



USL Primary News

Term 4 School Newsletter 22: 25th March 2019

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Worship

Next Class Worship: **Tomorrow, 26th March, Reception classes.**

All class assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2.40pm and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Easter Services:

Monday 1st April, 9am at church – Y6S/Y5J/Y4M/Y3H.

Tuesday 2nd April, 2pm at school – Reception/Years 1 & 2.

Wednesday 3rd April, 9am at church – Y6L/Y5WY/Y4P/Y3T.

SPORTS NEWS

Quick Sticks Hockey

Last Thursday, our Quick Sticks hockey team took part in a pre-season tournament at Ribston Hall. It was an action packed event with a total of 8 games being played. The match pace was fast, and our children worked well together building teamwork and improving skills. The squad put in a confident performance, although we didn't go through to the next round. Well done everyone!!

Mrs Harvey will be running a hockey club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 during the Summer Term. A letter will be sent out after Easter.



HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges: **Elm** – Y5WY - Poppy P. **Oak** – Y5WY - Finlay J.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are tomorrow, Tuesday 26th March and this Thursday 28th March. The booking system is still open on eSchools to arrange your appointment. Visit our school website and log in:

www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk

Your log in will be your first name.surname and a four digit code.

Year 6 Residential Visit



Year 6 have had an amazing time at PGL Boreatton Park near Shrewsbury. The children have been kept busy from breakfast to bedtime with a huge variety of land and water based adventure activities, including raft building, canoeing, rifle shooting, archery, fencing, aeroball, zip wire 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 Barr, Mrs Hawksworth, Mrs Carpenter and Miss Freeman 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!

End of Term Cooked Breakfast Treat

On Friday the 5th April Mrs Byrne will be taking over the kitchen to serve up a cooked breakfast at Upton Earlies. The breakfast will be served from 7.45am – 8.10am and parents are invited to tuck in too at a cost of £1.50 each, payment should be made in advance via parent pay to secure your breakfast.



Children attending the breakfast club will be charged the usual rate.

Mr Eley, our Chair of Governors loves to wear his chef's hat on these occasions too!

Wellness Day

On Wednesday, we had a wellness day in school. Harri came into school and lead a whole school assembly that was very different to usual! All of the children got moving and learnt some great ways to get active that don't require much space. Children learnt about the importance of being active but also about the importance of having time to relax and be thoughtful - or mindful. Harri performed an assessment on 4P, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 all took part in wellness sessions of their own. We hope that the children enjoyed it.

Fun Quiz and Race Night

We are holding another one of our very successful Fun Quiz and Race Nights this Saturday 30th March from 7.00pm to 10.30pm. Teams are a maximum of 7 (Ages 12+), with the price of £7 per person including a ploughman's supper. Proceeds from this event will go towards school funds. We are also hoping to hold a Raffle and Bottle Tombola on the evening. Any donations would be very gratefully received. These evenings have previously been great fun, so please support us in making it the best one yet! Tickets are on sale now from the school office.



Race Night



Clubs

There is no Girls' Football Club or Chess Club tomorrow after school due to the Parents Evenings taking place.

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol the afternoon of -
March – 29th at Commeline's Farm.
Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Family Lunch

Thank you to all the Year 1 and 2 parents who came into school to have lunch last week. We hope you all enjoyed it.



As you will be aware from previous newsletters, this term we have been raising pupils' awareness of diversity and equality through a range of Inclusion assemblies and class based activities. This has included visits by professionals from outside agencies, for example Gloucestershire Young Carers and Gloucestershire County Council's Autism Team.

Last week we were visited by Jacki Tappin, from Gloucestershire County Council's Advisory Teaching Service, who is a Communication and Interaction Specialist. She spoke to the children about Autism and all the ways in which children with Autism are unique and special, some of the things that they can find 'a little trickier than others', as well as all of the ways in which others can help them from time to time.

With this in mind, as a school we have decided to raise the profile of Autism Awareness Week next week (Week beginning 1st April 2019). In doing so, we aim to symbolise the idea of everybody being unique.

Throughout the week, we will be creating a whole school display using differently designed jigsaw pieces- every piece unique and designed by each child, in their own way, to express their individuality with the theme of **'We are all unique, but together we are a masterpiece'**.

Class teachers have also been sent a range of activities which they can complete in their classrooms linked to individuality, being special, and Autism.

Look out for our new display next time you are in school!



Book Sale

We will be having a fiction book sale for parents and carers at the front of school on Friday 5th April at the end of the school day.

