



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 2: 16th September 2019

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week
Week 3 of the menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm next week from 23rd September to 27th September inclusive. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school next Tuesday 24th September. Families will be able to have group photographs done in the morning from 8.30am. Classes will be taken to the hall throughout the day for individual and sibling photographs.

Upton Holiday Club

We are delighted to announce our holiday club dates for the academic year.

Easter Club : 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th April 8.30am – 5pm

Summer Holiday Club: 27th July – 7th August 8.30am – 5pm

Feedback from our Summer Holiday club was absolutely fantastic! Again, this is due to the wonderful staff who put everything into making it an enriching experience for the children. Here is some of the feedback we received from our parents and carers...

- *It's great, lots of crafty things for my daughter to do. She loved the slime making especially.*
- *Knowing that that the children know the staff is very reassuring as they feel safe and comfortable.*
- *Excellent supervision & a good variety of things to do*
- *Excellent, my son came home tired every time after a day full of activities. He did some lovely work and many of the activities taught him things I wouldn't have done before, like making his own board game. It was so reassuring as a parent who has to work during the summer holidays to know he was cared for so well and fully stimulated, without me having to feel guilty for putting him in holiday club when others are off with parents or away on summer holidays. I felt it was such an affordable and fair price too, I fully appreciate all that was done by everyone involved....almost don't want to tell too many people in case we can't get in another time! Thank you*
- *Really impressed, both my children have loved it*
- *Thank you so much- the holiday club was invaluable to me- I could go to work knowing the kids were being entertained and seeing their friends- brilliant!*
- *It is a definite need, and would like to see it continue.*
- *A lot of effort had obviously gone into organising the activities and my son thoroughly enjoyed himself.*
- *Incredibly helpful for working parents during the long summer holidays, having a further option to help with childcare! Thank you*
- *My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed holiday club this is her first time, I will definitely book her in for more if this will be a continuous thing.*
- *I thought the summer club was so thoughtfully planned out. The activities were varied and suited to everyone. William had the best time and was racing down the corridor to get to the hall. He had a fantastic time, the staff are wonderful - what would we do without them!*
- *The clubs run by the school are always great for the children. I can happily go to work knowing she's safe and cared for.*
- *Lovely staff, friendly caring and fun! My daughter had a brilliant time.*
- *As a working parent this is a god send. It's good value for money plus knowing that my daughter knows the staff and also knows her friends will be there means she loves going.*
- *My son loves it and wanted to come more days than he needed to. The kids clearly had loads of fun and the activities were different and engaging. He came home exhausted but happy. Thank you so much.*
- *Thank you to all the staff involved as it was easy to see how much thought and effort had gone into planning the range of activities- enjoy the rest of the holidays*

National Teaching Assistants' Day



Today is National Teaching Assistant's Day and we held a special assembly in school this morning to show our appreciation to all of our Teaching Assistants in school and to thank them for their incredible commitment, dedication and hard work in supporting the teachers and children in school with their learning. As well as presenting our TAs with cards and letters, the children also sang a special song thanking all the TAs in our school for their help. Congratulations also to Mrs Carpenter who was presented with a special certificate from Gloucestershire County Council to celebrate 25 years continuous service in our school. What an amazing achievement! Well done and thank you Mrs Carpenter!

Christmas Shopping Childcare Club

We are thrilled to offer our families the opportunity to do some child free Christmas Shopping. Our wonderful Earlies and Lates team will be in school on Saturday the 30th November from 9.30am – 4.30pm offering a wealth of activities for you children whilst you hit the high street. ParentPay is now open for bookings and is on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis, as we will need to ensure that we are staffed accordingly for adult child ratios. The cost for the day is £21 and will include all activities and snacks; however a packed lunch will need to be provided.

Family Lunch Invitation

We are absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to invite our families in to share lunch with their children and have the following dates for your diaries, a letter will be sent out this week too.

Year 4 Families invited on Wednesday 2nd October 1pm

Year 6 Families invited on Thursday 10th October 1pm

We hope that this allows enough time to make any necessary arrangements. Chef Kirby and Mrs Byrne are sorting dates to accommodate all year groups. Please keep an eye on the newsletters.

Important – Pupil Information

Please notify the office of any changes to the information the school holds on your children. **It is really important** that we have the correct details including parent/carer contact details, address and telephone numbers, with at least two contacts per child. Medical information is really important too and we need you to inform us if you DO NOT wish for photographs of your child to be used in social media, (website/twitter) and the local press.

Wanted!

If you have any unwanted toy play food, prams or dolls at home, the Reception classes would love to have them for their outdoor play area. Thank you.

Drinks and Snacks



The children are welcome to bring a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks), dried fruit (e.g. raisins, sultanas, apricots), plain breadsticks, rice cakes, oat cakes, bread and butter or cheese. **NUTS should NOT be brought into school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Crisps, sweets and chewing/bubble gum are also not allowed. Please note that snacks such as 'Fruit Winders' and 'Fruit Flakes' are high in sugar, and should not be brought for playtimes. Yo Yo Bear bars are fine, as they are just fruit.

Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable, usually eaten during the morning break.

All children should be provided with a water bottle. It is vital for children's health that they drink plenty of water during the day, and research shows that behaviour and thinking are both improved too. Replacement water bottles are available from the school office (£1.50) and they should be taken home daily for cleaning and refilling. Water bottles should be filled with water only, please. We are aware that some children are bringing flavoured water, and would remind you that these drinks contain sugar and/or artificial sweeteners. Please encourage your child to keep hydrated with water. The children have access to a supply of chilled and filtered water to refill their bottles. Fizzy drinks are not permitted.

You may be interested in visiting the Food for the Brain website at <http://www.foodforthebrain.org/>

Food for the Brain is a charity providing information about the importance of optimum nutrition in mental health. Their website includes a Brain Child Health and Diet Questionnaire which is free to complete and which you might find useful.

Christmas Fair

A date for your diary is our Christmas Fair set for Friday 6th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Upton Earlies and Lates

We are overwhelmed by the popularity of our before and after school clubs, our families find it such a help with childcare and we are delighted to offer such a facility.

Popularity does however mean that we will need to ensure bookings are made in advance. Please ask at the School Office or at the 'Earlies' or 'Lates' Club if you require a booking form, we may not always be able to accommodate last minute bookings.

We are very thankful to have such dedicated staff running these Clubs. Our aim is always to make the Clubs appealing to the children.



Attendance

Last week's classes with the highest attendance were Y2W and Y5J and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!