



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 10 : 4th December 2017

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reception Nativity Play

The Reception Nativity Play takes place this Wednesday, 6th December, at 2.30pm.

Christmas Music Evening

The Christmas Music Evening takes place this Wednesday 6pm – 7.30pm to celebrate all those children who learn an instrument or sing in the choir.

SPORTS NEWS

League Match 7 Report

Boys Football v Abbeymead Wednesday 22nd November



Our 7th league game of the season was played in very gusty and tricky conditions. Both teams had plenty of chances in the first half but at half time the score was goalless. After half time, we improved our game and made more chances, with Will having a superb shot tipped over the bar. However, we were unable to make the breakthrough and so the final score was 0-0. This keeps us at the top of the table with three games remaining. Well done to Will, Jonas, Riley-Jak, Toby, Darren, Rio, Lewis, Lewis and Ellis.

Football News



A very wintry Calton Road School was the setting for our latest league match. Early exchanges saw chances for both sides with Upton having most of the ball and the better efforts at goal. Lewis had several shots that narrowly missed and one long range effort that cleared the bar. The deadlock was finally broken by Will, not long before half time. The half time score was Carlton 0-Upton 1. Early in the second half Riley-Jak scored after battling his way through, to make the score 2-0 to Upton. This was followed by a brilliant goal from Reece who

New children

This week we welcomed new children into Years 1 and 3: we hope they will be very happy at Upton.

New Girls Sports Kit

The Upton girls football team is extremely grateful to Nicki's for their generous sponsorship of the brand new kit. Complete with the new school emblem, the tops and shorts make the girls look incredibly smart and they are looking forward to wearing this new kit for their forthcoming games this season.



Choir performing in Gloucester Cathedral

On Tuesday 19th December, the choir will be singing at the Ecclesiastical Insurance Christmas Carol Celebration, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. This is a charity event in support of local organisations. Tickets for the audience are available from the Cathedral Gift Shop, call 01452 768928 or visit www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk.

Choir

The Upton Village 'Get together Club' came into school on Thursday to hear the children sing Christmas Carols. The children sang brilliantly, and the audience was appreciative and complimented the children on their singing. The dance group also performed their dance that they had been preparing for the Gloucester Dance Festival. Well done everyone!

Dogs

We have had reports of a dog being tied up near the school and biting a child. We do not allow dogs onto school grounds and whilst on this occasion the dog was not on school grounds it was very close and the child was bitten on the face. If you bring your dog to school to drop off or pick up your child please can we politely request that you do not leave it unattended.

Y6L Class Worship

Y6L held their class assembly last Tuesday based on their topic of Frozen Kingdom. The children did a magnificent job telling the story of the Titanic which included some role play drama re-enacting the scene of the ship hitting the iceberg. All the children spoke confidently as they shared a lot of information about the events that happened on board the boat and the changes that have happened in terms of passenger safety since. They also rounded off the assembly with a dance which they have been practising in P.E. lessons for the past 6 weeks. Well done to all the children who were involved in a fantastic assembly!

beat three Calton players before firing into the roof of the net – 3-0 Upton. As the evening darkness drew in, Jonas finished the scoring for Upton who had also had a goal ruled out. Calton did score a consolation goal before the game came to a close. The final score was 4-1 to Upton. Both teams played the game in great spirit but it was Upton's players who headed home, to thaw out, as winners. Well done to the team!

**Football Report –
B Team Festival
Oxstalls Sports Park –
Thursday 30th November 2017**



On Thursday, the boys' football B team had their first games of the season at the B team festival at Oxstalls Sports Park. Their first game was against Calton, which was won 4-0 with some great play and goals from Thomas with 2, Alfie and Olly. The second game was against Robinswood and, despite some really good passing, we lost 1-0. The final group game was against Elmbidge. Three really close games ended 2-1 to us with goals coming from Luke and Tom. All this meant that we finished 2nd in our group and so faced a final game against Harewood, who finished 2nd in their group. A close encounter finished 2-2. Overall the boys performed very well and they should be proud of themselves. Luke, George, Josh, Luke, Alfie, Tom, Thomas, Olly and Thomas.

Netball News

On Tuesday, 28th November the netball A team played their last league fixture. Before the match they had not yet been beaten and they still haven't, winning the game 16-2, meaning that we have won our league. The whole team played exceptionally well, each having a fair share of goals being scored. At the end of the match the other team's teacher commented on how fast and how good at shooting they were. Well done Upton! The team were Molly, Safia, Daniel, Tom, Jaime, Izzy and Kamea.

