



USL Primary News

Term 4 School Newsletter 20 : 19th March 2018

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter services:

Monday 26th March, 9am at church – Y3/4

Wednesday 28th March, 9am at church – Y5/6

Thursday 29th March, 9am in school – Rec, Y1/2

SPORTS NEWS

Netball News

On Thursday, the netball team played their final game of the netball season against St Mary's. A disappointing first two quarters saw us 6-0 down! But the team rallied and played some excellent netball to get the score back to 7-5 by the end of the 3rd quarter. Unfortunately, we left ourselves too much to do and ended up losing 8-5. Well done to Kamea, Jeneice, Izzy, Jaime, Tom, Dan, Molly and Safia on an excellent netball season.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told "The Great Parade" in whole school worship on Friday.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 3 of the menu



Our Governor of the week this week is Mr Duncan Locke

Duncan is one of our newest governors, and is a member of the Curriculum Committee, he has worked in elite sport for many years as an applied Performance Analyst supporting teams such as the England Rugby Team and GB Track Cycling Team.

Since 2016 he has held a more strategic role, overseeing the development and delivery of staff and Performance services. He has lived in Upton-St-Leonards since 2012 with his wife and two children and is keen to give something back to the local community.

Duncan says: "I have had significant experience of effective communication in both business and unique pressurised environments. I have good HR experience and budgeting and financial planning experience and have excellent understanding and awareness of what underpins successful teams, having been part of management teams that have succeeded at Olympic Games and 6 Nations championships."

Easter Services

Our Easter services will be held as follows:-

Monday 26th March - 9am at Upton St Leonards Parish Church - Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 28th March - 9am at Upton St Leonards Parish Church - Years 5 & 6

Thursday 29th March - 9am in the school hall - Reception, Years 1 & 2

Parents/carers of children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) please drop children off at the church at 8.50am on the appropriate date. As usual, we will be seeking your support in walking the children back to school on the Monday and/or Wednesday. Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to help us.

Parents/carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) please drop children off at school at the normal time.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Earth Hour 2018

Saturday 24th March - Lights out at 8.30pm

The WWF's Earth Hour is the biggest movement to protect our planet. Hundreds of millions of people around the planet take part in WWF's Earth Hour every year. Last year around 9 million took part in the UK alone.

Millions choose to mark Earth Hour by going 'lights out' for 60 minutes at 8.30pm – a symbolic show of solidarity for the planet.

The world's biggest landmarks – like Sydney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower, Buckingham Palace, and Edinburgh Castle – switch off lights as a visual display of their commitment too.

Why not join in this weekend and mark the occasion with your children at home!

After Easter, Poppy in Year 5 will be helping to lead an assembly to raise awareness of this amazing global movement to call for greater action on climate change.



Upton Holiday Club

We have received a lot of interest for the Upton Holiday Club, and have decided to keep the booking window open for another week. If you have not yet booked a place for your child, you are able to up until Friday the 23rd March.

The Circus Workshop, booked for the Wednesday, has proved very popular. We are looking forward to welcoming Splats Entertainment to school.



Year 6 Residential Visit



We would like to wish all the Y6 children and staff who are going to PGL today a wonderful week! Let's hope for some dry weather! The children will be back at school on Friday 23rd March around 2pm.

Dance Success

Congratulations to Saskia on gaining 2nd in the slow dance, 3rd in the freestyle dance, and 6th in both the street dance and rock 'n roll dance in a recent dance competition in Yeovil.

Year 4 Performance

Just a reminder to Year 4 parents/carers that the Year 4 performance is taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, 20th March at 2.00pm. There will be a collection afterwards for contributions towards the school fund.

Y3M Class Worship

On Tuesday last week Class Y3M shared their Class Worship all about their topic this term, "Tremors!"

They shared their knowledge about how the Earth is made up of the 4 layers; The Crust, The Mantle, The Outer Core and The Inner Core. They then showed us how the Crust is made up of "tectonic plates" and all the ways they move around, causing earthquakes and volcanoes to form. They continued to share their learning about how volcanoes form and some of the parts of a volcano. Mount Dent made an appearance in the assembly and Alfie showed us where the Magma Chamber, the Crater and the Lava was.



The children have been learning about a great volcanic eruption in 79AD in the city of Pompeii, Italy. The great Mount Vesuvius impacted many lives at this time and Jahmira interviewed Pliny to find out from an eye-witness what really happened!

