



## USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

<p><b>Dates for your diary</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Vacancies</b></p>
<p><b>Class Worship</b> Next Class Worship is : <b>Y4P</b> – Tomorrow, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.40pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>We are seeking new members 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 the break. 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>
<p><b>SPORTS NEWS</b></p>	<p><b>Celebration Assembly</b></p>
<p><b>Netball News</b> On Thursday afternoon, seven Year 6 children visited Bentham for a mid-season girls' only netball festival. The team did really well winning 4 games, drawing 1 and losing 1 out of 6 games. Unfortunately, we didn't have quite enough points to qualify for the final as we finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Well done to all 7 girls who played: Darcey, Hollie, Saskia, Abi, Phoebe, Sophie and Maddie.</p>	<p>Thank you to all parents/carers that came to 'reach for the stars' with us last Friday. We are incredibly proud of our new Celebration Worship and hope many more of you can join us to celebrate in the coming weeks. This Friday parents/ carers of Years 2 and 4 are invited to join us at 2.30pm.</p>
<p><b>Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Competition – 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 5 Year 2 children travelled to Ribston for a gymnastics competition. 12 teams were in attendance, each with 5 gymnasts. Each gymnast was asked to perform a floor routine, which included a forward roll, teddy bear roll and a number of balances. As well as the floor routines, each gymnast was asked to perform a vault routine on the bench. All of our gymnasts performed superbly and were a credit to our school. Congratulations to each one of the team and well done to them all for representing the school so well. The team was: Lily D, Evie, Ruby R, Harlow and Esme.</p>	<p>Last Week's Winners were -  Head Teacher award for showing respect - Evan 5J Head Teacher award for showing a love of learning - Noah 1A</p>
<p><b>HOUSE POINT BADGES</b></p>	<p>Writer of the week - Hani 3T Write of the week - Lexi 6LP</p>
<p>Well done to the following children, who have achieved their 500 house point badges:- Ash – Y1GT – Dollie-Mai. Elm - Y1GT – Scarlett. Oak – Y1GT – George P.</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>RGL - Lawson RM - Jack 1A - Alysha 1S - Emelia 2W - Lacey 2B - Francesca 3T - Sonny 3H - Bethany 4P - Esme 4M - Florence 5W - Rhys 5J - Jackson 6LP - Poppy 6S - Alex</p> <p>Outstanding contribution to choir club - Chloe</p>
	<p><b>New laptops</b></p> <p>We are very excited to announce that we have had 32 brand new 13inch laptops and a brand new laptop trolley recently delivered to school. This trolley will be timetabled to facilitate far more efficient, whole class computing lessons in classrooms. Computers currently in the ICT suite will also be shortly rolled out to classrooms for pupils to have increased access to ICT throughout the school day.</p>



## OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'Jesus is Baptised' in Thursday's worship.

## NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

### HALF TERM

Just a reminder that Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February is an Inset Day. Children will therefore finish for Half Term at the end of the day on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>.

School starts back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## Spelling Shed

We have recently signed up to a brand new online resource called 'Spelling Shed' to support spelling across the school. This is similar to our Mathematics, Times Tables Rockstars and Active Learn Rapid Reading initiatives. Please look out for log on details which your child's class teacher may share with you shortly.



## Parking

Despite polite reminders in recent newsletters, we are still extremely concerned about inconsiderate parking which is potentially putting the community, including our children, at danger. We have called our local PCSOs who have reassured us that they will be visiting our school intermittently during school drop off and collection times to patrol the area. Miss Baish is also working with our School Council to make posters for the front of our school to remind parents/carers about the importance of parking safely. They are also exploring the idea of patrolling the front of school in the mornings in Hi-Vis jackets.

## World Book Day

As part of World Book Day 2020 and our Upton literature festival celebrations children are invited to come into school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in comfortable clothes ready for some cosy reading! Onsie, pyjamas and slippers are encouraged!



## Play Friendly Schools Initiative

We would like to thank all parents/ carers that have already generously donated wellies and overalls for their children so they can engage with all aspects of our Play Friendly Schools Initiative. Some parents have even offered to make donations in addition to this, as they have old wellies and overalls at home which they are no longer using- Thank you so much! We will ensure that we put plastic boxes outside the front of the school for donations to be collected.