Rugby News

Well done to Joshua and Charlie on winning rugby medals recently.

Christmas Fayre



Thank you for your support last Friday at our Christmas Fayre. A huge amount of effort went into organising and running it and also clearing away afterwards. Thank you to everyone who was involved. A big thank you too to the children for all their amazing grotto designs – they looked amazing. The four winners of the house designs chosen by Mr Allen were by Sienna-Rose, Tobi and two unnamed designs - please let us know who you are (they were 'Oak Cottage' - a house with orange bricks and a snowman by the door and the other design was made up of three towers with pointy roofs). Well done to everyone who entered their designs – they will all be awarded silver by Mr Allen. If your child has designed a house please ask them to come and collect them from the library on Friday. Thank you too to Atkins Balloon Creations for donating the wonderful balloon tree. The fayre was a great success and raised a fantastic £1,784.71.



Golden Book

Congratulations to Jessica, Hatty, Lila and Lottie whose names appear in the Golden Book for their outstanding homework. 📖

T1 International

Well done Jolie on raising £45 for T1 International, a charity that helps people with type 1 diabetes around the world.

OPEN THE BOOK

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

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 3 of the new menu

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol all week from 11th December at Commeline's Farm. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Upton St Leonards School Calendar 2018

This handy A4 size calendar complete with term times and INSET days is now available from the school office.

It features a self-portrait of every child in the School on the month they were born!

They cost £6.00 each or £10.00 for 2 – all profits go to the School – Cheques should be made payable to 'Upton St Leonards PTA'.



Gloucester Schools Dance Festival

On Friday, a group of children from Years 3-6 participated in the Gloucester Schools Dance Festival at Ribston Hall School.

These children have been working extremely hard for the past 3 weeks giving up their lunch times to learn, choreograph and rehearse in preparation for the performance. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience performing on a larger platform and to an audience of more than 200 people! Harry, Molly and Riley-Jak in Year 6 performed a reading of a poem created by them, whilst Annabel in Year 3 performed a solo act on the stage. This followed with a moving dance performance to a song called "The World is a Beautiful Place".

Miss McCrudden choreographed the dance with the children to reflect our value 'Service; *"The night before Christmas for many children means excitement and restless sleep. For others, it brings feelings of loneliness and unhappiness.*

The eve of battle calls upon members from the services to leave their loved ones at this special time. The longing to be with one another can be hard and the uncertainty of a seeing each other again can bring mixed feelings at this sacred time of year.

The dance highlighted the circumstances above and celebrates the reunion of a child and parent at Christmas time."

The children represented Upton St Leonards with pride and smiles on their faces! A huge congratulations to all of the children involved;

Molly, Harry, Riley-Jak - Year 6

Isabelle, Leah, Lacie, Keira, Scarlett - Year 5

Saskia, Charlotte, Jessica - Year 4

Paige, Annabel - Year 3

It certainly was a **Golden Book Performance!**





Attendance

Last week's class with the highest attendance is Y4WY and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes!
Well done!

After School Club Activities

The next two weeks activities are going to be CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. We are going to be making Christmas baubles, Christmas boxes, Father Christmas decorations, Christmas cards and Christmas trees.

Important Dates for St Leonards Church

Please come and join us to get ready for Christmas in our **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** on **SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER at 4.00pm**. **ALL welcome!** This service, as previously, is to raise funds for the Children's Society.

Please note this new date, as on **CHRISTMAS EVE** (Sunday 24th December at 4.00pm) we invite you all to come and join us, to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and take part in an active "pop-up" **NATIVITY**, entitled **THE GREATEST JOURNEY**.

You and your children are invited to come dressed as one of the characters in the story: wear a dressing gown and tea towel (shepherd) or a paper crown (king) or some tinsel (angel). Or you might want to wear walking shoes, and carry a map or bring a walking stick, for participation in "The Greatest Journey". (Please feel free to wear a full costume if you have one.) The aim is for all, including adults, to take part as one of the characters with improvisation and without extra expense or being time consuming. **Age is no barrier to participation!**

Other dates for your diary:

10am Christmas Day - Family Service

4.00pm Sunday 31st December New Year's Eve Celebration

Do come and join us at St Leonards to celebrate God's greatest gift to us, the birth of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you at these services.