



## USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 5: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Dates for your diary

#### Harvest Festivals

**Juniors** – 2.00pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Infants** – 2.00pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Parents and other family members are welcome to attend these services in school. Don't forget to add one or more of the items from the list shown in the newsletter last week to your weekend shopping trolley and give them to your children to bring to the harvest festival.

#### End of Term One

**The end of Term One is next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the end of the school day. Term Two starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Girls Football



On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, the girls football team played against Robinswood Primary School. We got off to a brilliant start with Gemma scoring 2 goals before half time. In the second half we went on to score another two goals Gemma scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Emily scored the 4<sup>th</sup>, making the final score 4 – 0 to us. Well done to Rosie, Gabriella, Maisie, Keira, Roxy, Brooke, Emily and Gemma.

#### Netball



On Friday, the netball team played their first game of the league season against a very strong St Mary's team. We found it difficult to compete with St Mary's who had clearly had a lot more experience in playing competitive netball than we had. We kept persevering and managed to score a couple of goals in the final quarter which made the final score 16-2. Well done to all seven players – Tom,



### Upton St Leonards Literature Festival

Thank you to everyone staff and children who made such a superb effort dressing up as book characters on Friday to launch our Upton Literature Festival. We had Mathildas, disco-dancing lemons, gansta grannies, stick people, and even a moonface. Well done one and all.

Our **Book Fair** was open on Friday after school and **will be open again today, tomorrow and Wednesday straight after school.** Come along and choose from a great range of fiction, non-fiction and attractive gifts and art sets - perfect for early Christmas shopping. Good for you and the school gets a super commission to spend on books.

On Tuesday the author John Dougherty is in school all day talking to all our children from Year R to Year 6. He writes the "Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face" series and has just bought out a terrific picture book entitled "There's a pig up my nose!" On Wednesday author Sibeal Pounder will be talking to Year 3, 4 and 5 about her new book in the Witch Wars series "Witch Tricks" and signing copies. On Thursday Year 2 are off to the other Literature Festival in Cheltenham for Tongue Fu, one of the UK's leading spoken word and music shows. To round off the week and launch our readathon "Read for Good" professional storyteller Michael Loader is here for the morning sharing stories in our storytelling tent. We'll also have a librarian from Matson library helping Year 3 get in the mood for their Greek Day with a myth or two.

### Reception Curriculum Information Evening

This Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, a Reception Curriculum Evening will take place at 6pm in the hall. During the Curriculum meeting, we will outline some of the learning the children will be covering this year and there will be a chance to have another look at the classrooms. This is an informal evening for parents and carers, and it is not really appropriate for children.

### Timestable Rockstars

All children from Year 2 have access to timestable rockstars. This is an online platform to support the learning of times tables. The children earn coins and can move up different 'rock star' levels to ultimately end up as a Rock Hero. We would really like the children to be using it as much as possible both in school and at home. Your support in helping children learn their times tables is greatly appreciated. Last week our 3 most improved rockstars were

- 1) Lily L
- 2) Angel
- 3) Lea

And our 3 highest coin earners were

- 1) Lily G
- 2) Harrison E
- 3) Todd

All 6 children were rewarded in Friday's worship with certificates. Who will be this week's winners? Log on to timestable rockstars and it could be you!



Alex, Abi, Saskia, Gemma, Ella and Rosie.

### Boys' Football Report



In the first league match of the season we faced Hardwicke at home. There was lots of attacking football and we saw plenty of the ball. Eventually a goal came through Lewis C, who was captain for the day. A lapse in concentration at the other end meant that Hardwicke completed a well-worked move with an excellent finish to make the score 1-1 at half time. Despite plenty of pressure from us in the second half the game remained 1-1 until the final whistle. Well done to Lewis C (c), Reece, Tom, Alfie, Jay, Josh, Leo and Ben.

### Dodgeball Tournament

On Thursday last week, 12 Year 6 pupils had a fantastic afternoon as they participated in a dodgeball tournament at X-jump. The children found it surprisingly tiring work with 10 games each for both our teams. As well as playing in a dodgeball tournament, the children also had free use of the trampoline park when they weren't playing. Our girls team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position and the boys team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position and the boys team finished in 5<sup>th</sup>. Our two teams had to play each other in one game in which the girls were victorious! Well done to all 12 children who behaved impeccably. Our children were Daylei, Daniel, Ella, Ellie, Madison, Vienna, Melody, Jasmine, Harry, Leo, Tom and Oliver.

### OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'Joseph the Prisoner' in Thursday's worship.

### NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### CLUBS

There will be no girls football club or chess club tomorrow after school due to the open classroom event taking place.


#### Menu this week

Week 3 of the menu

#### Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm today and tomorrow. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

### Golden Book

Congratulations to Lily L in Y4M whose name appears in the Golden Book this week for her amazing roman villa. 

### Blue Peter Badge



Congratulations to Lily L in Y4M on being awarded a Blue Peter badge for her kite.

### Mosaic Challenge

Well done to Lily L in Y4M, Eirwen in Y1GT and Elliott in YRL on taking part in the mosaic activity as part of the Perserverance challenge. They are displayed on a board in the Juniors.

### Year 1 Reading Volunteer

Mr Allen in Y1A is looking for a volunteer to come into school and listen to children read. If you are interested in coming into school please let him or the office know. Many thanks.

### World Mental Health Day 10<sup>th</sup> October

Don't forget that Wednesday is World Mental Health day and we are asking children to wear one yellow item to raise awareness as part of #hellyellow. They should still come into school wearing their uniform but could perhaps wear a yellow hair band, hair clip, socks, wristband, badge etc.



### Secondary School Transfer

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

Please ensure that you have either returned a paper Common Application Form or applied online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

### Open Classrooms

We would like to invite you to our Open Classrooms event tomorrow, 9<sup>th</sup> October at the end of the school day for parents of pupils in Years 1 to 6. As our youngest children have only been in school for a short time the Reception classes will not be involved in this Open Classroom event.

Please note that this event is in addition to our parent consultation meetings that will take place in November.

Once all the children have been dismissed, the external classroom doors will be closed briefly before being opened again for you to come into school with your children so that you can look at displays, walk around and informally chat with staff.

We would like the children to tell you about what they are learning and the things you can see in and around the classroom. For those of you with children in more than one year group, please start wherever you wish and keep your children with you as you move around the school.

As our Upton Lates will be taking place in the School library and in the hall these areas will be closed to parents and children.

We would ask if at all possible to leave prams or buggies on the playground or at the front of the school in order to ease congestion through the corridors and around the school.

### Open Days

We are holding our Open mornings for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2019 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Y3H and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!