



USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 19: 10th February 2020

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| <p>Dates for your diary</p> <p>Class Worship Next Class Worship is : Y2W – TODAY (11th), February at 2.40pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.</p> | <p>Staff Vacancies</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 finance@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk using the application form on our website, paper copies are also available at the School Office upon request.</p> |
| <p>Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL There will be a PGL meeting for Parents/Carers at 5.30pm on Thursday 27th February</p> | <p>Celebration Assembly</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 Thursday (as Friday is an INSET Day) parents/ carers of Reception and Year 3 are invited to join us at 2.30pm.</p> <p>Last Week's Winners were -</p> <p>Head Teacher Award – Lily G</p> <p>Writer of the Week – Lily D Writer of the Week – Sienna G</p> <p>Mathletics Top Point Scorers of the Week – Darcey, Zac, Jakub, Joe and Charlie H.</p> <p>Stars of the Week for outstanding effort, attitude, work or behaviour in class.</p> <div data-bbox="922 1350 1233 1641" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>RGL - Cooper RM - Penelope 1A - Harry 1S - Daulton 2W - George 2B - Owen 3T - Niko 3H - Alfie 4P - Gvozden 4M - Michalina 5W - Kitty 5J - Connor 6LP - Sophie 6S - Callum</p> <p>Well done to the following Year 5 children on receiving their 'Reading Ambassador' badges :- Teddy, Evie W, Jorja, Lila, Heidi Y, Dylan, Rose, Maddy, Sydney, Andrew, Belle, Macie, Tilly, Angel, Rebecca and Amelia S.</p> |
| <p>HOUSE POINT BADGES</p> <p>Well done to the following children, who have achieved their 500 house point badges:- Oak –Y3T – Willow and Elm – Y4P – Toby</p> | |
| <p>OPEN THE BOOK</p> <p>Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'Jesus' Special Friends' in Thursday's worship.</p> | |
| <p>NOTICES & REMINDERS</p> | |
| <p>Menu this week Week 3 of the menu</p> | |
| <p>HALF TERM</p> <p>Just a reminder that Friday 14th February is an Inset Day. Children will therefore finish for Half Term at the end of the day on Thursday 13th.</p> <p>School starts back on Monday 24th February.</p> | |
| <p>SPORTS NEWS</p> <p>Bench ball Tournament On Wednesday 5th February, 10 very excited Year 2 children set off for a bench ball tournament. Overall, there were 8 teams competing. The team competed in 4 games against different schools. They showed off amazing team work, communicating effectively throughout each game. Out of our 4 games; we won 3 and drew 1. This meant that we made it to the final. Although it was a tense game, Upton came out victorious! The team were very proud to pick up their gold</p> | |

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medals. Well done to the whole team: Frankie, Lily D, Lily W, William O, Esme, Poppy W, Bella, William C, Leo, and Max!

Gymnastics

On Wednesday 4th February, five Year 3 and 4 children travelled to St Peters for a gymnastics competition. 19 teams were in attendance, each with 5 or 6 gymnasts. Each gymnast was asked to perform a floor routine, which included a forwards roll, backwards roll, cartwheel, side stands and a number of balances. As well as the floor routines, each gymnast was asked to perform a vault routine. Rebecca-Jayne was out highest scorer of the day scoring 9.1 out of 10 for the vault. All of our gymnasts performed superbly and were a credit to our school. Congratulations to each member of the team for representing the school so well. The team was: Alfie, Rebecca-Jayne, Sienna, Sophie and Florence.



500 Words Competition 2020

We are delighted to be supporting BBC Radio 2's 500 Words Competition 2020. We hope that you have received a Parent Pay outlining what your child has to do to enter the competition. We are looking for a great plot, stories to make us laugh, cry, be scared - anything goes! Just remember, it can be no more than 500 words! Teachers across the school are at hand to read pupils' stories and give feedback before you submit the final edit online. Please see the following link for more details <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>.

Every entry from our school will be entered into a prize draw to win books for Upton St Leonards. We are also running an in-house competition so please print off a named copy of your child's entry and post into the 500 words box at school by Friday 28th February. Winning entries will be revealed during our celebration assembly in March. Get writing!



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 5th March in comfortable clothes ready for some cosy reading! Onsies, pyjamas and slippers are encouraged.



Cake and Bookmark Sale

On Thursday after school, some girls from Year 6 are holding a cake and bookmark sale to raise funds for school to go towards our exciting events taking place during our Literature Festival week. If you would like to donate cakes to sell then please bring them to the school office on Thursday morning. The sale will take place outside the front of school at the end of the day (weather permitting).

