



## USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 15: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Dates for your diary

#### Class Worship

Next Class Worship is :

**Y3H**– Tomorrow, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.40pm, parents/carers are welcome to attend.

### NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

#### New Reception 2020

If you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2020 the deadline for returning applications this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Staffing News

Mrs Warren, one of our Pastoral Support Workers, is sadly leaving us next Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January after nearly 8 years. We are very grateful for all her hard work and she will be missed by parents, staff and children. We are incredibly pleased with the response we have had having recently advertised her post. We will be interviewing this week and will update you as soon as we have appointed someone.

### Attendance

We hope that you all read the ParentPay sent last week regarding Attendance. If you have not done so already, please familiarise yourselves with our revised Attendance Policy which can be found within the 'Policies' section, as well as the 'Inclusion' section of our new school website.

It is our belief that high levels of absence will limit the ability of pupils to make the progress they are capable of and that high attendance will lead to an increase in progress. For this reason, our expected level of attendance is 100%. Children are therefore expected to attend school each day unless they are unwell or in exceptional circumstances, authorised by the Acting Head Teacher.

As our expected level of attendance is 100%, only the Acting Head Teacher can authorise absence. To do this a reason for the absence is required, for example, illness or a family funeral. If parents feel there are other genuine reasons to request a child's absence, this must be put in writing to the Acting Head Teacher using a generic 'absence request form' which can be found in our policy, or collected from the school office. Once received, the Acting Head Teacher will make a decision regarding the request dependent on circumstance, the child's attendance and the child's academic levels. This decision will be made following consultation with the school 'attendance panel', comprising at least one member of the governing body and members of the Senior Leadership Team.



### Clubs

This term we have put all of the clubs on offer onto one form.

Please click onto the following link to sign your child up to one of the clubs :-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kHVYHWHQ2U24XBSFzpw4-GWI8ol97-NIjoxG8ilQdL5UOE1DWjxkMFbaU09MN0U0TzRMUVQ4UFJaWi4u> – this is quite straight forward to use – enter your child's name and class and choose the club they would like to attend and click on 'Submit' at the end of the page. Please note whilst clubs delivered by outside providers are listed on the form you will need to complete the coach's separate permission form. Please ask Mr Prince (PE Lead) or 'phone the school office if you require further information.



### Bikes and Scooters on Premises



Please ensure that your child does not ride their bike or scooter around the school premises. Please can they walk them around if they are bringing them into school. We have had a couple of near misses recently and want to ensure the safety of children walking around the premises.

### Newsletters and Letters

The newsletters and any letters will now be added to the new school website.



### Young Voices

Good luck to all the children taking part in Young Voices in Birmingham on Wednesday. Thank you too to all the staff going with them. We look forward to hearing all about it!

### Parking

Please would parents and carers be considerate of childrens safety and our school neighbours whilst parking. We have had many parents and local residents complain about the parking around the school, worried about the safety of the children. We would also ask that parents do not park across the driveways of local residents as we understand that residents have sometimes been blocked into their own driveways. Thank you.

### Eco Project

As part of Upton's Eco project, Miss McCrudden and the Eco group pupils would like to invite members of staff, parents and the local community to contribute towards our Ecobricks.

We are holding our first after school Ecobrick making event on the 21<sup>st</sup> January from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. (N.B. All Eco group are required to attend these events).

We will be doing several of these for the rest of the academic year in order to progress towards building something for the school that the Eco group can decide.

These events will require participants to cut up plastic, fill bottles with this plastic, weigh the bottles and also register them on the EcoBrick website.

Please come along, any help will be extremely grateful and appreciated.

The next date will be released soon!! AND thank you in advance.

### Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance are **Y3T** and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!