



USL Primary News **Term 4 School Newsletter 17 : 19th February 2018**

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Class Worship
 The next Class Worship is:
Y5W – 27th February at 9.55am
 and parents/carers are welcome
 to attend.

SPORTS NEWS
Girls Football
 On Wednesday, 7th
 February, the girls
 football team played
 against Harewood. We were
 strong in defence with Izzy and
 Keira making some excellent
 clearances. The girls were making
 some fantastic passes which
 enabled Safia and Gemma to
 attack the goal. The girls played
 some brilliant football to secure a
 4-0 victory, goals coming from
 Safia. We are now through to the
 quarter finals. The team was:
 Safia, Izzy, Molly, Jeneice, Natalie,
 Kamea, Keira, Jaime and Gemma.

**Football B Team Knock Out Cup
 Report v Hardwicke**
 Our football B team
 began their cup
 campaign away at
 Hardwicke. Initially they had lots
 of the ball and made some good
 shooting chances without
 scoring. However, Alfie came up
 for a corner and neatly finished
 through a crowded box to make
 the score 1-0 at half time. A
 switch of positions in the second
 half saw a further improvement
 in our play and some neat moves
 culminated in two more goals,
 this time both from on fire team
 captain, Thomas. Despite a late
 scare where Hardwicke hit the
 post, the final score was 3-0,
 which sees the team progress to
 the 2nd round against Tredworth.
 Well done to Thomas, Luke, Tom,
 Alfie, Josh, Olly, Ben and Thomas.

New Children
 Today we welcomed two new children into Years 3 and 4, we hope they will be very happy at Upton.

Safer Internet Day
 The week before half term the children did all sorts of activities for Internet Safety day. Year 1 looked at a Powerpoint presentation called 'The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin' which focuses on what to do if you get into difficulty when using games online. Year 2 had circle time thinking about internet safety and spent time on the CBBC Newsround website and also looked at 'The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin'. Most children had access and had used Youtube, so that became their focus for discussions about safety. Year 3 joined Mr Tidmarsh and took part in the Safer Internet Day assembly for KS2. The focus was on acting in a respectful manner online and how you shouldn't post anything online you wouldn't be happy to say to somebody in person. Each Year 4 class did a PSHE lesson with Mrs Wood. They talked about how sending an image online, even if it is supposed to be a temporary image, such as on Snapchat, can mean that it will end up being sent to lots of other people because someone could screen shot it. They also talked about what online games the children play, who they interact with and what control and restrictions parent and carers place on these games. They looked how to recognise positive and negative behaviour online, to understand how your own online behaviour can impact on other's feelings and to develop some strategies to resolve online disagreements in a positive and healthy way. Year 5 shared their eSafety posters that they did as homework with their parents so that they could inform each other about eSafety. Year 6 watched a video all about being safe when using social media platforms. They looked at how you should only put things on a profile that you would be happy to share in person and also discussed about only being connected with people who we know in person. The children also looked at how to report abusive people or unknown people on a variety of social media sites including Instagram, Youtube and Snapchat.


Safer Internet Day 2018
 Tuesday 6 February

Times Tables
 Year 4 have been trialling Times Table Rockstars over the past month. The trial has now come to an end. If you have feedback on Times Tables Rockstars - positive or negative - please speak to Mr Lewis or your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Mathletics
 The week before half term, we held our latest Mathletics competition week. It was a close battle between 3 classes to come out on top spot. Eventually 6L won the minion and top place with a score of over 59,000 points. In second was 6S and third 2A. Two children were recognised in our worship for their hard work during our competition week. Riley-Jak from 6S earned a phenomenal number of points across the week and was at one point in the world's top 50 children for that week. Jaime of 6L was at one stage top of the UK leaderboard with over 10,000 points achieved in one day. Well done Jaime and Riley-Jak. Thank you to all the children who logged on and earned points for their class that week. If your child earns a certificate or places in the world top 100 then please let your class teacher know and they will also be rewarded in our worships.



