



USL Primary News

Term 1 School Newsletter 1: 10th September 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates before Half Term:-
13th September – Roald Dahl Day
15th September – Grammar School Tests
21st September - Open Air Cinema Event – 7.30pm
25th September – Individual/Family School Photos
5th – 11th October – Upton St Leonards School Literature Festival and Book Fair
9th October – Open classrooms – 3.25pm
11th October – Reception Curriculum Evening – 6pm
2.00pm 15th October - Juniors Harvest Festival in school
2.00pm 16th October - Infants Harvest Festival in school
22nd October – Start of Half Term

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming News

Congratulations to Chloe C on completing her 800m, 1000m and a mile distances in swimming recently.

Motocross

Well done Harley on being awarded a trophy for coming in the top 10 of a motocross competition.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol at Commeline's Farm tomorrow afternoon and also from 26th September to 9th October inclusive. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Lost Property

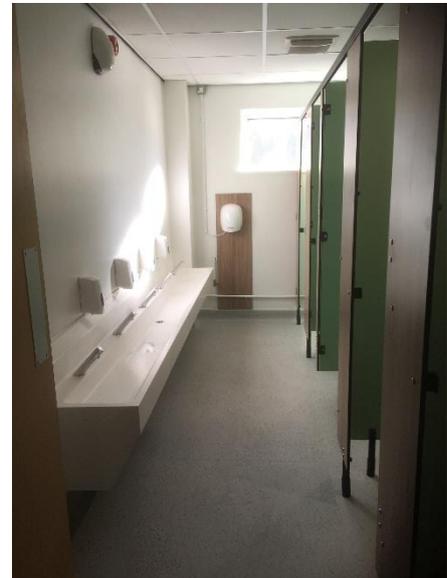
There is lots of lost property in the lost property bin including trainers. Please do have a rummage through this week. Anything left at the end of the week will go in the clothes bank.

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to school for the new year, and special welcome to all the new members of our school community. Tomorrow the Reception children are starting and we have new children in Years 3 and 5. We hope they will be very happy with us.

Toilet Refurbishment

Those of you who follow us on twitter @USLSchool would have seen the toilet refurbishment project taking shape over the summer. We are absolutely thrilled that all of the children's toilets have undergone a major refit and are not only looking fabulous but were finished ahead of time. Redwell Construction really did do a great job.



Upton Earlies and Upton Lates

There is a lot of availability at these clubs. Children have lots of fun, its great value for money and you know that your children are in a safe and familiar environment. Book your children in via the booking forms which are on the website or available from the School Office.

Open Air Cinema Event – 21st September



The Greatest Showman is coming to Upton Primary School on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm; You are able to get tickets via ParentPay or from the School office. All tickets are £8 each, it's a case of bringing your own chair or picnic rug, a picnic is of course optional.

We will hopefully be selling popcorn too. This is another first for the school and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a community event and create a fabulous atmosphere, share the event with family and friends too, the more the merrier!

All tickets are non-refundable.

If you have paid via ParentPay you will not automatically be issued with a ticket, but be ticked off a list on arrival.

PGL 2019

The 3rd instalment of £90 for the Year 6 PGL trip is due today, 10th September. If you haven't already done so we would be grateful if you could make your payment.

This Term's Value

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Perserverance

Ideas for discussing at home accompany this newsletter and are also on our school website.

Forest School



Our Year 1 children start their Forest School sessions this week. They had a fabulous time doing Forest Schools when in Reception and they are all really looking forward to doing some outside learning.

Summer Holiday Club – What a Success



Mrs Byrne is thrilled to inform you all that the Holiday Club was a HUGE success, we had lots going on; during the first week Ritchie Ball did sessions of handball, football and rounder's and Mrs Gardiner ran an art workshop each morning.

There were several Forest Schools sessions and Miss Croker coached some Cheerleading. During the second week the themed days were very popular. We had sand for Beach Day which was a hit with the children. Pirate Day was especially exciting and children had to walk the plank. The Alpacas were just delightful and Miss McCrudden dance classes were amazing.

We would like to thank everyone who came along for supporting the club. The feedback from the survey was wonderful to read:

- *Both my girls really enjoyed especially when one thought they wouldn't! Great range of activities. You have done a great job definitely use again. Thank you*
- *I think it's great and feel safe in knowing they are settled and happy*
- *Brilliant concept, loved having the choice to send my child! Good value for money also*
- *"Mummy, I bursting love holiday club, I love playing with my friends and making stuff. I have so much fun"*

We will CONTINUE to offer this service during Easter and the Summer holidays, details below. Please forgive us for having a break ourselves though during shorter holidays.

