



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 6 : 6th November 2017

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Class worship:
**Y4WY –Tomorrow Tuesday 7th
November at 9.55am**

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football News



The team's 3rd game in the league was against Tredworth. Despite it being an away game, it was played on our pitch because they don't have a pitch of their own. We dominated possession from the start but struggled to have many good shots on goal. At half time the score was 0-0. The second half was very similar, with our team creating more chances and keeping the ball well. Tredworth had some dangerous breaks and almost scored once or twice. However, the team showed a lot of perseverance and we got our reward when a cross from the left was slotted into the goal by Darren. This meant that the game finished 1-0 to make it three wins out of three in the league. Well done to all of the players: Will, Ellis, Toby, Riley-Jak, Lewis V, Lewis C, Rio, Darren and Ethan.

Boys' Football News



The team played their 4th league game of the season at St Peter's. As we arrived at the venue we realised that our goalkeeper had not turned up! Thankfully, Jonas and Reece both offered to be goalkeepers for half the game. As with many of our games this season, we dominated possession early on and made several chances. Eventually, Rio and Riley-Jak combined to create a mistake in their defence for the first goal. The second followed through Captain Will to make it 2-0 at half time. In the second half the team were even stronger and scored goals through Riley-Jak,

School Responsibilities

We work hard to encourage the children to develop responsibility for their learning, their behaviour, their possessions and for day to day organisation. All children will have opportunities in class to perform various responsible tasks. In addition, we have some special responsibilities that are taken on by some children. The **School Council** has representatives from Year 1 upwards, and meets regularly with Mrs Ward and Mrs Morris to discuss important school issues and reports back to the classes. The **Executive Committee** then meets with Mr Allen to put forward suggestions and to give feedback. The **House Captains** are voted for by the children, and will be responsible not only for leading their team in sporting events, but also for other activities through the year. The **School Captains and Vice Captains** have been chosen by interview. At the beginning of term, a job description was given to the Year 6 children, and they were invited to complete an application form if they were interested in being considered for the role. We were delighted that 16 children felt that they would like to apply. Mrs Cordall and Mr Allen drew up a short list of 13 candidates, who were invited to prepare a presentation called, 'Why Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School is important to me'. Interviews were held before half term, and we were greatly touched by the effort that the candidates put into their preparation. Well done and thank you to all the children who applied.

School Captains

School Captains: Jaime and Harry
Vice Captains: Ella Marie and Jonas

House Captains

Ash: Jeneice, Joshua
Beech: Aashna, Luke
Elm: Molly, Olly
Oak: Will, Georgia

School Council - Executive Committee

Chair: Ethan
Vice Chair: Chloe
Treasurer: Daniel
Secretary: Noah

School Council – Class representatives

Y1B Finley / Y1GT Daisy
Y2A Abigail / Y2H Sam
Y3M Jorja / Y3T Sienna
Y4P Phoebe / Y4WY Paige
Y5J Todd / Y5W Jay

Girls' Football Captain – Safia

Boy's Football Captain – Will

Netball Captain – Molly

Choir Captain – Mina

Digital Leaders – Sophie, Melody, Alex, Isabelle, William, Vienna, Sophie, Poppy, Leah, Rosie, Todd, Daylei, Ella, Jolie, Aimee.

Jonas and Will, who scored 2 more to complete his hat-trick. Riley-Jak's effort from the half way line was by far the best goal of the season so far and Jonas and Reece both contributed with some outstanding saves in goal. The match finished 6-0 to us. The next match for the team is Thursday at home to Robinswood Primary School, who also have a 100% record. Well done to Will, Jonas, Riley-Jak, Toby, Reece, Lewis, Darren and Rio.

Netball News



On Wednesday 18th October, the netball A team played away against Grange in our latest league fixture. The Grange players were only playing their second ever game and tried their best right to the end. Upton won the game 26-0 with some phenomenal shooting from all 7 players as all players scored at least 3 goals. The Grange coach afterwards paid our children a lovely compliment when she said, "I have never seen a standard of netball as good as that at Primary School!". Well done to all members of the team: Molly, Daniel, Tom, Jaime, Izzy, Jeneice and Safia.

Girls' Football News

On the last day of Term 1 the girls' football team played in a tournament at Plock Court. Our first game was against Hartpury. After a couple of minutes we were 1-0 up with a great goal from Jaime. The final score was 1-0 to us. Our next game was against Findlay. With only a few minutes left Gemma scored an amazing goal. The final score was 1-0 to us. Our final game of the group was against Coney Hill. With brilliant efforts from both teams no goals were scored so the game ended 0-0. With good results we won our group and had to play the winners of the other groups. We drew 1 and lost 2. We came in 3rd place. Well done everyone!



OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'The Secret Baby' in Friday's worship

Wine, Cheese and Internet Safety information Evening

We are delighted to offer our Parents/Carers the opportunity to come into school next Thursday (16th November) from 5.30pm for wine and cheese followed by an invaluable talk on eSafety. We are very pleased to say that our so After School Club will open later too to accommodate any small children that you will be able to come along, have a drink, mingle and hear the very important message to raise awareness for parents and carers and which will also offer very practical advice. Nigel Hatten the eSafety consultant is an expert in this field. He has over 20 years safeguarding experience had led the police internet based offending team and had recently been awarded the Queens Police Medal in recognition of his expertise in this field. Here at School we feel that this will be such an interesting evening and probably a real eye opener. Letters have already gone home, so please complete the reply slip to ensure that we have enough cheese, biscuits and wine ...