A Mother's Day gift from us to you



We understand how busy it is being a mum, squeezing in jobs and appointments and day to day chores. Our lovely children need their mums so it is really important that routine health checks aren't missed. Cervical screening tests are falling, so to help you find the time to have this

vital, preventative test done we at **Upton St Leonards Primary School are offering all our mums one hour of free after school childcare.**

Simply book your cervical screening appointment and inform the office so that we can book a place in Upton Lates for your child/children. We want to look after you, so that you can continue to look after your loved ones.



Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs

Don't forget that our Easter holiday club will run on Monday 8th through to Thursday 11th April 2019.

Booking forms are now available from the office. This is your last opportunity to book a place for your child.

New Menu

We are absolutely thrilled to be able to showcase our new menu which will be available to the children when they return after the Easter holidays. The menu, once printed will be issued to all of our children and be available from the school office. Chef Kirby and Mrs Byrne have done lots and lots of research on food standards, nutrition, other school menus and gathered Jamie Oliver's views in order to produce the lovely choices on offer.

We are very excited too that we are the first primary school in Gloucestershire to include Vegan options. Veganism isn't about to slip from the national agenda and as a recent poll revealed, one third of Brits are trying to reduce their meat intake. As many of you will be aware, every January now becomes the month of Veganuary, in which people eliminate all meat, fish, dairy and eggs from their diet. The initiative, launched in 2014, seeks to encourage people to try a vegan diet, stating that "Veganism is one of the most effective choices a person can make to reduce the suffering of animals, help the planet and improve personal health." As it is also so good for the environment it will help us on our way to becoming an Eco school. We will soon be inviting our families into school to try our new, very tasty dishes, we have trialed all of them in school ourselves and can assure you that they are superb!!



Year 1 Phonics

We had a great response from our Year 1 parents and carers who joined us on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday last week to learn and watch as their children took part in a phonics session. The children demonstrated their phonic knowledge and then played games and activities, playing with words and sounds. Afterwards in the hall we discussed the phonic screening check the children will take in June and looked at resources and ideas that parents can support with at home. We had some lovely feedback from parents including:

"I found the session really helpful. It was lovely to be able to come in to the class to see the children at work. I will use the tips to help (my child) to practice at home"

"I enjoyed watching (my child) learn in class and be a part of her activities. I especially enjoyed learning about "alien" words~" and "split digraphs". I gained a lot of insight into phonics as a whole :-)"

Thank you to all the staff involved in planning and delivering these session and to Chef Kirby for providing refreshments in the Hall.

Big Pedal 2019

This year's Big Pedal starts today (Monday 25th March) and will finish on Friday 5th April. Please try to cycle, scoot or walk to school as much as possible during the fortnight. The total number of journeys made will be calculated and there will be a prize for the winning class. The Big Pedal website will also show the totals for all schools who have entered this year. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates and please try to take part. It would be great to have a reduction in traffic and pollution in the immediate area around the school. Please remind your child to wear a helmet. Thank you.





Easter Egg Hunt

There is an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 6th April from 1pm – 3pm – starting and finishing at Upton St Leonards Primary School. Entries cost £3 per child and all entries win a prize. Refreshments will be available in the school hall.

Y2W Class Worship

Year 2W wowed their family with some amazing artwork in their class assembly. The children showed the self-portraits that they had drawn using oil pastels and pencils as well as a mod-roc masterpiece. They also showed off their knowledge of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a famous engineer who has truly caught their imagination and interest. Thank you to all family and friends who came to watch.

Chess News

Well done to the 11 players who took part in the Gloucester Primary Schools Annual Congress at Tommies yesterday. 33 players took part from different schools in Gloucester. Maddy D was the Best Girl and joint overall champion and Sophie W and Aubrey were equal 3rd. Sophie H and Lily R won controller medals for their efforts, playing well and trying really hard. Upton won the best team shield. Well done!



Parking



Attendance

This week's class with the highest attendance was Y1GT and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!



**Upton St Leonards
46th Spring Show**

The Upton St Leonards Spring Show and Rent-a-Craft Stall are taking place in the Village Hall and Lady Downe Annexe this Saturday, 30th March. Doors open at 2pm. Our KS1 children are taking part in the colouring competition. Please go along and support them.

**World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Earth Hour 2018
Saturday 30th March - Lights out at 8.30pm**



Eco tip of the week

Use LED light bulbs

Not only do LED light bulbs last longer than conventional bulbs, they're far more efficient too! This means that you'll be using less power and having to replace your light bulbs less frequently – everyone's a winner! What's more, they're available in a range of brightnesses and designs so you can really tailor the lighting to your needs or to suit the room.

