



## USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 17: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dates for your diary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class Worship</b></p> <p>Next Class Worship is :  <b>Y2B – Tomorrow: 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>  at 2.40pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPORTS NEWS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Boys' Football League Match 6</b>  <b>Re-arranged @ Fieldcourt,</b>  <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b></p> <p>We played our final league match of the season against Fieldcourt. The conditions were tricky in very long grass and it saw a league debut for Hayden Miller in goal. An extremely strong team; we knew we were going to find it tough! In the first half, we struggled but scored a penalty through Max. This made the half time score 4 – 1 to them. We played much better in the second half but could not score and the final score was 7 – 1 to Fieldcourt. This places us 5<sup>th</sup> in the league with some teams still having a game to play, out of 9 teams.</p> <p>Well done to Harry B, Harry S, Alex, Harrison, Max, Jackson, Leo, Will &amp; Hayden.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Netball News</b></p> <p>Last week, the netball team played their first fixture of the calendar year against Robinswood. With lots of players missing, Finley in Year 4 played his first ever game of netball and the team kept going right to the end. Unfortunately, we didn't quite manage to win as the game ended 5 – 4 to Robinswood. Well done to Hollie who was selected as player of the match. Our team was Hollie, Sophie, Maddie, Saskia, Finley and Dylan.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Swimming Success</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Freddie S on receiving another swimming medal at the weekend for</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff Vacancies</b></p> <p>We are seeking new members of staff for our Midday Supervisor team to work with infant and junior children at lunchtimes. Candidates should be passionate about working with children. Duties involve supporting and supervising children eating their lunch, getting the hall ready for lunchtimes, supervising children when they are playing and clearing the hall at the end of lunchtime. Further details are available on our school website. Mrs Chubb is happy to answer any queries regarding the post. Applications should be sent via email to <a href="mailto:finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk">finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk</a> using the application form on our website. Paper copies are also available at the School Office upon request.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff News</b></p> <p>We were delighted to welcome Mrs Sarah Milburn to our staff team this morning, as Administrative Assistant in the school office.</p> <p>We are also pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Linda Jephcote as Pastoral Support Worker. Mrs Jephcote has worked in a pastoral capacity for many years and is already Thrive trained. We are confident that she will be a fantastic addition to our School Inclusion Team.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday Worship</b></p> <p>Many of you will be aware that we have revamped our Friday worship where we recognise those children who have done something amazing in the week. This includes special rewards for those children showing our values where they get to sit on 'The Best Seats In The House.'</p> <p>Last Week's Winners were -</p> <p>Headteacher award for showing respect - Amelia 5J  Headteacher award for showing respect - Lily 2W</p> <p>Writer of the week - Oliver 3H  Writer of the week – Finley 4P</p> <p>Mathletics Top Point Scorer of the Week - Joe 2B</p> <p>Stars of the Week for outstanding effort, attitude, work or behaviour in class.</p> <p>RL - Harry  RM - Majd  1A - Freddie  1S - Finley  2W - Dolly  2B - Frankie  3T - Daisy  3H - Joseph  4P - Emily MK  4M - Holly  5W - Lily  5J - Rose  6LP - Saskia  6S – Amy</p>
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coming in the top 8 again for 100m breast stroke.

**5-a-side Boys' Indoor Football Tournament @ Bentham Country Club – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

On Tuesday, the A team played in the 5-a-side football tournament at Bentham. With Grange not turning up, we were part of a small group with just 4 teams. We played some friendly games and experiences wins and draws. But in the main games we firstly lost 4 – 0 to Harewood, then 2 – 1 to Abbeymead despite playing well and finally 3 – 0 to Fieldcourt. This meant that we do not progress to the finals on Friday. With many of our team in Year 5, this will be a good taste of indoor football to prepare them for next year! Well done to Harry S (c ), Harry B, Jackson, Harrison, Max and Dylan.

**HOUSE POINT BADGES**

Well done to the following children, who have achieved their 500 house point badges:- Ash – Y1GT – Leo. Elm – Y1GT – Oscar. Y1A – Cian. Oak – Y1GT – Daulton, Isla.

**OPEN THE BOOK**

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'The Boy in the Temple' in Thursday's worship.

**NOTICES & REMINDERS**

**Menu this week**

Week 1 of the menu

**Celebration Worship**

We are very excited to announce that we would like to start inviting parents/carers in to our new Friday Celebration Worship. Our Celebration runs from 2.30pm - 3.05pm every Friday afternoon and is a really positive 'feel-good' end to our school week.

During the act of worship, we recognise those children who have done something outstanding during the week in relation to their work, attitude or our school values. Achievements will also be listed in the following weeks newsletter.

