



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 6: 15th October 2018

Dates for your diary

Harvest Festivals

Juniors – 2.00pm this afternoon.

Infants – 2.00pm tomorrow, 16th October.

Parents and other family members are welcome to attend these services in school.

End of Term One

The end of Term One is this Friday 19th October at the end of the school day. Term Two starts on Monday 29th October.

Class Worship

The next class worship is for Y6S on Tuesday 30th October at 2.30pm ready to start shortly after.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football Report

League Match 2 at

Parton Manor Junior School –

Thursday 11th October



The second league match of the season started well with Lewis C captaining the side in central midfield. Our passing game was better and some great link up play saw Leo score his first goal for the team. This soon became two and Leo could have had a hat-trick before the break. The second half saw the welcome return of team captain Lewis V and we duly scored a third through the persevering Reece. We were very pleased to win 3-0 with a clean sheet for Tom, who made some important saves.

Well done to Lewis C (c), Lewis V, Reece, Tom, Alfie, Jay, Josh, Leo and Ben.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 1 of the menu

Upton St Leonards Literature Festival

We had some lovely events as part of Upton's Literature Festival. Our Book Fair was really well attended, we'll let you know the total as soon as possible. With our last book fair commission we bought some new books for our school library and Year 3 now have a set of the Iron Man which they will read as a class in their topic "Mighty Metals."

Unfortunately John Dougherty had to cancel his visit on Tuesday but will come and visit us hopefully in November.

Sibéal Pounder the author of the "Witch Wars" and "Bad Mermaids" series visited Year 3,4 and 5 on Wednesday and gave the children lots of tips on world and character building. She dressed up one member of staff and with the children voted on how she moved, her superpowers and where she might eat. Thank you Mrs Harvey for being such a good sport! On Thursday some of our classes enjoyed listening to a story in our Storytelling tent before the downpours and Year 2 had an excellent visit to "Tongue fu" at the other Literature Festival in Cheltenham.

On Friday morning Michael the storyteller helped us launch our Readathon "Read for Good" and told stories with the children's ideas in Year 1 and 2. We're running our Readathon until Monday 12th November. Year 1 - 6 have had their bookmarks and Readathon cards. This brilliant Readathon supports book trolleys and storytellers going into major hospitals all around the country including Gloucester Royal Hospital. Children with long term illness are given their own copies of a favourite book and read to. I am sure the children will respond brilliantly to this Readathon challenge.

Staff Vacancies

We are seeking new members for our Midday Supervisor team to work with infant and junior children at lunchtimes. Candidates should feel passionate about working with children. Duties involve supporting and supervising children eating their lunch, getting the hall ready for lunchtimes, supervising children when they are playing and clearing the hall at the end of the break. The role of Midday Supervisor is very rewarding and often leads to further opportunities within school. Further details are available on our school website. Mrs Byrne is happy to answer any queries regarding the post. Applications should be sent via email to finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk using the application form on our website, paper copies are also available at the School Office upon request.

Flu Immunisation for Reception, Years 1 to 5



On Friday 2nd November the Flu Immunisation Team will be coming into school to give children in Years Reception to Year 5 the flu vaccine. You should have received information last week via ParentPay regarding the flu immunisation if not please let the school office know. If you would like your child to have the flu vaccine please give your consent online via this link <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms> (their preferred option) or on the paper consent form that was sent out with the ParentPay last week.

Reception Curriculum Information Evening

Last Thursday, the Foundation Stage team gave a presentation on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum to Reception parents and carers. Thank you to all the parents who came along.



Upton Christmas Market

The date for our Christmas Market has been set for Friday 30th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas and we urge you all to come along with friends and family. There will be an array of Christmas Market stalls and the traditional, wonderfully decorated Santa's Grotto. Chef Kirby is already dreaming about the Christmas Fayre she will have on offer. Please get the date in your diaries and let the

School Office know if you are able to help at all. Only 71 sleeps until Christmas everyone ... that means only 46 sleeps until the 'Upton Christmas Market'!!

Donations will also be welcome, and Mrs Byrne would like to borrow any Christmas lights or stall decorations (Mr Kent will be able to PAT test any lights).

Non Uniform Day

This Friday, 19th October, we are holding a 'Wear it Wild' non uniform day in aid of the WWF and the PTA. Children can wear their own clothes (non-uniform) or they may like to wear wildlife inspired dress and bring a £2 donation (of which £1 will go to the World Wildlife Fund and £1 will go to the PTA).



GSP Anniversary Concert

The school choir were delighted to be part of the Gloucester School's Partnership Anniversary concert to celebrate 10 years of Gloucester Schools working together to enrich our pupils learning and experiences.

Over 35 schools took part with 8 lucky pupils from each performing at Gloucester Cathedral. The acoustics and atmosphere were incredible and pupils really enjoyed singing the songs that they have been practising for some months now, with other schools. A local composer worked with all of the pupils using online challenges to create an anniversary song bespoke to the schools of Gloucester - we will soon be introducing George Moorey's collaboration 'Start the Day with a Loving Heart' in singing assemblies. Thank you to Josh P, Melody, Caden, Ruby K, Bobbi, Harrison K, Lily L and Kyla for representing the school.



Join us for Breakfast



This Friday, Mrs Byrne will be serving a full english breakfast for the children from 7.45am through to 8.15am. 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.

Year 2 Cheltenham Literature Festival

Year 2 had a fabulous time at the Cheltenham Literature Festival. They watched a captivating group called Tongue Fu who engaged the children with songs, stories and silliness! The children contributed to the stories and songs that were performed and really enjoyed the audience participation.

Secondary School Transfer

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places for September 2019 is 31st October 2018.

Please ensure that you have either returned a paper Common Application Form or applied online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Admissions & Transfers team on 01452 3425407 or email them school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Open Classrooms

Thank you for everyone who came along to the Open Classroom event. We hope that parents/carers who attended enjoyed the opportunity to take look at their children's classroom, displays and work.

Open Days

We are holding our Open mornings for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2019 on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November. If you know anyone you think may be interested in attending please let them know.

Attendance



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