



## USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 19: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Term 3 finishes on Friday, and Term 4 begins on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Have a lovely half term break.**

### Class Worship

Next Class Worship:

**Y1A** – Tomorrow, 12<sup>th</sup> February

All class assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2.40pm and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

### Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL

There will be a PGL meeting for parents / carers and children at 5pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February



### SPORTS NEWS

#### Netball News



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, the Upton Netball team played a home match against Longlevens.

Our top scorer was Gemma and player of the match was also Gemma. The final score came to 12 – 4 to us. Well done to Jolie, Keira, Gemma, Alex, Tom and Ella.

#### Girls' Football

On Friday, the Girls B team played their first ever match against Meadowside. The girls started confidently and dominated throughout. The score ended 7 – 0 to Upton. Well done to Jahmira, Scarlett, Olivia, Jolie, Melody, Ella, Halle and Lacie.



### Open Classrooms

We would like to invite parents and carers to our Open Classroom event this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### Request from Upton Earlies and Lates

Our breakfast and after school club are doing more craft activities now and would be most grateful to receive old shirts to protect the school uniforms. They are also in need of paper and craft materials.

### Year 5 Memory Café

As part of Year 5s local history study we would like to invite past and present residents of Upton-St-Leonards village to pop into our Memory Café. We are really keen to hear stories from the past about the village, share photographs, newspaper articles etc.

We are particularly focusing on how the village school has changed.

The event will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm. Please let us know if anyone you know might like to attend.



### Science Demonstration

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Year 6 were invited to a science demonstration at Henley Bank High School. The event was led by Tim Harrison who is the Head of Chemistry at the University of Bristol. The children got to witness a range of exciting and interesting experiments that involved changes in materials. The experience was very inspiring and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



### Futsal Tournament

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Gemma and Roxy went to a futsal tournament (futsal means 5-a-side but with 2 different rules) at Hartpury College. They play for U12s Gloucester City Javelins and were playing against teams all over the county. They won 3 games and drew one which meant they were in the final against Highnam. The final score was 6 – 1 which means they are now off to Devon to play in the regional semi finals. Well done girls!

### Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Beau on gaining a place in the Gloucester City County squad last week. To be selected Beau needed to finish in the top 10 (from boys in Years 4 and 5) and he finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Well done Beau!

### HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges: **Ash** – Y1A – Freddie, Jamie. Y1GT – Spencer. Y2B – Eddie Smart. Y3H – Harvey. Y3T – Emily, Hannah, Jeorgy, Ruby-Jane. Y5WY – Jake, Lexi, Sophie. Y5J – Abi, Braeden, Kellan. Y6L – Melody, Oliver, Harry, Sophie. **Beech** – Y3H – Jewel, Sienna-Lei. Y3T – Ashaya, Cayden-Jay, Luana, Lucy, Pippa. Y5J – Matthew. Y6L – Alfie. **Elm** – Y1GT – Bailey, Archie. Y2B – Amelia. Y3H – Elizabeth, Michalina, Adam, Ava. Y3T – Kelsey, Lucas. Y4M – Kitty. Y6L – Reece. Y6S – Luke, Caden. **Oak** – Y1GT – Jamie. Y3H – Archie. Y3T – Harley, Sam, Sophia, Sophie. Y4M – Angel, Sienna. Y5WY – Amber, Olivia, Rosa. Y5J – Lea, Susannah. Y6L – Lewis, Rylan, Todd.

### NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### Menu this week

Week 3 of the menu

#### No Netball Club this week

Due to an A team match taking this week there will be no netball club on Wednesday.

### LOST PROPERTY

There will a display of lost property on Friday (weather permitting!) at the front of school at the end of the day. Please check with your child if they have lost anything and have a look through.

### Year 3 & 4 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition Ribston Hall School – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

5 children represented the school at the lower Key Stage 2 gymnastics competition. Designed for children who do an hour or less of gymnastics per week outside of school, this competition gave pupils 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 12<sup>th</sup> in the district out of 17 teams who attended. Well done to Annabel T, Paige K, Abi F, Sophie P and Ava R.

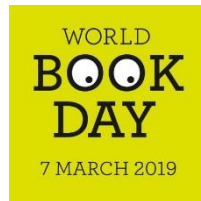


### Family Lunch

Year 2 families are invited for lunch on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and our Year 1 families are invited on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Letters will be sent home after half term but we wanted to give you the opportunity to save the date!

### World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Chef Kirby has designed a special menu for world book day.



### Hercules's Ham and Cheese Pizza

Or

### Pluto's Nut Free Pesto Pasta

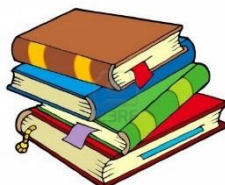
Served with Salad or Veg

Or

### Jacket Potato with Bertie Bott's Beans or Cruella's Cheese

Followed by

### Charlie Bucket's Choc Ices



### Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol the afternoons of -  
February –15<sup>th</sup>  
March – 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> February at Commeline's Farm. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

### Battle of the Bands

Last week, the eight Key Stage 2 classes were involved in a Battle of the Bands using the Times Tables Rockstars game. This is where each year group went head to head to earn as many points as possible for their class. There were some incredibly close battles with both the year 5 & 6 battles going down to the final few minutes before Thursday's 6pm deadline. In the end, the four winning classes were 3H, 4M, 5WY and 6L. The top 3 most valuable players in each class were all rewarded with certificates in assembly on Friday and the four winning classes received a small treat! Between all eight classes, nearly 1,000,000!!!! times table questions were answered last week which is an amazing effort from all the children. Thank you for your support at home with times tables; it really does make a difference to the children's maths skills. There is also a great video on the school twitter account of Todd in Year 6 explaining the difference times tables rockstars had made to his maths. Remember children, the only way to become a rock hero, rock legend or rock star is to practise!

### Rocksteady

Rocksteady will be running workshops for the whole school this week, giving the children a taster of what it would be like to be in a rock band. Please look out for information that your child will be bringing home in order to sign up for lessons which will start after half term. Places are limited, all details will be on the letter following the workshop.

### Chess Report



On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Upton St Leonards Chess Teams travelled to Oxford to take part in the National Championships. The squad consisted of an Under 11 A and B team and an Under 9 team. Although the A team was relatively experienced, it was the first tournament for the B team and Under 9s. After a tense day of tournament chess the B team and Under 9s had played very well, against incredibly strong opposition, but were sadly not in a position to qualify. The A team needed ½ a point to qualify at the start of the last round, which was unfortunately against the runaway leaders and tournament hosts, Magdalen College. At 5 nil down things looked very bleak and with Alex losing in the final match, Mr Jones was beginning to bite his nails. Thankfully however Alex managed to gain a brilliant rear-guard draw by claiming a perpetual check.

This meant that the A Team have now qualified for the National Semi Finals in May, while the B team and Under 9 Team will go into the plate tournament. Congratulations to all the players, who all did very well and behaved superbly. Thank you to Mr Jones for accompanying the children on the trip!

Our squad were: Andrew, Dylan, Lila, Sam, Pippa, Sophia, Aubrey, Sophie W, Jake, Josh, Alex, Jay, Maddy, Oliver, Todd, Sophie H, Jasmine and Vienna.

### Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance was Y1A and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!

### Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs



Our Easter holiday club will run on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Booking forms will be available after half term.



### Tip of the Week

### ECO tip of the Week - Turn it off

Energy conservation is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint. Leaving your electricals on standby needlessly uses up energy – hit the off switch and you could see huge improvements, most noticeably in your energy bills!