold in the last four decades and according to new research one in every 10 young people in the UK aged five to 19, is obese. The research suggests that - if untreated - 85% of these children will become obese adults.

As a school we are able to offer healthy and nutritious meals for your children at lunch times. The health of children who eat school meals may be better than pupils who bring in packed lunches, according to a study published online by the British Medical Journal. Children with diets lacking in essential vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids tend to perform worse academically and struggle to concentrate. A poor diet also has significant effects on children's behaviour and mood. Research by the Children's Food Trust shows that school meals are now consistently more nutritious than packed lunches, giving the children who eat them a better foundation for good health.

Secondary School Transfer

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places for September 2018 is 31st October 2017.

Please ensure that you have either returned a paper Common Application Form or applied online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

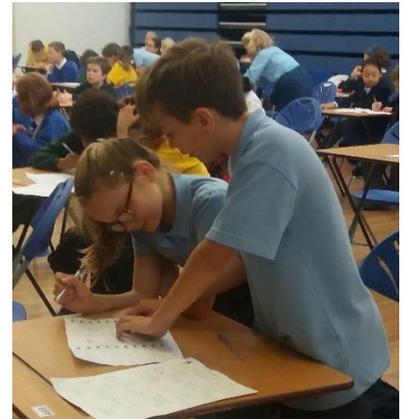
Should you have any queries, please contact the Admissions & Transfers team on 01452 3425407 or email them school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week
Week 1 of the menu

Maths Challenge

Four year 6 children - Jaime, Daniel, Riley-Jak and Georgia - went to Dean Close School in Cheltenham last Tuesday to participate in a maths challenge. The children had to participate in a series of maths challenges which included countdown, algebra and missing values. The children had to compete in 2 pairs, earning points throughout the afternoon. They were competing against other primary schools and independent schools. By the end of the afternoon, Jaime and Daniel finished in third place; Riley-Jak and Georgia finished in 16th position. Well done to all four children on representing the school exceptionally well.



Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are to be held on Tuesday 21st November and Thursday 23rd November. We will be setting the booking system up on eSchools after Half Term and will let you know when you are able to arrange your appointment.

Children in Need

On Friday, 17th November, it is Children in Need day. There will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear something spotty and bring £1 donation. Chef Kirby will be doing a special Pudsey menu for Children in Need too 😊



Y1GT Class Worship

The children in Y1GT enjoyed presenting their class worship on the value 'Friendship' to the whole school and parents/carers on Tuesday. All the children took part enthusiastically - showing their work, sharing some of the stories they have read, reading an acrostic poem they created and recounting their Forest School experience.

Staff Vacancy

Once again, 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.

Internet Safety

In February 2017 government ministers began work on a new Internet Safety Strategy aimed at making Britain the safest country in the world for children and young people to be online. The government now wants to see online safety given more attention at schools, with social-media safety advice built into existing education programmes.

At Upton St Leonards we feel very strongly about eSafety and are pleased to see that the Government have now released their green paper. We would like to give you as parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about internet safety and are holding an eSafety information evening for parents and carers on the 16th November at 6pm. The evening will provide you with key information and advice delivered by an expert Safeguarding Consultant. The focus will be on preventing children and young people from harm online and making the internet a safer place, we very much hope you are able to attend as it is a really important topic, a spokesperson for the NSPCC said keeping young people safe online was "the biggest child protection issue of our time."

Year 5 and 6 Parent/Carer Invitation to Lunch

We are delighted to invite our Year 5 & 6 parents and carers to share lunch with their children on Monday the 6th November at 1pm, we wanted to give families as much notice as possible. Chef Kirby will be cooking her homemade Chilli Con Carne; the menu choice will be advertised on the letter. A letter will be coming home today with a reply slip to book your lunch.

Open Days

We are holding our Open mornings for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2018 on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November. If you know anyone you think may be interested in attending please let them know.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child, organised by the Samaritan's Purse international relief charity, is now in its 25th year and has seen children and adults up and down the country wrap, pack and send 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need overseas. This year we are taking part and a leaflet will be sent home this week so if you would like to take part you can do so over the half term holiday. If you would like more information please contact Jenny Cunningham on 615858 or jennycunningham46@googlemail.com.