Netball



On Thursday, 8th February, the netball team played Robinswood School in their latest league fixture. Despite dominating the first quarter, we couldn't manage to score and somehow Robinswood finished the quarter 1-0 up with their only shot! Things got worse in the second quarter as Robinswood scored two more to take a 3-0 lead before we got back to 3-1 at half time through a great shot from Kamea. In the third quarter, we started passing and moving the ball better and got into a 4-3 lead with Molly and Safia linking up well. It lead to a tense final quarter as Robinswood made it 4-4 very early on but fortunately for us Daniel scored to make the final score 5-4. A really close competitive game where all 7 of our players performed well. The team was Molly, Safia, Daniel, Tom, Izzy, Jaime and Kamea.

Gymnastics

KS2 – Years 3 & 4 Key Steps Gymnastics

Ribston Hall School – Tuesday 6th February

6 children represented the school at the lower key stage 2 gymnastics competition. Designed for children who do less than an hour of gymnastics per week outside of school, this competition gave children the opportunity to participate in two routines. The first routine was a floor routine that included a backwards roll, a cartwheel and an arabesque. The second routine was a vault routine that saw athletes use a spring board to try to land on top of a high box top with their feet and then dismount from the other end using a tuck or straight jump. All of our gymnasts performed well on the day and we were pleased to place 8th in the district out of 14 teams who attended. Well done to Paige, Saskia, Phoebe, Annabel, Phoebe and Lea.

HOUSE POINTS

The house point totals for last term are as follows:-

- Oak – 26359
- Elm – 26678
- Beech – 28114
- Ash - 28173

School Improvement Priorities Information Meeting for Parents

You will receive a letter today inviting you to attend a meeting on Tuesday 6th 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.

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.

Y6S Class Worship

On Tuesday 6th February, 6S presented an assembly based on their current topic, 'A Child's War'. They acted out an evacuee play, read out some evacuee letters and shared some morse code science. Thank you to all those who came to watch. We hope you found it interesting.

Upton Lates Arts and Crafts

At Upton Lates this week, there will be an opportunity for the children to make their own personalised picture plaques.

Violin Success



Well done to Lewis Flynn, Y5W, on achieving his Gold Award in violin before half term.

Values for Life

This term's Value is Peace. Ideas for discussing at home accompany this newsletter and will also be on our school website shortly.

PTA News

The recent school disco was well supported and raised £385 for school funds. We are very grateful to all the parent helpers and staff members who gave up their time to help run the event. We continue to raise money for the school through our clothes recycling bin, through the easyfundraising website and by selling school calendars - some are still available from the school office. If you are interested in becoming part of our happy PTA team, please leave your name and contact details with the office. We have lots of ideas for future events and would welcome any feedback or suggestions. Thank you!

Year 1 Parent/Carer Lunch Invitation

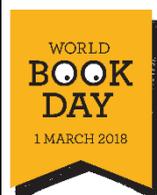
We are extending our family lunch invitation next term; we would like to offer our Year 1 families the opportunity to share lunch with their children. Response to our Year 2 family lunch survey suggested that more notice of such events be given, so we are letting you know as soon as possible to pencil the 28th February into your diaries for lunch with your child. The meals cost £2.10 each. A letter will be sent out after half term with more details.

Attendance



The last week of the term's class with the highest attendance was Y5W and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

World Book Day – Thursday, 1st March



Who is your favourite children's book character? We are holding a dressing-up day on World Book Day to celebrate our love of reading. Come to school dressed as your favourite 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!

NOTICES & REMINDERS**Menu This Week**
Week 2 of the menu**Fairy Tale Figures Wanted!**

The Reception team would appreciate any unwanted fairy tale figures for our Reception classes. For example, knights, dragons, princesses, wizards, witches, fairies, or Disney fairytale characters. Also, if anyone has any unwanted fairytale dressing up clothes for children aged 4-5 years then we would be very grateful for any donations!

Parents Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings are to be held on Tuesday 27th February and Thursday 1st March. The booking system is now open on eSchools to arrange your appointment. Visit our school website and log in:

www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk