



**USL Primary News** **Term 4 School Newsletter 21 : 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

<b>SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>
<b>End of Spring Term</b> School finishes on Thursday for the Easter holidays and starts back again on 16 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>OPEN THE BOOK</b>
Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told "A Dreadful Day" in whole school worship on Friday.
<b>NOTICES &amp; REMINDERS</b>
<b>Menu this week</b> Week 1 of the menu
<b>Our NEW MENU</b> The menu after the Easter holidays will start on Week 1

**Our Governor of the week this week is Mrs Val Knight**

Val is a Foundation Governor, Foundation Governors are appointed by Diocese. Val is a valuable member of our Pay and Personnel Committee and worked for over 20 years in Early Years Education, working with children and their families. As a Foundation Governor Val says "I have the opportunity to support the school and St Leonard's church. I am a member of the Open the Book team who regularly participate in school assemblies. Now retired I enjoy joining with family members to play in a local Brass band." Val has been a huge support to the school during her term as a Governor.



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**Easter Services**

Thank you for taking your Years 3 & 4 children to the church this morning. The children told and sang the story of the Three Trees. Thank you to Rev. Ingram for helping us reflect on this lovely story and its meaning at Easter time. A particular thank you to Heidi, Kyla and Phoebe who were our trees and sang solos in our service.

The next Easter services will be held as follows:-  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - 9am at Upton St Leonards Parish Church - Years 5 & 6  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - 9am in the school hall - Reception, Years 1 & 2


**Cake Sale**

The School Council, Y5 Fundraisers and the Eco Council will be holding a cake sale after school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the front of the school, weather permitting or in the School Hall. Money raised will go towards our chosen charities; Winston's Wish, James Hopkin Trust, Action Aid and Stand Up To Cancer. The Eco Council are raising funds to buy bird feeders and food for the school grounds.


We hope that you can support this event by donating any homemade or shop bought cakes to the sale - please bring your donations to Y5W classroom first thing on the day of the sale or delivery them to the School Office.

**Upton Holiday Club**

We are very excited for our first ever Upton Holiday Club which takes place on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The Circus workshop, Splats Entertainment, is looking forward to attending and we are hoping that the children and indeed the staff will learn a few new skills!! Ready Steady Bake should be fun as will jewellery making, pottery and our Forest School sessions.



**Year 6 Residential Visit**



Year 6 have had an amazing time at PGL Liddington near Swindon. The children have been kept busy from breakfast to bedtime with a huge variety of land and water based adventure activities, including raft building, treetop trail, survival skills, challenge course and giant swing. Thank you to the children for behaving so well and being a real credit to the school and to their parents. The trip is not possible without enough staff supervision and I am hugely grateful to Mr Smith, Mr Lewis, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Barr, Mrs Crabbe, Mrs Carpenter and Mrs Warren for giving up their time and working so hard to ensure the children were safely looked after and well entertained during the trip. I hope everyone has caught up on sleep now!

### **Year 1 trip to All Things Wild, Evesham**

On Wednesday the children in Year One had a fantastic day at All Things Wild. We stepped back through time and had close encounters with a range of huge dinosaurs! The children also had opportunities to hold and stroke a range of different real animals including a snake and bearded dragon. Thank you to all of the parents that came along and helped us have a brilliant day!



### **School Meals and our revised Menu**

We have slightly revised our school menu which we will be rolling out after the Easter Holidays, there are only a few changes as we have removed less popular dishes and reintroduced Chef Kirby's fabulous homemade chicken curry (a mild version) and a Burger in a Bun to name a couple of changes. Prices of the school meals will increase very slightly to £2.20 after Easter. Unlike us at Upton where we run an independent catering service many schools are part of a county contract for school meals and they will be increasing their charges to £2.36, we are very pleased that we can still manage to keep our prices low. Those of you who have eaten lunch with the children agree that the meals are certainly value for money. The new menu will be available in hard copy when we return from the Easter holidays and on our website ASAP, we will also send it out via Parent Pay.

### **Year 4 Family Lunch**

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Year 4 family members to lunch last Thursday, inviting families to lunch has certainly been something we have really enjoyed doing as a school and never tire of hearing the positive comments. Thank you to all of you who came along. Please would Year 4 families take a few minutes to complete the survey if you haven't done so already ; just follow the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9FTN9M5>

### Year 4 Performance

Last Tuesday, Year 4 performed their production of a playlist to their parents and carers. The theme of the playlist was 'Loving life' and the children choreographed their own dance routines to songs that portrayed this theme throughout. There was lots of superb singing and some eye-catching costumes were worn. Parents and carers could be seen joining in throughout and this was particularly the case for 'Celebration' at the end. Well done to all of the children for their performances and thank you to parents and carers for their support with the wonderful costumes.



### Upton Lates - Competition

This week at Upton Lates we will be running Easter themed competitions each afternoon, we have 20 Easter eggs as prizes.....



### Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance is **YRL** and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes.

The end of term highest attendance will take place in assembly on Thursday. Well done!

### Sport Relief 2018



The children have been working really hard all week to see how many miles they can walk run or jog as part of Sports Relief. On Friday the teachers gave the children extra time to do this and some children managed to keep going for an astonishing 2 miles! By the end of Friday, the whole of key stages 1 and 2 (with the exception of Year 6, who were on PGL) had travelled a total distance of 918 miles. This beat our target of 880 miles from the very top of Scotland to the bottom of Cornwall. We are all very proud of what we have achieved. It just shows what we can do when we all work hard together and in aid of a good cause too. Thank you so much to the parents and carers who have supported this by raising money at home. Can all monies please be brought into school no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Easter Egg Competition

Egg-tremely, Egg-citing Easter Egg competition! Thank you to everyone who has entered. A winner and runner up will be awarded for each year and announced on the last day of term (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March). We hope you have had lots of fun being imaginative and creative.

**Upton St Leonards  
45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Spring Show**

The Upton St Leonards Spring Show and Rent-A-Craft Stall are taking place in the Village Hall and Lady Downe Annexe on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Doors open at 2pm. Our KS1 children are taking part in the colouring competition. Please go along and support them.

There are also various other competitions your children can take part in.

**AGE 7 YEARS & UNDER**

Class 46 MAKE A COLLAGE OF A FLOWER - any media A4 size

47 MAKE A CAR – out of recycled materials

48 DRAW A PICTURE OF A DRAGON - A4 size

**AGE 8 - 16 YEARS**

Class 49 DESIGN & DRAW A COVER FOR YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK.

50 A COLLAGE OF A GEOMETRIC SHAPE. – use recycled materials - A4 size.

**ANY AGE GROUP**

Class 51 SOMETHING I HAVE MADE - any media

52 CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES – 6 COOKIES – to given recipe found on entry form sent out last week

**UP TO AGE 16 YEARS**

Class 53 A PHOTOGRAPH I HAVE TAKEN – ‘MY BEST FRIEND’

**Good luck! An entry form is attached.**

Please contact Marilyn Bannister on 01452 610670 for more details. For the Rent-a-Craft stall contact Jackie Lord. Tel: 613246.