Future Holiday Clubs

Following the success of our trial holiday club at Easter and the Summer Club which ran for two weeks in August we are delighted to inform you that this facility will continue.

We will run the club during the **Easter** school holiday for 4 days Monday 8th through to Thursday 11th April 2019 and **Summer Camp** will run over TWO weeks in August from Monday 5th August through to Friday 16th August. We will inform you when booking forms become available, but we wanted to give as much notice as possible to help with your planning.

Our own Literature Festival and Book Fair

In October we will be holding our own literature festival! We are inviting authors to visit the school and we will be holding another Book Fair which was very popular last term. Children and staff will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday October 5th, our Festival Launch day. More information will become available over the next few weeks.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – After School

Clubs will be available week commencing the 17th September.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 25th 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.

Roald Dahl Day – Thursday 13th September

We are looking forward to Roald Dahl Day this Thursday 13th September, especially Chef Kirby's delumptious menu - sorry no frobscottle on this occasion! Some children will be taking part in the live webcast which is based this year on James and the Giant Peach. There's a great competition, and lots of other Roald Dahl themed activities the children can get involved with. We would like children to have a think about all the Roald Dahl stories and which one might be their favourite. If they would like to bring their favourite into school on the day, please ensure it is named. We are not dressing up on this occasion but looking ahead to Friday 5th October, the launch of Upton's Literature Festival, we are inviting children to dress up as a book character. It should be a Glorumptious and Wondercrump day!

**Scrumptious Sausages
Or Sophies' Quorn Sausgae
With Matildas Mash, Augustus Gloops Gravy
And Oompa Loompa Vegetables**

The Pelly's Jacket Potatoes
With Roald Dahls Ratatouille or
The enormous Crocodiles grated cheese

Willy Wonkas Chocolate pudding
with Georges marvelous pink medicine sauce

Esio Trots crudities
And Jane's giant fruit platter

Request for Toys

Year 1 are looking for a donation or two of a plastic tea set if anyone had one to spare, this will be really useful in their role play area.

Many thanks to Charlotte in Y5 for donating her unused dolly and cot, the infants will love it.

Transfer to Secondary School

Year 6 should have received letters today giving information about applying for secondary school. Important dates are:

September - October - Schools/academies open days/evenings – please check each school's website for times and dates.

From **3rd September** to **31st October 2018** - Online secondary school transfer and middle to high school application facility open.

Saturday **15th September 2018** - Grammar entrance test day

By Friday **12th October 2018** - Grammar test results sent to parents

Wednesday **31st October 2018** - Closing date for all applications

Friday **1st March 2019** - Allocation Day

By midnight Friday **8th March 2019** - Closing date to return reply form accepting the school/academy place allocated or request reconsideration

After Friday **29th March 2019** - Outcome of waiting list requests

By midnight Friday **5th April 2019** - Closing date for return of reply forms

May - July 2019 - Appeals

Safeguarding Training for our families

During the summer holidays you may well have received an email from Hays Online Training. The Online Safeguarding and Child Protection training is something we have decided to offer our Parents and Carers free of charge, All 'Primary contacts' from ParentPay were added to the email list, the training is of course completely optional. If you decide to do the training you will find it very interesting and useful particularly if you wish to volunteer or work with children. Originally the training opportunity was only valid until 5th September but it has now been extended by Hays which we are really pleased about. The Safeguarding and Child Protection training will cover the following modules:

Safeguarding Children

Radicalisation & Extremism

Mental Health & Wellbeing

How to keep children safe

And Online Safety

You will have an option to print certificates once you complete the assessment, Mrs Byrne is overseeing the training and will also be able to print certificates for you if you do not have access to a printer.

Mrs Byrne would be very interested in any feedback or views you may have, please email: finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk

Some of our families have already completed the training and have provided some feedback:

- *I just wanted to say I have just completed and passed the online assessment you provided. I thought it was very interesting and useful and pleased it was provided to myself and the rest of the parents.*
- *I am very interested in doing the online training you are providing I think it's a great opportunity.*
- *I believe that would be a beneficial course for any person involved with children and would be very interested in taking part.*

Welcome Assembly for new Reception Children and Parents on 1st October (Postponed)

Please note that this assembly as detailed on our 3-fold year calendar has been postponed until a later date. We will inform parents of the new date for this assembly as soon as possible.