



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 7: 29th October 2018

Dates for your diary

Class Worship

The next class worships are:

Y6S – was due to take place tomorrow, 30th October, this has now been **POSTPONED**. We will let you know the rearranged date when it has been finalised.

Y1GT – Tuesday, 6th November at 2.30pm ready to start shortly after.

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football News



On Thursday, 11th October, the Upton girls football team played a tournament at Oxstalls sports park where we played very well not losing a game. We played 6 games of which we drew 0-0 for three games and won 1 – 0, 3 – 0, and 2 – 0 in the others. Gemma scored all of the goals and we came joint 4th out of 13 teams. Well done to Rosie, Gabriella, Maisie, Brooke, Halle, Keira, Roxy, Emily and Gemma.

Netball News



On Tuesday 16th October, the netball team played against Elmbridge. The whole team played very well but particularly Jolie and Keira who were playing their first competitive game of netball. In the first quarter, we got into a 4-0 lead through good shooting from Alex and Gemma. We then defended very well in the second quarter, and pushed on in the final two quarters to eventually win 10-2. This was a good performance from the whole team. We passed the ball well and made the most of lots of scoring opportunities with Alex scoring some fantastic goals. The team were Jolie, Keira, Tom, Alex, Ella, Gemma and Saskia.

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



This Friday 2nd November the Flu Immunisation Team will be coming into school to give children in Years Reception to Year 5 the flu vaccine. 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 before half term.

Values for Life

This term's value is Compassion. Ideas for discussing at home accompany this newsletter and are on our school website.

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).

Elmer Day

The Reception children had an Elmer day where they came to school wearing bright colours. They listened to Elmer stories and went on a hunt for Elmer because he had gone missing! The children coloured Elmer patches and decorated Elmer with patterns! Everyone had great fun!



Girls Football News



On Wednesday, 17th October, the girls' football team played against Elmbridge Primary School. The first few minutes we got off to a great start, but out of nowhere Elmbridge scored. At half time it was 1 – 0 to them. In the second half we knew we had to up our game and didn't let any more goals in but unfortunately we didn't score any goals ourselves. We had several shots on target but the Elmbridge goal keeper saved them every time. The final score was 1 – 0. Well done to Rosie, Roxy, Keira, Halle, Gabriella, Maisie, Brooke, Emily and Gemma.

Boys Football Report

League Match 3 at Kingsway Primary School Thursday 18th October



The match of the season started really well for us with lots of possession and a goal through Jay from close range. Leo soon made it 2 -0 before Kingsway pulled a goal back. Reece then had an emphatic finish before Kingsway scored an audacious lob to make the score 3 – 2 at half time. In the second half Reece scored two further goals to complete his hat-trick and make the final score 5 -2 to us. Well done to Lewis V (c), Lewis C, Reece, Tom, Alfie, Jay, Josh, Leo and Ben.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'The Secret Baby' in the Thursday before half term.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm this Friday (2nd November) afternoon. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Harvest Festivals



Thank you to all the parents who came to the Harvest Festivals before half term and donated food for the Foodbank. We really appreciate your generosity.

Year 4 Trip to Corinium Museum

On the penultimate day of term, Year 4 travelled to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester as part of their I Am Warrior topic all about the Romans. The children experienced dressing up as Romans, playing Roman games and making mosaics. They really enjoyed seeing how Romans used to live and how they created their huge empire. Did you know that purple was a very expensive colour because it came from marine snails, which were collected by the thousands! The children took delight in exploring the museum and playing on the interactive machines. They were a credit to the school with their inquisitive questions and excellent answers.



Children in Need

On Friday, 16th November, it is Children in Need day. There will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear something spotty and bring £1 donation. Chef Kirby will be doing a special Pudsey menu for Children in Need too 😊



Secondary School Transfer

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places for September 2019 is this Wednesday 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 425407 or email them school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Please wear your poppy on Friday 9th November
Poppies are available to buy in the school office



Parents Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings are to be held on Tuesday 20th November and Thursday 22nd November. We will be setting the booking system up on eSchools very soon and will let you know when you are able to arrange your appointment.

Parent/Carer Survey

As part of our work towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) we would like to gather your views regarding your involvement in school life. The results from this questionnaire will guide Mrs Cordall and the working party of Governors and parent/carers in shaping and organising activities in school to further improve this partnership. Your views are important to us and we really appreciate the time taken to fill out this short survey by following the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JN68TNT>

The closing date is this Thursday so please do go on and fill out the survey.

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.

Disco

The PTA has organised a school disco which will take place next Tuesday, 6th November. The children in Years 1 and 2 will have their disco from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. They should bring disco clothes to school in a named bag, and will be able to change into them at the end of the school day. The cost will be £2.50 which includes a drink and a snack, and this money can be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. The children will be supervised at all times by teachers and members of the PTA, and will be taken back to their classrooms for collection by parents at 4.15pm.

Children in Years 3 and 4 will have their disco from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and so can go home to change into their disco clothes before returning to school via the main entrance and going to their classroom, where their teachers will collect their £2.50 entrance money. There will be a tuck shop selling sweets but children should bring no more than £2 for this please. The children will be dismissed from the main entrance at 5.30pm.



Gymnastics Success

Jessica P took part in a gymnastics competition in Paris before half term with her gymnastics group Severn Valley gymnastics club. They were among a large number of other groups and were awarded 1st place in their group performance. Well done!



Attendance



The week before half term's class with the highest attendance was Y3T and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

Cancellation of AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are cancelling our After School Club provision on Friday 30th November in order to accommodate our Christmas Market. If this would cause you huge issues and have already booked please discuss this with Mrs Byrne via email at finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk