



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 2: 17th September 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school next Tuesday 25th 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.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football Report

Cup Round 1 – Linden

Thursday 13th September

In the first match, we got off to a great start with a 3-1 win against Kings. Lewis V, Reece and Lewis C the scorers. Our second match was against Beech Green where we made it two wins out of two with a 1-0 win, the goal coming from Captain Lewis V. Our final group game was against the hosts, Linden, where we were held to a 1-1 draw, the goal coming from Lewis once more! All of this means that we go through to round 2 as group champions and play at home next Thursday.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'A Special Promise' in Thursday's worship.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 3 of the menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm next week from 26th September to 9th October inclusive. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

PGL 2019

The 3rd instalment of £90 for the Year 6 PGL trip was due last week, 10th September. If you haven't already done so we would be grateful if you could make your payment.

World Mental Health Day 10th October

10th October is World Mental Health day and we are asking children to wear one yellow item to raise awareness as part of #hellowyellow. More children and young people than ever before are seeking help with their mental health, but [fewer than one in ten](#) find it easy to get the support they need. By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day, we want to show young people that they're not alone when it comes to their mental health.



Parental Survey Response

In July we sent parents and carers of our school leavers a survey to complete, based on the experience of their children. The results are really very good and we wanted to share them with you.

- We asked if their child had enjoyed their time at USL – **100% answered YES**
- Has your child made good progress – **96% answered and YES 4% were unsure**
- My child has been well cared for and supported – **92% answered YES 8% were unsure**
- The school has asked for and listened to my views – **84% answered YES 12% were unsure and 4% said no**
- My child has had a good range of opportunities – **96% answered YES 4% said no**
- Incidents of bullying are low and dealt with effectively – **96% answered YES or were unsure 4% said no**
- My child has felt safe at this school – **100% answered YES**
- Staff are supportive of pupils - **96% answered YES 4% were unsure**
- School leaders manage the school well – **96% answered YES 4% were unsure**
- My child feels prepared for secondary school – **84% answered YES 8% said no and it was not applicable to 8% of our families**
- I would recommend this school - **100% answered YES**

Feedback from our families is extremely important to us and we do look at all responses. We have worked hard to ensure children feel safe at our school which the feedback from the survey confirms this. Analysing the data suggests that we do need to do more to ensure that parents and carers feel listened to.

Upton Earlies and Upton Lates

There is a lot of availability at these clubs. Children have lots of fun, its great value for money and you know that your children are in a safe and familiar environment. Book your children in via the booking forms which are on the website or available from the School Office. Look out for additional events at Upton Earlies and Lates.

Roald Dahl Day

We had a splendiferous, rumbunctious day celebrating all things Roald Dahl on Thursday. Lots of children entered the competition designing a new insect buddy to join James and the giant peaches crew. Some classes wrote their own version of James and the giant peach. We enjoyed Chef Kirby Dahlinspired menu and all the children took part in a class vote demonstrating our British Values in action and the children's favourite Roald Dahl story was... "Charlie and the Chocolate factory".

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to Abigail, Angel, Dolly P, for taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2018.



Open Air Cinema Event – 21st September

The Greatest Showman is coming to Upton Primary School this Friday 21st September at 7.30pm. You are able to get tickets via ParentPay or from the School office. All tickets are £8 each, it's a case of bringing your own chair or picnic rug, a picnic is of course optional. **The weather is looking good** too which is fabulous news, although we would suggest bringing a blanket or two. We will hopefully be selling popcorn too. This Open Air event is another first for the school and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a community event and create a fabulous atmosphere; share the event with family and friends too, the more the merrier!



If you have paid via ParentPay you will not automatically be issued with a ticket, but be ticked off a list on arrival.

All tickets are non-refundable.

Alpha Course – Opportunity

Would you like to know more about God and who loves you?

Come along to the first evening of the Alpha course which is starting on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm here at school. If you have any questions or would to book your FREE place contact Rev. James Turk on 07913051602.

Netball Club

Any children who handed back a permission slip for netball has a got a place in the club. There is still room for 4 more children so if there any children (boys and girls) who would like to participate in netball club on a Wednesday night - 3.20pm to 4.20pm - please see Mr Lewis for a permission slip.

Important – Pupil Information

Mrs Byrne sent out a message last week asking for parents and carers to notify the office of any changes to the information the school holds on your children. **It is really important** that we have the correct details including parent/carer contact details, address and telephone numbers, with at least two contacts per child. Medical information is really important too and we need you to inform us if you DO NOT wish for photographs of your child to be used in social media, (website/twitter) and the local press.

Year 2 Recipe Books from last year

There are still some recipe books left for sale in the school office. They are £5 each and are full of tasty recipes.

Violin Success



Well done to Aubrey on achieving his Grade 1 in violin recently.



Drinks and Snacks

The children are welcome to bring a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks), dried fruit (e.g. raisins, sultanas, apricots), plain breadsticks, rice cakes, oat cakes, bread and butter or cheese. **NUTS should NOT be brought into school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Crisps, sweets and chewing/bubble gum are also not allowed. Please note that snacks such as 'Fruit Winders' and 'Fruit Flakes' are high in sugar, and should not be brought for playtimes. Yo Yo Bear bars are fine, as they are just fruit.

Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable, usually eaten during the morning break.

All children should be provided with a water bottle. It is vital for children's health that they drink plenty of water during the day, and research shows that behaviour and thinking are both improved too. Replacement water bottles are available from the school office (£1.50) and they should be taken home daily for cleaning and refilling. Water bottles should be filled with water only, please. We are aware that some children are bringing flavoured water, and would remind you that these drinks contain sugar and/or artificial sweeteners. Please encourage your child to keep hydrated with water. The children have access to a supply of chilled and filtered water to refill their bottles. Fizzy drinks are not permitted.

You may be interested in visiting the Food for the Brain website at <http://www.foodforthebrain.org/>

Food for the Brain is a charity providing information about the importance of optimum nutrition in mental health. Their website includes a Brain Child Health and Diet Questionnaire which is free to complete and which you might find useful.

PTA Welcome afternoon invitation

We are working closely with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) here at school and would like to give you all more information about the benefits of an effective PTA and what it really means for the school and more importantly your children. There is research that shows that your child can benefit from your active involvement in school.

We are all part of the PTA but sometimes offers of help at events can fall a little short. Many of our PTA committee members have now left as their children have moved onto secondary school so it is really important that we can get a good network of people to help us. It is a really good opportunity to meet other families to and it can also be very sociable. Mrs Byrne and the PTA would like to welcome as many of you as possible to an event after school on Wednesday October 10th at 3.20pm. Chef Kirby will provide refreshments and the After School club team will happily provide any children with a snack and story time while you hear all about the PTA and ask any questions you may have.

Christams Fair

A date for your diary is our Christmas Fair set for Friday the 30th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Join us for Breakfast

On the last day of term – 19th October Mrs Byrne will be serving a full english breakfast for the children from 7.45am through to 8.15pm. Parents and carers are welcome to stay and have a breakfast with their children for just £2 each. If you would like to join us please let a member of the Earlies team know when you next drop your child into Upton Earlies.

Attendance

Last week's classes with the highest attendance were Y5WY and Y6S and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!



Safeguarding Training for our families

During the summer holidays you may well have received an email from Hays Online Training. The Online Safeguarding and Child Protection training is something we have decided to offer our Parents and Carers free of charge, All 'Primary contacts' from ParentPay were added to the email list, the training is of course completely optional. If you decide to do the training you will find it very interesting and useful particularly if you wish to volunteer or work with children. Originally the training opportunity was only valid until 5th September but it has now been extended by Hays which we are really pleased about. The Safeguarding and Child Protection training will cover the following modules:

Safeguarding Children

Radicalisation & Extremism

Mental Health & Wellbeing

How to keep children safe

And Online Safety

You will have an option to print certificates once you complete the assessment, Mrs Byrne is overseeing the training and will also be able to print certificates for you if you do not have access to a printer.

Mrs Byrne would be very interested in any feedback or views you may have, please email: finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk

Some of our families have already completed the training and have provided some feedback:

- *I just wanted to say I have just completed and passed the online assessment you provided. I thought it was very interesting and useful and pleased it was provided to myself and the rest of the parents.*
- *I am very interested in doing the online training you are providing I think it's a great opportunity.*
- *I believe that would be a beneficial course for any person involved with children and would be very interested in taking part.*

Welcome Assembly for new Reception Children and Parents on 1st October (Postponed)

Please note that this assembly as detailed on our 3-fold year calendar has been postponed until a later date. We will inform parents of the new date for this assembly as soon as possible.