The children were able to link their topic to this term's value "Peace". They looked at charity work around the world and saw what a wonderful job Unicef do to support children and families who have, as a consequence of war or natural disasters, been left without shelter, food, clothing or even lost their families. The children also informed us how we can support charities by donating money, clothing or fundraising!

Well Done Year 3!

Parents Consultation Evenings



Thank you to everyone who came along to the parents evenings. If you were unable to make the parents evenings please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange another time.

Cake and Bookmark Sale



Congratulations to Leah, Isabelle and Halle in Y5 who raised an incredible £119.53 for the 'Dogs Trust' charity with their cake and bookmark sale. Well done!

Quicksticks Hockey

On Tuesday, the hockey team took part in a hockey tournament at Ribston Hall School. It was a quicksticks tournament and there were 14 schools taking part. We played in league A and we came 4th in that league. All members of the team really enjoyed themselves and we all became more confident at playing hockey.

Well played Jaime, Jacob, Lily, Ella Y, Ethan and Daniel.



Attendance



This week's class with the highest attendance is **Y3M** and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes. Well done!

Sport Relief 2018



From 17th - 23rd March the Nation is supporting Sports Relief. Sports Relief is a wide ranging charity that supports more than 50,000 people in the UK with mental health problems, over 3.4 million people in Africa through maternal, neonatal and child health funding and over 900,000 people across Africa with anti-malarial drugs.

As a school, we want to do our bit so we are giving all of the pupils a challenge. Old Spot, the Active Gloucestershire mascot, is trying to get from the depths of Cornwall to the tip of Northern Scotland and back again. Over the next week or so, we want to see if all of the children in Years 1 - 6 can do their best to achieve their best distances on their daily mile. The teachers will be asking pupils to come up with innovative ways to travel around the track and on Friday (next Monday for Year 6) all of the classes will be given extra time to do the Daily Mile to help them in their efforts to raise money for Sport Relief.

You can support your child's efforts by helping them to raise money through sponsorship (forms were sent home on Friday 16th March). Please can all monies raised be returned to school no later than Thursday 29th March (the last day of term). If you want to get involved in Sports Relief in other ways or see what they do in more detail, then please do visit their website at <https://www.sportrelief.com/>. Until then, happy fundraising!

Easter Egg Competition

Egg-tremely, Egg-citing Easter Egg competition! Back by popular demand! Egg packs are still available to buy from the school office at £1 each. Eggs can then be decorated in any way you like. Eggs need to be returned to the school office on Monday 26th March (please not before - storage space is an issue!). All entries will go on display in the school entrance next week. A winner and runner up will be awarded for each year and announced on the last day of term (Thursday 29th March). We hope you have lots of fun being as imaginative and creative as you like.

Upton Lates - Arts and Crafts

At Upton Lates this week, there will be an opportunity for the children to make afterschool passes. Children will also be able to do a variety of other arts and crafts.

What's on in Upton?

The Upton St Leonards Playgroup are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 25th March from 1pm - 3pm. It costs £3 per child and starts and finishes at Upton St Leonards Village Hall. All entries receive a prize with refreshments available at the hall.

**Upton St Leonards
45th Anniversary Special Spring Show**

The Upton St Leonards Spring Show and Rent-A-Craft Stall are taking place in the Village Hall and Lady Downe Annexe on Saturday, 21st April 2018. Doors open at 2pm. Our KS1 children are taking part in the colouring competition. Please go along and support them.

There are also various other competitions your children can take part in.

AGE 7 YEARS & UNDER

Class 46 MAKE A COLLAGE OF A FLOWER - any media A4 size

47 MAKE A CAR – out of recycled materials

48 DRAW A PICTURE OF A DRAGON - A4 size

AGE 8 - 16 YEARS

Class 49 DESIGN & DRAW A COVER FOR YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK.

50 A COLLAGE OF A GEOMETRIC SHAPE. – use recycled materials - A4 size.

ANY AGE GROUP

Class 51 SOMETHING I HAVE MADE - any media

52 CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES – 6 COOKIES – to given recipe found on entry form

UP TO AGE 16 YEARS

Class 53 A PHOTOGRAPH I HAVE TAKEN – ‘MY BEST FRIEND’

Good luck! An entry form is attached.

Please contact Marilyn Bannister on 01452 610670 for more details. For the Rent-a-Craft stall contact Jackie Lord. Tel: 613246.