Although we would like to, we have not got the capacity to invite every parent/ carer in our school community every week, as unfortunately with all pupils and staff in the hall, there is not enough space. We have therefore decided to send out a personalised ParentPay message by 10am each Friday morning to parents/carers of individual award winners to invite them to attend the worship and share a special moment with their child(ren). Unfortunately, we wouldn't be able to send it earlier than this point as we won't necessarily know all the winners due to awards being presented for that current week.

We will also be inviting the parents/ carers and families of two year groups each week. This Friday 31st January, we would like to invite parents of Year 1 and Year 5 children. Each week we will let you know which year groups' parents can attend through our weekly newsletter.

We are keen to continue promoting parental engagement and a family and community presence within the school. We therefore hope that you are as excited about this new initiative as we are.



We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

**PGCE Students**

We are very excited to welcome two student teachers to the school. Alice Davies and Ryan Lewis will be based in Y5W and Y2W from 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March. It's so important that successful schools such as ours help develop the teachers of the future. We are sure you will make them feel welcomed into our school community.

**Play Friendly Schools Initiative Wellies and Overalls**

Hopefully you all saw our ParentPay last week where we were excited to announce that we are now at a stage, where we were asking you to provide your child(ren) with a pair of wellington boots and overalls.

Just a reminder that we are asking that children bring in a pair of wellington boots in their size and either an 'all in one' overall, or an overall in two separate pieces so that their whole body is covered. Although this can now come in to school straight away, we appreciate this may take parents a week or two purchase items that they don't already have at home.

It would be very helpful if the overalls could be named. The majority of the schools wellington boots however, will be kept in containers with other boots of the same size so that pupils will be able to just 'grab a pair' that are their size. This will support the school with swift classroom routines that aid transition. It will also mean that as pupils grow and move up the school, we will not need to ask parents/ carers to purchase new wellington boots as we should always have stock of some of that size. If however, you feel that you would prefer to keep providing your child with their own named pair, please just let your child's class teacher know so that they can set up an alternative storage solution and routine for your child.

Thank you all for your ongoing support with this new initiative. We are ever so excited about the approach which we know our pupils will benefit from.





### **Congratulations Theo!**

Theo B from 3H has been selected to be a Forest Green Rovers Ambassador for our school for the forthcoming academic year. This is the first year the school will have had an ambassador. This role involves promoting fixtures, talking about the club & its values and writing the occasional report on a match. Theo has been told that there will be lots of others perks, too! Well done Theo.



### **Materials**

Can you help?

Our 'CAPS Parent Steering Group' met this week and are pro-actively working to support the school in starting to gather the following resources. If you are able to provide us with any of these 'open ended' materials for our play times we would greatly appreciate it;

Tyres  
Pallets  
Milk crates  
Plant pots  
Seedling trays  
PVC pipe  
Plastic corrugated piping  
Wooden planks  
Wood offcuts  
Spools and reels  
Rope and chain  
Cardboard rolls and tubes  
Plastic bottles  
Bucket, trays and tubs  
Bowls, jugs and teapots  
Blocks  
Funnels  
Traffic cones  
Nuts and bolts  
Old chairs  
Guttering  
Hoses  
Chalk  
Saucepans  
Baskets  
Hay bales  
Glass gems  
Coloured pebbles & stones  
Hoops  
String  
Fabric – netting, curtains  
Bricks  
Scooters and helmets

### **Reading Club**

Thank you to all the parents that attended Book club last week! We enjoyed discussing 'The boy at the back of the class'. We voted to read 'The Girl who stole an Elephant' by Nizranna Farook next. Our next get together will be on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm, straight after our reading information evening.

### Eco Project

Thank you to the ECO reps and adults who came to support our ECO project on Tuesday. We chopped plastic and filled bricks, ate biscuits and shared some wonderful ideas as to what to do with the bricks in the future when we have enough completed.

We are continuing to fill Eco bricks and have a HUGE task on our hands to sort all the bricks that have been filled already and given to Miss McCrudden. We require as much help as possible to achieve our mission.

As some bricks are not adequately filled, we will need to redo some that have been given to us. May we ask at this time that we only receive unrecyclable plastic for us to use rather than donating bricks until we have sorted those that we have already received.



Could we advise those who are making Ecobricks at home, to ensure the plastic is chopped into tiny pieces so there are no air gaps. We will be running the next session on Tuesday 11th February in Miss McCrudden's classroom. The ECO team and Miss McCrudden would love to see more people there next time! Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Attendance



Last week's classes with the highest attendance were **Y1A** and **Y2W** and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!