



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 4: 1st October 2018

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Tournament



On Tuesday, 7 children from Years 5 & 6 competed in a pre-season netball tournament at Denmark Road School. This was the first game of the year for the team and they performed incredibly well given how little preparation time they have had. The children played 8 games and the day was designed to improve their knowledge and understanding of the rules before starting league games next week. With some very impressive shooting from all 7 children, we actually managed to win all 8 games! Well done to Saskia, Abi, Tom, Alex, Ella, Gemma and Rosie.



Girls Football Team



On Wednesday 26th September the Girls Football Team played their first match against St Peters Primary School. We got off to a great start with Gabriella scoring the first goal, not long after this St Peters also scored making it 1-1 at half time. In the second half we knew we had to up our game, so with some great play from the rest of the team, Gemma went on to score 4 more goals making the final score 5-1 to us. Well done to Rosie, Emily, Gabriella, Brooke, Maisie, Roxy, Keira, Halle and Gemma.

School Responsibilities

We work hard to encourage the children to develop responsibility for their learning, their behaviour, their possessions and for day to day organisation. All children will have opportunities in class to perform various responsible tasks. In addition, we have some special responsibilities that are taken on by some children. The **School Captains and Vice Captains** have been chosen by interview. At the beginning of term, a job description was given to the Year 6 children, and they were invited to complete an application form if they were interested in being considered for the role. We were delighted that 15 children felt that they would like to apply and they were invited to prepare a presentation called, 'Why Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School is important to me'. Interviews were held today, and we were greatly touched by the effort that the candidates put into their preparation. Well done and thank you to all the children who applied. All candidates will receive a gold award and will enjoy meeting with Mr Allen and Mrs Cordall in the near future for hot chocolate in Mr Allen's room.

School Captains

School Captains: Jolie Roberts and Tom Podmore
Vice Captains: Lewis Chance and Lacie Baber-Smith

Harvest Festivals



We will be celebrating our Harvest Festivals in a couple of weeks. This year the Services will take place in our school hall again. The Juniors (Years 3-6) will be holding their Harvest Festival on Monday 15th October at 2.00pm. The Infants will hold their Harvest Festival on Tuesday 16th October at 2.00pm. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the services. The children are invited to bring a donation of food for the Gloucester Food Bank. There are people living locally who are finding it difficult to manage at the moment, and this is a really practical way in which we can offer our support. If you could please add one or more items from this list to your weekend shopping trolley and then give it to your child to bring to the Harvest Festival, it would be greatly appreciated.

Items urgently needed:

- Long Life Fruit Juice (not chilled)
- Tinned Cold Meat e.g. corned beef/ham
- Packets of Mash/ Savoury Rice/ Noodles/ Pasta 'n' Sauce
- Tinned Fish
- Cup-a-Soup
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Toothpaste and Brushes (single)
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo

Reception Curriculum Information Evening

Next Thursday, 11th 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.

**Boys Football Team
ESFA Cup Finals Report
Oxstalls Sports Park
Thursday 27th September**



The team were in a group of four with the top two to go through. Our first match was against Hempsted and we played well throughout. Despite having most of the possession, we could not score and the game finished 0-0. Our second game was again close fought but we lost 2-1 to Linden with Josh scoring the goal. Another close game followed, this time against Field Court, where it was again 0-0. All of this meant that we did not progress and faced a play-off match against Coney Hill. Despite Lewis Chance hitting the bar, the game was once again 0-0. Despite a frustrating afternoon, the boys had done very well to qualify for finals night and look forward to the season ahead. Well done to Lewis V (c), Lewis C, Tom, Reece, Jay, Alfie, Josh and Todd.

OPEN THE BOOK

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

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm again this week and next to 9th October inclusive. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Alpha Course – Opportunity



Would you like to know more about God and who loves you? Come along to the first evening of the Alpha course which is starting this Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm here at school. If you have any questions or would to book your FREE place contact Rev. James Turk on 07913051602.

Blue Peter Badge

Congratulations to Charlie and Sydney on being lucky enough to be awarded a limited edition Blue Peter badge recently.



School Photos



You will have received photo proofs home last week from Tempest Photographers. Please can orders be returned to the school office by this Friday, 5th October.

Upton St Leonards Literature Festival



To launch our festival this Friday 5th October we would like the children to dress up as a book character, they will find out about our readathon and the events taking place next week. We are being visited by two authors – John Dougherty on Tuesday 9th October and Sibéal Pounder on Wednesday 10th October. John will be doing sessions with the children across the school from Reception to Year 6 and Sibéal will be talking to Years 3 and 4 about both her 'Bad Mermaids' and 'Witch Wars' series. 'Witch Tricks' is Sibéal's sixth book in the series and children can purchase it ahead of her visit for **£6.00** (it usually costs £6.99 but we have been given a slight discount) and Sibéal will sign it on the day.

Chef Kirby will also be preparing a special menu for the day:-

Curious George's Monkey madness ham pizza

OR

Winnie the witches magic flea's homemade Macaroni Cheese

Served with Lola's greendrops from Greenland

OR

BFG's giant jacket potatoes served with Jack's magic beans or grated moon cheese

To follow:-

Charlie Bucket's winning chocolate chip and golden ticket cookies

Add a little colour to your plate with Elmer's colourful crudities and Handa's fruity surprise platter

World Mental Health Day 10th October

Don't forget that 10th October is World Mental Health day and we are asking children to wear one yellow item to raise awareness as part of #helloyellow. They should still come into school wearing their uniform but could perhaps wear a yellow hair band, hair clip, socks, wristband, badge etc.



Reception Class Blog

The Reception classes' blog has been updated with photos from the children's first 2 weeks in school - and we would love any comments you would like to add! There is a link to the blog on the home page of our school website: www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk.

Design a Christmas Card

Your child should have brought home an A4 sheet of paper on which to create a design for a Christmas Card along with an order form recently. The Christmas Card designs can be professionally printed and purchased at £5.50 for a pack of 12 cards bearing your child's name on the back as the designer. Any additional packs can be purchased for £4.50 (Samples are available for you to view.) Every pack ordered raises £1.00 for the school. Please read the artwork guidelines printed on your child's order form. Most art materials can be used, but colour pencils, white or silver attached to a white background and photographs are not recommended. The bolder the design the better the effect! For further inspiration go to www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and view their gallery. **Important details must not be placed within 5mm of the edge of the paper.** If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have a few spare order forms! Artwork must be attached to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work. All orders must be returned by this **Friday, 5th October**. Cheque payments should be made out to UPTON ST LEONARDS PTA.

Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print. Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.



Open Classrooms

We would like to invite you to our Open Classrooms event on Tuesday 9th 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.

Attendance



Last week's classes with the highest attendance were Y1A & Y2B and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!