



USL Primary News **Term 5 School Newsletter 25 : 9th May 2018**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Class Worship
Y5J – 22nd May, at 9.55am and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

Tag Rugby League
Match 2 v Heron
Thursday 3rd May
 On Thursday, we played in our 2nd of 5 league games. The second half followed in much the same way with some superb rugby and the final score was 11-7 to us. Tries came from Troy (2), Rio (2), Jamie (2), Will (2) and Jonas (3). This was a great victory. Although we missed out on the bonus point for winning by 5 tries or more, we were just very pleased to beat a tricky opposition! Well done to George (c), Will, Rio, Luke W, Jamie, Thomas, Jonas (3).

HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges: **Ash** – Y1B – Jack, Kasen, Zak, Charlie, Eddie. Y1GT – Thomas, Joseph, Kyle. Y3T – Darby, Harrison, Max, Emily. **Beech** – Y1B – Charlotte, Bethany, Callum. Y1GT – Jade, Y3T – Kyla, Will. Y4WY – William. Y5J – William L. **Elm** – Y1B – Grace, Amelia E, Riley, Amelia P-S, Summer, William. Y2A – Aleksy, Michalina. Y3T – Maddy. Y5J – Lily, Alex, Thomas, Lewis. **Oak** – Y1B – Theo, Jacob. Y2A – George. Y3T – Dylan, Leo, Sienna.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you our Open the Book Team, who told "A Happy Day" in whole school worship on Friday.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week
 Week 1 of the menu

Crossing Patrol
 There will be no crossing patrol on Friday 11th and Monday 14th May at Commeline's Farm. Please

Our Governor of the week this week is Mrs Karen Mountfield

Karen is a Co-opted Governor here at Upton Primary as well as being a long serving member of staff. Karen works as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 in the mornings and delivers intervention work, specialising in Phonics each afternoon. As a governor Karen is a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and has been instrumental in ensuring that we continue to maintain the school in excellent condition and ensures that we offer a purposeful learning environment for the children. Karen has served on the Governing Body since 2011 and has just started her new term of 3 years. Karen's own children were pupils at Upton St Leonards. Karen says "I value the opportunity to give something back to the community and especially to the school my own children attended and enjoyed".



Message for all parents of Y6 and Y2 pupils doing SATs this and next week

Your child is about to sit exams, we are all keen that they do well as they possibly can, but remember.....

For every great mathematician, there is a great artist who is more interested in tone and form than squares and square roots.

For every Scientist, there is a great athlete who is more interested in physique than physics.

For every great writer is an entrepreneur who doesn't give a fig about literature.

For every great reader is a musician who plays by ear.

For every great speller is someone who will be writing their own programming language.

Tell your children they are just tests, important today, but not for ever. When they are 16/18 nobody will ask them what score they got. They are destined for bigger and better things and no matter what they do this fortnight you love them.

Neil Eley Chair of Governors

PTA Film Night

The PTA will be holding a Film Night for children in years 5 and 6 on Friday 18th May. The children can come to the school hall straight after school and there will be hot dogs for sale before the film – Paddington 2 – will be shown at 4pm. Popcorn and sweets will be on sale too – please bring a maximum of £2 for these. Please collect your children from the main entrance at 5.50pm. The children have brought home a slip to indicate if they would like a hot dog – please pay the PTA volunteers in the hall.



take extra care when crossing the road.



National Curriculum Tests – Year 6....

The Year 6 Tests take place next week. It would be really helpful if the children could have a rest this weekend, plenty of sleep and arrive on time. We will be running a FREE Year 6 Breakfast Club on Monday 14th May, Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May starting at 8.15 am. We would like to encourage all Year 6 children to take part as we believe it will provide a healthy and relaxing way to start the day with friends during an important week. It ensures the children are in school with plenty of time to start the day without a rush.

...and Year 2

Our Year 2 children will also be taking some tests during May. These will be administered in a similar way to previous years and will sit alongside our usual teacher assessments. Unlike Year 6, there is no statutory timetable for the tests, and we do all we can to ensure the children are not under any additional pressure at this time.

It's BACK!

Get Friday 6th July booked in your diaries..... Happy Circus will be at Upton.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW at Just £9 each, don't miss out get your ticket from the office!

Acts Include

Pippa – Bubble Wire/ Happy Clowns – Claptrap/ Micaela Cardona - High Cycle

Happy Clowns – Hanky Pranky/ Sergey Molchanov – Aerial Straps

The Great Fire Escape/ Duo Paramore – Adagio/ Shaun & Pippa – A Magical Moment

Mr Slinky/ Ms Svetlana - Aerial Silks/ Happy Clowns – Monkey Business

Y1B Class Worship

On Tuesday Y1B had their class assembly. The children shared all the exciting things that they got up to last term in their topic, 'Dinosaur Planet'. They shared memories of their school trip to 'All Things Wild' and read out some recounts that pupils wrote in class. As well as this, the class shared dinosaur stories that they wrote for the children in Reception. They also sang some maths songs that have helped the children to learn to count in 2s and 5s. The class loved showing their paintings of dinosaurs which were very colourful! Everyone's favourite part of the assembly was when the class sang their very own dinosaur 'Roar!' Thank you to everyone who came to watch and well done to all the children and staff involved!

The Big Pedal 2018



Well done to everybody who took part in the Big Pedal this year. It has now finished and the total number of journeys made this year by children and supporters was 956. This was a tremendous effort, especially as the weather was poor on several mornings. The winning class will be announced in assembly this Friday and the full results will be in next week's newsletter.

Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts

We travelled in the sunshine to Cheltenham filled with anticipation and excitement to take part in the Infant choir section of The Performing Arts Festival. Cheltenham Town Hall was packed as ten choirs took part and friends and families supporting us had to watch from upstairs in the gallery. The adjudicator talked about how well all the choirs had done and then talked about a choir that had taken her on a magical journey and announced us the winners!! We are extremely proud of all of our brilliant Year 2 singers. A special thank you to Mrs Cordall for organising this event and to Mrs Thomas who accompanied the choir so beautifully on the day and in the practices. We will perform to the whole school in worship at the end of the week.



Chess Success

Congratulations to Alex D on gaining a medal for achieving the highest points in a chess competition at Sir Thomas Rich's School last week.

School Lunches



Chef Kirby and her team are certainly working very hard delivering wonderful, culinary delights to the children each and every day. You will be aware that Chef created a new menu but did you know that she is now growing her own herbs and vegetables to add to the delicious home cooked meals?

Healthy Meals

The School Food Standards have been in place for school meals for many years, to ensure that school meals provide children with the balance of nutrients needed to support optimal growth, positive behaviour and learning. Research suggests that many parents mistakenly imagine that a packed lunch is the healthiest option. In fact, it is far easier to get the necessary nutrients in a cooked meal, with the School Food Plan reporting that only 1% of packed lunches meet the nutritional standards applied to school meals. Processed meats, chocolate biscuits, cereal bars and crisps continue to be popular choices in children's lunchboxes throughout the UK but the results of further research carried out by Chartwells, a school meal provider, were shocking! A packed lunch contained over 3 times the saturated fat, 3 times the salt and over 2 times the sugar of that in a home cooked school meal! Certainly food for thought!!

Forest School Sessions



Our year 5 children are currently taking part in their first forest school sessions with Mrs Lock. They are having an absolutely fantastic time, although they are going home a little muddy! One more week for year 5 and then our Year 4s get to have their turn, year 4s last did Forest School when they were in Year 2. Mrs Morris will be asking for feedback from the children and parents/carers. Please let us know your views in the forthcoming survey which will be sent out.

Debts on ParentPay

As we mentioned in the newsletter just two weeks ago, we are now taking a much stronger approach and implementing our debt policy in full. We have had many positive comments from parents/carers who are pleased to see that we are taking a more proactive approach with debts. As we said it takes a lot of time for office staff and senior management to continually chase debts it can also cause embarrassment for all involved.

We would like to thank the parents and carers who are following our procedures and offer a little **reminder that payment must be made in advance for all services offered**. We are still finding ourselves chasing debts daily. Please avoid only paying what you owe when we contact you if you are planning for your child to have a school lunch or a session in before or after school club the next day, you can avoid going immediately into debt by paying weekly in advance via ParentPay.

The Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch

Harry & Meghan



We are all aware that there is a Royal Wedding this month and we couldn't let this special date pass without a little celebration here at school; So... on Friday the 18th May we are inviting the children to...

Dress to impress in red, white & blue and join us for a picnic style Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch.

Feast on a selection of...

Filled sandwiches and wraps, Cheese straws, Sausage rolls, Cheese and pineapple, Pizza fingers, Crudities and breadsticks with hummus.

Followed by Harry and Meghan's Strawberries and Butter Cream Wedding Cake.

Bookings as usual at £2.20

(Infants are entitled to free school meals)

Please bring in £1 per child for Non-uniform Day

Upton Holiday Club

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the summer holiday club will run at Upton Primary School for two weeks in August, following the success of our trial club in April. Mrs Lock and some of our other wonderful staff will run the club with various activities Monday – Friday; 9am – 4pm for the two weeks of Monday August 6th to Friday 17th August. We already have plans for an art and a dance workshop, Forest School sessions, Multi Sports activities, and a fun 'It's A Knock-out' tournament! We will have theme days too. Prices will be £21 for a whole day and £12 for a morning only session. Booking forms will be available via the school office from June the 4th (after half term). Exciting!!



Junior Quiz



It's Quiz time again. If your child is aged 11 or below and would like to take part in one of the Junior Team Quizzes at Upton St Leonards Village Hall please see Mrs Hawksworth in school for an Entry form and further details. The Age 11 and unders will be meeting today 9th May and the Age 9 and unders will be meeting on Wednesday 16th May. Doors open 6.00pm and the quiz starts promptly at 6.30pm. Entry price is £1 per child and teams are made up of 4 children. Parents are welcome to stay or can pick up at the end at around 8.00pm. For more information: Tel: Marilyn (01452 610670) or Jackie (01452 613246).



Attendance

This week's class with the highest attendance is Y1B and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

Upton St Leonards Village Day 2018

Superheroes required for the annual village day celebrations on Saturday 16 June 1pm – 4pm. We hope that there will be lots of children to represent our school at the forthcoming 'Upton St Leonards Village Day.' We want as many pupils as possible to come along dressed as superheroes to be part of the Superheroes Parade that will take place on the day. If your child would like to take part, please notify the office so that we have an idea of the names and numbers of pupils planning to take part. Thank you.

Parking

Please would parents and carers be considerate of childrens safety and our school neighbors whilst parking. We have had many parents complain about the parking around the school, worried about the safety of the children. We would also ask that parents do not park across the driveways of local residents as we understand that residents have sometimes been blocked into their own driveways. Thank you.