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day. The children will be learning about staying safe online, throughout this week.

On the Safer Internet Day website, there is a section for parents/carers that is worth looking at and lots of information that you can discuss with your children.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>



Open Classrooms

Just a reminder that Open Classrooms will take place this Thursday after school. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share the work they have been doing in school with you.

Save the date

Parents Information Evening - Reception to Lifelong Reader

Wednesday 11th March, 6-7pm

Information about Phonics, Early Reading, KS2 whole class reading, reading for pleasure, how parents can support the development of reading and more.

Our community book club will run straight afterwards.

Hope to see lots of you there

Mrs Wood
Reading Lead



Y4 Aquarium Trip

On Thursday 6th February, Year 4 went on a trip to Bristol Aquarium. The children were extremely excited and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We got a tour of the aquarium, fed the fish and learnt lots of new facts.

Here are a few of our favourite facts;

- Jellyfish have no brains but they have 4 stomachs. They are basically swimming stomachs!
- The electric eel swims to the surface to get oxygen to breathe every 10 minutes. They can also produce up to 800 volts so the staff at the aquarium have to wear rubber gloves when they feed him because rubber doesn't conduct electricity.

Miss McCrudden and Mr Prince were very pleased to see Ravioli there again, one of the aquarium's most popular rays. She showed the children her back stroke and loved to come up close to high five the children through the glass!

Thank you to all of the parents who came to assist on the trip. We hope you had as much of an enjoyable day as we all did!



Eco Project

Don't forget that we are holding our next after school Ecobrick making event today from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in Miss McCrudden's class room. (N.B. All Eco group are required to attend these events).

Please come along. Any help will be extremely appreciated.

The next date will be released soon. Thank you in advance.

Netball Youth Camp

Hartpury College, 18th February (half term), Age 9 – 11 years old

(possibly extending it to including 12 year olds too –please get in touch if this is of interest)

It's a brand new year and we are back with another range of boredom-busting, February Half-Term Netball Youth Camps.

England Netball's official Netball Youth Camps provide netballers the opportunity to take to the courts during the school holidays for a nothing but netball experience.

With top quality coaching, fun games and match play, it's the ultimate day for junior netball lovers.

Cold and raining? No problem. All of our February Half Term camps are taking place on indoor courts.

Click the link below to book a place on one of our February Netball Youth Camps:

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/NYC>

Y4P Class Worship

On Tuesday, Class 4P lead a school worship all about our school's core value of love. They thought about what it means to love ourselves and love one another, followed by examples of ways in which we could show this. With it being children's mental health week, the class linked the theme to this and also to our local community and environment. The children all spoke very confidently.

Upton Lates

We are very pleased to announce, that on Thursday, our Junior children who attend Upton Lates, will receive some First Aid training. The First Aid, Health and Safety training company, ERFA, are kindly providing this training for free.



Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Monday 6th through to Thursday 9th April 2020. Spaces are filling up fast so please ensure you complete and hand in your forms to the office asap.



Lost Property

There will be a table of lost property on Thursday after school outside the main entrance. All these items are un-named and have been "lost" in just 6 weeks. Please come along and find out if your child can be re-united with a lost jumper, snack box or pair of shorts. What a way to end the half term! We would really appreciate all items being named so that we can take them back to their owners - Remember that if you buy sticky name labels from Stikins.com, using code 24248, our school will receive FREE MONEY in the form of commission. Thank you.



Attendance

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

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. You may have already seen children patrolling the front of school in the mornings in Hi-Vis jackets.

School Disco

The PTA has organised a school disco which will take place on Thursday, 27th February. The children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will have their disco from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. They should bring disco clothes to school in a named bag, and 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 a snack. This money can be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. The children will be supervised at all times by teachers and members of the PTA, and will be taken back to their classrooms for collection by parents at 4.15pm. Each child will be given a pack of Haribo sweets at the end. If you do not wish your child to be given these, please notify the school.

Children in Years 3 and 4 will have their disco from 4.30pm to 5.15pm and so can go home to change into their disco clothes before returning to school via the main entrance and going to their classroom.

Teachers will collect their £3.00 entrance money there. There will be a tuck shop selling sweets but children should bring no more than £2 for this please. The children will be dismissed from the main entrance at 5.15pm.



Dressing up Clothes Wanted

Thank you to all of you that have generously donated overalls, wellies or materials for our Play Friendly Schools Initiative.

We are now looking for donations of dressing up clothes for our drama and dressing up zone. Any donations would be gratefully received. This could be wigs, glasses, dresses, skirts, suits or costumes.