Some very generous staff and volunteers have also made applications for grants, and our supportive PTA have offered to make a donation if needed, so that additional wellies and overalls can be purchased for individuals should they not be able to source their own clothing -Thank you.

We would like to make it transparent to all parents, that if you don't want to send overalls and wellies in to school for your child(ren), you really don't need to. Children will however, only be allowed to access all zones, if they are appropriately clothed to protect their school uniform. We are sure you will understand this.

### Materials

We have been contacted by a few parents who have sourced materials such as large pallets. Unfortunately however, they haven't got a way of transporting them to us. If you have a van, or know someone with a van, that might be willing to help; do let us know. Thank you.

### Thank you

We have such a generous school community of which we are incredibly proud! Once the initiative is fully established, we intend to invite you all in to thank you and have the opportunity to engage in play alongside your child(ren) in order to fully experience the impact that this initiative is having in our school.

### Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. As a school that takes emotional well-being extremely seriously, we will be raising the children's awareness of the week through worship and through activities in the classroom.

If you would like to find out more, or engage in activities at home with your child(ren), please follow the links below that might be of interest;

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/1ewGku-FZ4VO0VXHLYsnzwtH7NGz0SKE>



### Painter and decorator wanted

We are very excited to announce that we have been working closely with the local authority and our supportive PTA towards improving the internal layout and use of shared communal spaces within our school. Over the next six months, you will become aware of a series of building projects which will begin to create additional space within the school. This includes a brand new music room and meeting space, a hygiene suite for pupils with additional needs, an additional intervention space and the relocation of The Hub to a more central location within the school. Once this work begins to take place, we intend on painting the entrance hall to the school as well as the main hall. Mr Jones, our new Site Manager, has kindly offered to paint the entrance hall but as you can imagine, the main school hall, is a much bigger job! If you know of any parents, or family friends, that would be willing to provide a reasonable quote to paint our school hall, please do let Mrs Chubb, in the school office, know.

### Y2B Class Worship

Last Friday Y2B delivered a lovely class assembly all about the importance and their love of reading. The children spoke clearly about their favourite books and why they were special to them. Some children also shared some acrostic poems they had been writing in class. They discussed some quotes they had found from famous authors such as C.S Lewis and played a heart-warming video of the class reading and sharing books in school. The assembly concluded with a song the class had been learning and they sang beautifully. Well done to all the children in Y2B.

### NHS Nursing Hub- Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

The School Nursing Service is offering a new style of supporting parents in the form of School Nursing Hubs. Parents who are referred to their service or who self-refer, are invited to a group with other parents who have similar worries. The group is facilitated by Health and Wellbeing Assistants who are trained in the Solihull parenting approach and key public health topics, so will be able to offer professional support and advice. The Health and Wellbeing Assistant may know of a local organisation or voluntary group that may be of interest to the parent so will signpost or refer them.

There is much evidence that suggests parents really benefit from meeting other parents with similar challenges with the opportunity of building relationships, sharing ideas and support in future years. The hubs will usually have a theme of healthy lifestyles relating to topics such as healthy eating and activity or your child's behaviour relating topics such as anxiety and sleep.

We are proud to announce that we have offered our school as a venue for some of Gloucestershire's Nursing Hubs.

Please follow the below link to find out more;

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing/hubs/>



### Cake Sale

Well done to the Year 4 children for raising £144.70 for victims of the Australian bushfires in their cake and slime sale on Friday.

### Gloucestershire County Dance Festival

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, dancers from Years 4-6 performed at the Gloucestershire County Dance Festival at Cheltenham Town Hall. They only had ten lunchtime rehearsals to learn some tricky choreography.

The children danced to 'California Dreamin' by Sia which is a moving piece of music which helped the children to portray a powerful message linking the tragic effect of climate change on our planet and our school's value of love. The piece was choreographed around the idea of showing kindness, being caring and having hope.

For some of the children, this was their first time at the Town Hall; for some, it was the first time on the Town Hall's stage AND for some; this was their first EVER performance!

Well done to; Lauren, Ruby, Jessica, Abi, Lea, Charlotte, Phoebe, Paige, Phoebe, Macie, Lila, Sienna, Sam, Ruby-Jane and Michalina. You represented Upton so well and Miss McCrudden was so proud, she was brought to tears!

We hope you all enjoyed the experience and we have more opportunities for you all to perform again later in the year.



### Attendance

Last week's class with the highest attendance are **Y4M** and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!

