



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 9: 12th November 2018

Dates for your diary

Class Worship

The next class worship is:

Y4M - Tuesday, 27th November at 2.40pm ready to start shortly after.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball News



On 2nd November the Upton netball team played a match against Huntley Primary School. It was the 3rd game of the season and we won 7 -3. Huntley chose Tom P as our player of the match. Well done to Tom, Alex, Gemma, Jolie, Saskia, Keira and Ella.

Girls Football



On Wednesday, 7th November, the girls football team played against Abbeymead. We got off to a great start with Brooke scoring, it was 1-0 to us, but after a few minutes Abbeymead scored and it was 1-1 at halftime. In the second half we knew we had to up our game so after a few minutes Gemma went on to score 2 more. At full time the score was 3 – 1 to us. We did extremely well. Well done to Rosie, Roxy, Brooke, Gabriella, Maisie, Emily, Keira, Halle and Gemma.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story of 'The Long Journey' last Thursday.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 1 of the menu

Meet our new Governor, Mrs Gill Howell

Gill is a Foundation Governor, Foundation Governors are appointed by Diocese. Gill is also a member of our Pay and Personnel Committee. Gloucester born and bred, until retirement four years ago, Gill was a day matron at a Cheltenham boarding school. Gill, who lives locally in Abbeymead, has had one grandson pass through Upton Primary and currently has her other grandson in Reception class. Gill says, "As a regular worshipper at Upton St Leonards Church, I am looking forward to using my time to help the development of this wonderful school". As a school we are really looking forward to working with Gill. Welcome aboard.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Horne on becoming our latest member of the Midday Team this week. We are delighted to have her on our team and hope she will be very happy with us. The role of Midday Supervisor is a very rewarding one. They are able to engage with the children and enhance their lunch time experience.

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.

Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings will be held next Tuesday 20th November and Thursday 22nd November. The booking system is still open on eSchools to arrange your appointment. To log in, go to the school website and click onto the 'Log in' icon in the top right hand corner of the page. Your username will be yourfirstname.surname and your password will be 4 digits (if you cannot remember your password please contact the school office and we can re-set it for you).

Upton Christmas Market



The date for our Christmas Market is Friday 30th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Last week, your child should have brought home some raffle tickets. There are some great prizes:-
 £50 cash
 PTA Hamper
 Bottle of Gin
 £20 voucher kindly donated by Morrisons

Reflexology voucher kindly donated by Coopers Hill Therapies
 £15 voucher kindly donated by New Image Hairdressers in Tuffley
 £20 voucher kindly donated by Cedars Health & Beauty
 2 cinema tickets kindly donated by Sherbourne cinema

We are also looking for people willing to run a stall on the day as we still need a few more helpers and if anyone wants to run an external stall please contact Jo Reeves via email - brian4jo@sky.com. Cost of a pitch is £15.

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. There is no need to book just turn up at either 9.30am or 10.30am on one of those days.

Children in Need

This Friday is Children in Need. We would like the children to wear something spotty for £1. We also will be holding Key Stage fundraising opportunities.

In Reception and Key Stage 1 the children have an opportunity to try to win a teddy bear. It is 50p a go and all the children have to do is choose a name for the bear.

In Key Stage 2 the children will have an opportunity to take part in a quiz. It will contain 10 general knowledge questions and we would like them to write a message about how our value of compassion links to Children in Need and what it means to them. There will be a winner for the quiz from each class and they will win a hot chocolate with Mr Allen! The winners from each Key Stage will be announced to the children on Monday 19th November and in next week's newsletter.

To get involved with the Children in Need community we will join in with the live duck race and the winning class will win an extra Forest School session this term. The winning class will also be announced in next week's newsletter.

Chef Kirby is also preparing a special Pudsey lunch:-

Children in Need – Special Pudsey Lunch

Bangers and Mash

Or

Pudsey's Pesto Pasta

Served with

Blush Bears beans or spotty veg medley

Or

Jacket potato with beans or cheese

And to follow

A Pudsey Bear Biscuit

(The process of ordering and payment will not change)



Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child, organised by the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Charity, is now in its 26th year and has seen children and adults up and down the country wrap, pack and send 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need overseas. This year we are taking part and a leaflet was sent home on Friday so if you would like to take part we would be grateful if you could bring in your filled shoe boxes by next Friday, 23rd November.

Remembrance



On Friday we marked Armistice Day in whole school worship. Our School Captains helped to lead the service with Mrs Cordall. In the assembly, the names of the 37 people from Upton St. Leonards who gave their life during the Great War 1914-18 were read aloud.

Autism Awareness

All the Teaching staff and Teaching Assistants will be attending Level 1 Autism Awareness Training in a twilight training session after school on Monday 19th November. The training will be provided by the Advisory Teaching Service (ATS) for Gloucestershire.

Disco



The PTA would like to thank all the parents who helped at the two school discos last week. It was lovely to have such great support and the committee really appreciated it. The children had a fantastic time and we raised lots of money to support the school.

Attendance



The week before half term's class with the highest attendance was Y3H and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!