New Menu and Tasting Event

As you will be aware we have made some changes to our School Menu from today. We have listened to the children and gauged their favourite dishes whilst still staying within the Food Standard guidelines. We are delighted to offer our families the opportunity to come and taste the food we offer our children and will be hosting a School Menu Tasting evening; Chef Kirby will be busy getting some of the children's favourite meals cooked and deserts baked in time to wow you all, long gone are the days of smelly school dinners and lumpy custard! The evening will coincide with the PTA evening on the 14th November from 5pm. Please do come along.

Y2A Class Worship

Y2A performed their class assembly before half term. There was singing, life cycle dancing and even a short film which they had produced on the ipad. The children all read their lines beautifully and have clearly been working very hard this term. Well done Y2A.

Cake and Sweet Sale

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the help and support given at the cake and sweet sale. We raised a massive £124.10. Thank you.

Y4 Hygienist Visit



Thank you to Mrs Chandler, a dental hygienist from HRS Dental Care in Stroud, who came in to talk to the children in Year 4 about how to look after their teeth and keep them healthy.

Golden Book

Congratulations to Harvey, Sydney and Lea whose names appear in the Golden Book for their outstanding homework. 

Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are to be held on Tuesday 21st November and Thursday 23rd November. The booking system is now open on eSchools to arrange your appointment.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 17th November, is Children in Need day. There will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear something spotty and bring £1 donation.



Children in Need – Special Pudsey Lunch

Spotty Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Served with 'Curly Fries'

Followed by

Bear Jelly with a Pudsey Biscuit

(The process of ordering and payment will not change)

HOUSE POINT BADGES

The first House Point badges of the year have been awarded to:- **Ash** – Gemma (50). **Oak** – Hatty (50).

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 2 of the new menu

This Term's Value
is

Service

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

Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December 3.30pm – 5.30pm. We are currently looking for people to help set up or indeed help run things at the event. If you can help please contact Jo Reeves on 07766651306 or leave your contact details at the school office. Also if anyone is willing to donate a prize for the raffle or something for the bottle stall we would be very grateful.

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.

Fundraising

With Christmas soon upon us, it is the perfect time to start fundraising for your children's school. Many well-known retailers, including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco will donate a percentage of what you spend to Upton St. Leonards. Visit the following website: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/uptonstleonardsprimary> and follow the simple steps to sign up to fundraise for Upton St Leonards Primary School – Gloucester.

Warm Coats

The children go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes unless the weather is really poor, so please make sure they have suitable coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc to keep them warm as we move into winter.

Parents Tuck in

We were really pleased to have had our Year 5 and Year 6 parents join us for lunch today, feedback was very positive and these events continue to raise awareness of our fabulous school meal service. Thank you for joining us!

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. If you have filled a shoe box over half term we would be grateful if you could bring in your shoe boxes by Wednesday, 15th November. If you would like more information please contact Jenny Cunningham on 615858 or jennycunningham46@googlemail.com.

Attendance



Before half term Y2A and Y1B were awarded a class certificate for their fantastic attendance in Term 1. Well done!

Reception Class Blog

The Reception classes' blog has been updated with photos from the children's firework party - and we would love any comments you would like to add! There is a link to the blog on the home page of our school website: www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk.

Open Days

We are holding our Open mornings for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2018 next week on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November at either 9.30am or 10.30am. If you know anyone you think may be interested in attending please let them know.

Maths Challenge

Before half term, four Year 6 children went to Dean Close School in Cheltenham to participate in a maths challenge. The children competed as pairs against over 40 schools from all over Gloucestershire and neighbouring counties. After 3 rounds which involved countdown, algebra and calculating numbers, Riley-Jak and Georgia finished 16th with Daniel and Jaime finishing 3rd. Congratulations to all four children on representing our children so well.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Please wear your poppy on Friday 10th November
Poppies are available to buy in the school office

Upton Lates – Our After School Club

Our Upton Lates team would like to do themed craft activities each afternoon at the club. Once the children have eaten their snacks they will be given an opportunity to partake in various things such as: knitting, sewing and baking plus design and technology projects; using and designing magnetic shapes. Many of the children have asked to do traditional crafts and Mrs Emerson and Mrs Wright will be starting with 'Hand Puppets' this week. The children will be able to make the puppets during the week and take them home next week or once finished. Next week Pom-Poms will be the theme.

There are still places available at Upton Lates, so please book a slot via the booking form which is available at the school office or school website.

2 x Co-opted Governor Vacancies

at

Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

We are currently looking for two new Co-opted Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of our school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community
- An open and enquiring mind
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare

Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. You do not need to have specialist expertise or knowledge as our Governors have a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is training and support available to help you.

If you are interested and live or work in the community served by the school, and would like more information, please email Neil Eley, Chair of Governors, at chair@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk or leave a message at the school on 616109.

Wanted

Our Upton Earlies and Lates team would welcome donations of unwanted shirts (to protect the children's clothes whilst doing crafts), they are also keen for any plastic knitting needles too. If you can help provide either of these please pop them into the School Office.