



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 10: 19th November 2018

Dates for your diary

Class Worship

The next class worship is:

Y4M - Tuesday, 27th November at 2.40pm ready to start shortly after.

INSET Day - Monday 25th February 2019

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football

On Wednesday, 14th November the girls football team played against Kings. We got off to a brilliant start with Gemma scoring in the first 10 seconds. Gemma then went on to score 5 more, including a penalty. At full time the score was 6-0. It was a brilliant team performance. They have since found out that they are the league champions and will play next Thursday. Well done to Rosie, Roxy, Keira, Maisie, Emily, Gabriella, Halle, Brooke and Gemma.



Cross Country Report

Beaufort School –

Thursday 15th November

54 children travelled to Beaufort School to represent Upton in the inter-school district cross country competition. The top four boys and girls count for the team in each year group. Running 640m, the Year 2s were phenomenal! Summer and Jack A led the way, finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. This gave the team 2nd overall; a fantastic achievement. The Year 3s performed well with Adam L finishing 4th and Abi F 6th. In the Year 4s Beau finished 4th as the

INSET DAY – Monday 25th February 2019

No pupils in school on this date.

This is the additional 5th INSET day that had not been set previously. A reminder that there are also three other INSET days on Monday 7th January 2019 and Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd July 2019 where school will be closed for pupils.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Shurmer on becoming our latest member of the After School Club, Upton Lates Team this week. We are delighted to have her on our team and hope she will be very happy in her additional role. Mrs Shurmer will be able to engage with the children at the end of their busy school days and we are also looking forward to seeing what arts and craft activities she will bring to the club.

New children

Today we welcomed two new children in Year 3 and 5. We hope they will be very happy at our school.

Before and After School Club – Extra Places

We are delighted to inform you all that we are now able to accommodate more children at Upton Earlies and Upton Lates as we have additional staff. You are able to book the children in for Breakfast from 7.45am – 8.10am at a cost of £3 or from 8.15am for drop off only at £2 (there is an excellent selection of breakfast choices!) Our After School Club care is also extremely reasonable, the costs varies from just £5 for a 4.30pm pick up, £6 for a 5.30pm pick or £7.50 for 6pm. It's an excellent solution for working parents/carers and very useful if you need time to do a little shopping! The children get a healthy snack at the club and are able to take part in lots of different activities. Booking forms for next term are now available on our school website or via the School office.

Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings will be held tomorrow Tuesday 20th November and Thursday 22nd November. The booking system is still open on eSchools to arrange your appointment if you haven't done so already.

Data Collection Sheets – **VERY IMPORTANT!**

As you are aware, as a school we hold important data on your children. We collect and use this pupil information for the following purposes:

- **To support pupil learning**
- **To be informed in order to keep children safe**
- **To monitor and report on pupil progress**
- **To provide appropriate pastoral care**
- **To comply with the law regarding data sharing**

Correct and up to date pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use, it informs us of important medical and dietary needs such as religious observances and allergies as well as emergency contacts. Prior to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) changes, we would have sent our data collection forms home for you to check. We are changing this process this year to meet data protection requirements. At the Parent Consultation Evenings this week staff will be on hand in both the junior and infant areas with the data forms for you to check and sign as correct. The onus is on parents and carers to ensure the data we hold is correct. Should you have any queries at all or if you are unable to attend a Parent Consultation Evening, please come into the office to check the information.

boys got the lowest score of the day with 45. Jahmira led our girls home in 10th as the Year 4s also claimed 2nd out of 27 schools in attendance. Stand out performers in Year 5 and 6 were Phoebe A (11th), Lewis V (3^{ed}) and Lewis C (5th). These 3 and Beau will all go on to district training, leading up to the county championships in March. Well done to all 54 children who tried their best and finished their races.



NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Clubs tomorrow and Thursday

Due to the Parents Evenings taking place tomorrow and Thursday there will be no school run clubs taking place. The 'With the Ball' and the Upton Lates clubs will take place as usual.

Parents Evenings

Thursday's Y6S Parents Evening is taking place this Wednesday now due to the girls football match taking place.

The Y5J Parents Evenings have been cancelled this week – we will be in touch to reschedule.

Open Mornings

We had two very well attended Open Mornings this week with about 150 adults and children looking around the school! Thank you to all the staff; the school looked fabulous! Well done as well to our tour guides Lacie, Tom, Millie, Ben, Emily, Keira, Josh, Troy, Olivia, and Rosie in Y6S and Jolie, Halle, Sophie, Todd, Aimee, Leo, Alex, Vienna, Tom, Ella, Lewis C and Lewis V in Y6L who were such brilliant advocates for the school. You earn our thanks and a silver award on epraise!

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who entered our Summer Reading Challenge Competition this year and entered a book review from one of the books they'd read. These children Phoebe (Y1A), Lily (Y1A), Ryan (Y1A), Finley (Y1GT), Carmen (Y2W), Luke Butt (Y2B), Callum P (Y2B), Oliver (Y2B), Kasen (Y2B), Finley J (Y2B), Summer (Y2B), Hannah (Y3T), Isabelle T (Y6L) and Josh P (Y6S) all earn a Silver award on epraise for their efforts. Mrs Adlam and Mrs Cordall chose Chloe's and Isabelle's for a special bookmark and Luke and Josh were awarded a £5 book token. Keep up the reading children! Well done.

Readathon

If you haven't already done so please return your sponsor forms asap. We will be announcing which key stage has raised the most shortly.

Author visit

On Friday we have the author John Dougherty coming into school all day and he will be leading workshops for all our children from Reception to Year 6. He writes the "Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face" series and has just brought out a terrific picture book entitled "There's a pig up my nose!". He will also be here at the end of the day should the children wish to purchase one of his books and he will also sign them. We look forward to an engaging and inspiring visit.

The John Moore Museum

On Tuesday last week, the John Moore museum visited our Year 3 classes. They discussed animals, their diets and their habitats. The Children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Upton Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market is next Friday 30th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Raffle tickets have now come home and there are more in the office if anyone would like more. There are some great prizes:-

£50 cash

PTA Hamper

Bottle of Gin

£20 voucher, kindly donated by Morrisons

Reflexology voucher, kindly donated by Coopers Hill Therapies

£15 voucher, kindly donated by New Image Hairdressers in Tuffley

£20 voucher, kindly donated by Cedars Health & Beauty

2 cinema tickets, kindly donated by Sherbourne cinema

Family pass to Painswick Rococo Gardens, kindly donated by Painswick Rococo Garden Trust

Afternoon tea for 2 at Bowden Hall, kindly donated by Mercure Hotels

If anyone has any polar themed Christmas animals (penguins, polar bears, seals), lights, or trees for the grotto the PTA would be very grateful.

We are also looking for people willing to run a stall on the day as we still need a few more helpers and if anyone wants to run an external stall please contact Jo Reeves via email - brian4jo@sky.com. Cost of a pitch is £15.



Mathletics Competition Week

We are taking part in the November numeracy week on Mathletics this week. Please encourage your child to take part by playing on Mathletics as often as possible. The competition starts on Monday 19th November and will run until 11pm on Sunday 25th November. There are prizes for the highest scoring classes across the country. We will also be holding an internal competition in our school. Currently, every class from year 2 up has access to Mathletics so the highest scoring class out of our ten classes will win our Mathletics Minion and some extra playtime. Mathletics has a variety of different games including live races, curriculum tasks, problem solving games and songs.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need on Friday 16th November. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.



Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child, organised by the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Charity, is now in its 26th year and has seen children and adults up and down the country wrap, pack and send 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need overseas. If you would like to take part we would be grateful if you could bring in your filled shoe boxes by this Friday, 23rd November.

Celebrating Art by our very talented children



Our Chair of Governors, Mr Eley is absolutely thrilled with this beautiful piece of art work from one of our very, very talented Year 6 children.

We have a similar masterpiece in the school office too which brightens our day and another in Mr Allen's office.

We will soon be displaying more art in and around school so keep a look out!

Y1GT Class Worship

The children in Y1GT had a lovely time sharing their learning so far in Y1 with visitors recently. They sang lots of songs as well as retelling a story and reciting poetry that they have learned during their topic 'Over the hills and far away'. They also showed the visitors all of the creative work that they have completed. They were very proud that they had led a whole school worship. Well done to all the children and staff involved!

Attendance



The week before half term's class with the highest attendance was Y6L and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!