



## USL Primary News

Term 4 School Newsletter 21: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Class Worship

Next Class Worship:

**Y2W** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

All class assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2.40pm and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

#### Easter Services:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9am at church – Y6S/Y5J/Y4M/Y3H.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at school – Reception/Years 1 & 2.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at church – Y6L/Y5WY/Y4P/Y3T.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Netball A Team

Last Friday, the Netball A team played against St Mary's and they were absolutely incredible! After losing 12 – 3 to the same team only 3 days before, the children were at their very best as we won 10 – 7. All the children were excellent and all 7 can be very proud of how much they have improved this year as a team! This was the third time we had played St Mary's this year and we had been heavily beaten in the previous two games. Our top scorer on the day was Alex, and Gemma was selected as player of the match. Well done to Keira, Ella, Rosie, Jolie, Gemma, Alex and Tom.

### HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges before half term: **Ash** – Y1GT – Spencer. **Y2W** – Maisie. **Y3H** – Tommy. **Y5J** – Ruby W. **Y6S** – Jumari. **Beech** – Y2B - Jack. **Y5J** – Grace, Lauren, William, Jessica. **Elm** – Y2B – Brianne, Riley. **Y5J** – Paige. **Oak** – Y1GT – Isabelle. **Y2B** – Lexi. **Y3H** – Jesse. **Y5J** – Lucas.

### NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### Menu this week

Week 3 of the menu

### Ribbon Dancing

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Miss McCrudden's ribbon dancers performed for the second time! They performed with terrific energy and enthusiasm once again, but this time at Cheltenham Town Hall in another dance festival. The audience loved it and so did the children! Well done to Miss McCrudden and all those who took part!



### Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are to be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The booking system is now open on eSchools to arrange your appointment. Visit our school website and log in:

[www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk)

Your log in will be your first name. surname and a four digit code.

### Netball Club

This Wednesday's netball club (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>) will be the last for this term as the following weeks will be taken up with Year 6 PGL trip and Parent Consultation Evenings. Netball Club will re-start in June and permission letters will be sent out nearer the time.

### Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol the afternoons of -  
March – 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at Commeline's Farm. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

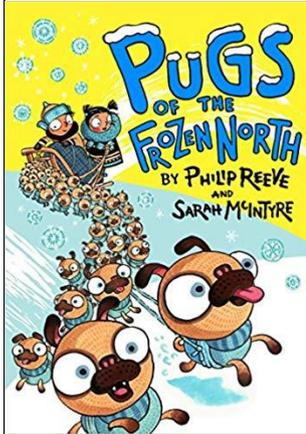
### Y6L Class Worship

Last Tuesday, Y6L delivered a lovely class assembly all around their current topic of World War 2. The children spoke eloquently and showed lots of enthusiasm in their performance. The assembly included a small role play activity where Year 6 showed the rest of the school what it would have been like to have been evacuated from the bigger cities during World War 2. They also amazed us all with a fantastic story map for their wartime letters, sharing some brilliant writing. The children also reminded everyone of the sacrifices many people went through so that we can live with the freedom we enjoy today. Well done Year 6!!

### Kingsholm Stadium

We had a splendid day with a group of our Year 3s at Kingsholm Stadium on Wednesday last week as part of the celebrations for World Book Day. There was a 'behind the scenes' tour of the stadium, followed by story writing, a visit to the library stand and then on to the main event - the presentations!

The children's presentation on a book "Pugs of the Frozen North" by Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve was superb, with props, drawings and the children's responses to some of the magical moments in the story. Our children did a fabulous job and our staff could feel the interest and murmurings of enjoyment around the room from the other schools. The children's behaviour was excellent and Mr Eley, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Cordall were all extremely proud of the children. Well done everyone!



### Here we go again!

#### Mamma Mia Sing Along Night in Aid of School Chess Team

**School Hall this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Doors open at 6.30pm. Film starts at 7.00pm.**

Tickets cost £5 per person or £15 for a family of 4 to include nibbles - available from the school office. Please feel free to bring your own drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). There will be cakes and sweets for sale and tea and coffee.



### Disco

The PTA have organised a school disco which will take place this Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their disco from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. They should bring disco clothes to school in a named bag and they will be able to change into them at the end of the school day. The cost will be £3.00 which includes a drink and crisps. Payments can be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. The children will be supervised at all times by staff and members of the PTA and will be taken back to their classrooms for collection by parents at 4.15pm.



Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will have their disco from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and so can go home to change into their disco clothes before returning to school via the main entrance and going to their classroom, where their teachers will collect their £3.00 entrance money. The children will be dismissed from the main entrance at 5.30pm.

### Year 1 Trip

Year 1 visited 'All Things Wild' as part of their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topics. The children had a lovely day, exploring the different areas and meeting lots of wild animals. Some of the highlights were stroking the snakes, meeting camels and learning about armadillos. The children demonstrated good behaviour throughout the day and were a credit to the school. Thank you to the Year 1 team of staff for taking the children.



### Family Lunch

We are delighted to invite the families of our Year 1 and Year 2 children for lunch. For Year 2 this will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and for Year 1 this will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Letters were sent home with the children last week. Please complete the slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Our family lunches are a great opportunity for parents and carers to see exactly what the children receive for their school lunches, and the children really do enjoy having their families around. Please do try and come along. The meals are £2.20.

### Parent Helpers wanted!

Year 6 are looking for some parent helpers to help Year 6 listening to some readers starting the week after PGL (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March). If you can spare a morning or afternoon once a week or more please let Mr Smith or Mr Lewis know.

### Chess Report



On Wednesday our A team travelled to Elmbridge Junior School to take on their team, who are expertly coached by Mrs Sawi's dad, Mr Dyer. After travelling so far for our last competition, the team were very happy to be playing a more local fixture and after a quiet beginning, the team quickly started to gain an advantage on all the boards. Aubrey on board 1, soon had his opponent in trouble with a fine pincer movement with his knights, while on board 2, Sophie blew open her opponent's defences with a great king side attack. Not to be outdone, Jake baffled his opponent with a great fork, and Josh skewered his rival brilliantly with his bishop. Jay played quietly at first, before unleashing a fine queen side attack, while Maddy calmly played herself into a great early position which her opponent never recovered from. On the lower boards, Oliver played very carefully and cleverly out-thought his rival with some superb tactics, while Sam, making his debut, played fearlessly against his much older opponent. After some fine games, the final score stood at 8-0 to Upton, with all our players winning their games, and Mr Dyer scratching his head in disbelief. Congratulations to our team – Sam, Aubrey, Sophie, Jake, Josh, Jay, Maddy and Oliver! Our sincere thanks to Mr Jones for all the work he does in school to encourage and support our many talented chess players!

### London Marathon

Mrs Allen (a Year 2 parent) is running the London Marathon this year for 2gether NHS Trust's Charitable Funds. 2gether provide specialist mental health and learning disability services in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. She was only given the place at the end of January so she is under pressure to train and fundraise! If you would like donate to this worthy cause her fundraising page is :-

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=MichelleAllen8&pageUrl=1>



### Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs

Our Easter holiday club will run on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Booking forms are now available from the office.**



### World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March

The children (and staff!) looked fantastic in all their book character themed costumes on Friday!

### ParentPay

Thank you for making payments to your ParentPay accounts. However, we have noticed that payments are being made for monies owed and not being topped up for further meals and before/after school clubs. In line with the Debt Policy, which is on our website, school meals, Upton Earlies and Upton Lates **MUST** be paid for before they are taken/booked. We are keen to ensure payments are made before our financial year end this month. Many thanks.



### Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

This Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, it is Comic Relief day. Children are invited to wear red noses into school if they wish along with their school uniform. If you have any loose change lying around do feel free to bring it in and donate it to this worthy cause.



### Attendance

This week's class with the highest attendance was Y1A and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!



### Tip of the Week

### Don't Waste Food

Waste not, want not. Did you know that 7.3 million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK every year? This isn't just a huge waste of food and money, it adds to the amount of CO2 being created in landfills.

