



## USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 22: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

<p><b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b></p>	<div data-bbox="518 443 758 548" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>An Upton Celebration!</b> This Friday, from 2:30pm onwards, we would like to invite you all to an 'Upton Celebration'.</p> <p><b>2:30pm</b> Parents/ carers of Reception and Year 4, plus those that are sent an additional invitation, are invited to join us to 'Reach for the Stars' in our Celebration Worship.</p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> Vashti Hardy opens our new School Library as part of the Celebration Worship.</p> <p><b>3:10pm</b> Vashti Hardy Book signing in the school library (entry through KS1 corridor and Reception Outdoor Area)</p> <p><b>3:45pm</b> 'Meet the Headteacher' presentation in the School Hall</p> <p><b>3:55pm</b> Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits in the School Hall for staff and parents.</p> <p>Vashti's books will also be on sale from the Yellow Lighted Book Shop for between £5 and £7 on the day. You are welcome to bring your own copy of one of her books to be signed.</p>
<p><b>Class Worship</b> The next Class Worship is: <b>Y5J</b> today (10<sup>th</sup> March) at 2.40pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.</p>	
<p><b>St Patricks Day</b> On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March children who attend Rainbows/Brownies/Scouts and Beavers are welcome to come to school in their uniforms to mark St Patrick's Day.</p>	
<p><b>HOUSE POINT BADGES</b></p>	
<p>Well done to the following children, who have achieved their 500 house point badges:- <b>Ash</b> – Stanley H</p>	
<p><b>SPORTS NEWS</b></p>	<p><b>Celebration Assembly</b></p>
<p><b>Knock-Out Football Plate Round 1 @ Upton</b></p>	<p>Thank you to all parents/carers that came to 'reach for the stars' with us last Friday.</p>
<p>We played in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the plate competition. In our first game against Abbeymead, we played some great football and won 2 – 1. Our second game, which was against Heron, saw us go 2 – 0 up before losing 3 – 2. Abbeymead beat Heron 3 – 1 in the final game. It was tense until the end but Abbeymead went through on goal difference. Well done to scorers Harrison E, Harry S and Alfie. Well done to all of those who have represented the school at football this year.</p>	<p>Last Week's Winners were -</p>
<p><b>Girl's Football</b></p>	<p>Head Teacher Award for being helpful and polite – Rosa Head Teacher Award for showing a love of life – Evie W</p>
<p>On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we played an away match against Elmbridge. We all played very well with Lainey running up the wing and scoring an amazing goal followed by another from Jahmira. At half time we were 2-0 up. The second half saw another goal by Jahmira and one from</p>	<p>Writer of the Week – Jackson Writer of the Week – Amelie S</p>
	<p>500 words writing competition winners – Daniel R, Phoebe C, Eirwen and Theo DP</p>
	<p>Stars of the Week for outstanding effort, attitude, work or behaviour in class.</p>
	<p>RGL -Lilly RM - Sophia 1A - Noah 1S - Zara 2W - Dolly 2B - Chloe 3T - Harry 3H - Grace 4P - Ashaya 4M – Sienna-Lei 5W - Charlie 5J - Olivia 6LP - Leo 6S – Abi</p>
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Sophia. We finished the game on a great win of 4-0.  
Well done to Jahmira, Annabell, Daisy, Heidi, Olivia, Tilly, Lainey, Paige and Sophia.

**Menu this week**  
Week 3 of the menu

### Headteacher's Golden Envelope

Look out for a special Golden Envelope coming home.... Children who do an exceptional piece of class work, particularly writing, will receive a special letter home to parents contained within a Golden Envelope. Good luck to everyone.



Our first Golden envelope went to Lucas T for his excellent writing – Well done!

### Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL

Next week, our Year 6 children will be travelling to PGL Boreatton Park. We hope they have a wonderful week and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

### World Book Day

The day started with a brilliant assembly from our Year 5 Reading Ambassadors. Children then spent the day sharing stories around school and enjoying lots of cosy reading! We ended the day by inviting our families back to school to enjoy milk, cookies and bedtime stories. We loved seeing all the children in their cosy, comfy clothes and can't wait for next year already!



Our Book Fair will be in the School Hall again today from 3.20 – 4.30pm. Children will also have the opportunity to visit during the school day. Cash or card is accepted and your World Book Day tokens can be used. Every book purchased will help raise much needed book funds for the school.

### 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



### Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Spaces are filling up fast so please ensure you complete and hand in your forms to the office asap. Payment is required in full by 29<sup>th</sup> March to guarantee your place.



### Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance are Y1A and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes.  
Well done!

### Sport Relief

This Friday (13<sup>th</sup> March) we are inviting children to wear something red, along with their normal uniform, to raise money for Sport Relief. This could be red socks, hairband, wristband or red jumper/cardigan. Our suggested donation is £1.



### Upton Lates – Closed 1<sup>st</sup> April

We would like to give all our Upton Lates attendees as much notice as possible but there will be **NO** Upton Lates on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is due to all staff needing to attend essential Staff training

### 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. We have had a few specific complaints about the parking in Staites Orchard, with a black car mentioned parking dangerously a few times.

### Easter Egg Hunt – USL Playgroup

Would you like to sponsor an egg for our Easter Egg Hunt for only £10? If you're a business, then all we need is your advert (A4 size please) or details so we can make one for you (we will need you logo, contact details, and a couple of sentences about your business). Alternatively, if you like to personally sponsor an egg then we need your name/family name.



Please email your details to [usleasteregg hunt@yahoo.com](mailto:usleasteregg hunt@yahoo.com) and hand your money into the office in a sealed envelope marked clearly Easter egg hunt.

### ParentPay

Thank you for making payments to your ParentPay accounts. However, we have noticed that payments are being made for monies owed and not being topped up for further meals and before/after school clubs. In line with our Debt Policy which is on our website, school meals and Upton Earlies and Upton Lates **MUST** be paid for before they are taken/booked. We are keen to ensure payments are made before our financial year end. Many thanks.



### Blue Peter Badge

Well done to Aleksy on gaining a special Blue Peter Music badge for playing the electric guitar.



### Request for help

We are very pleased with how our play-friendly approach is developing. The children are loving being able to explore the mud pit, the drama area, ride their scooters and much more. To deliver our lunchtimes effectively, our midday staff are going on training and visiting other schools to support their practice. If anyone be able to help the school during lunchtimes over the next 4 weeks when our midday staff are on their training, we would really appreciate it.

Help would be required from 11.50am - 1.25pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 11th March

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 26th March

Thursday 2nd April

ALL HELPERS WILL NEED A CURRENT DBS CERTIFICATE.

If you are able to do one, or all, of these dates, please speak to Mr Lewis or the School Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

### Gloucestershire Primary Chess Schools Congress

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Congress yesterday. We hope that everyone enjoyed it. There were excellent performances from the Upton team who won the team shield once again. Congratulations to Sophie who was the winner with a perfect score of 6 out of 6.



### **Upton St Leonards 47<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open at 2pm. Admission is £1.00 for adults and 50p for senior citizens/children, all in aid of Village Hall Funds.

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 DESIGN A FLAG FOR A FOOTBALL CLUB –any media, A4 size

47 MAKE AN EASTER HAT – use recycled materials

48 MAKE A VEGETABLE AEROPLANE

#### **AGE 8 - 16 YEARS**

Class 49 DESIGN A POSTER TO ADVERTISE THE OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HALL

50 WRITE A SHORT STORY –no more than 500 words to include

Beef Burger, Spaceman, truck, Kingsholm Rugby Ground

#### **ANY AGE GROUP**

Class 51 SOMETHING I HAVE MADE - any media

52 STAINED GLASS WINDOW BISCUITS

#### **UP TO AGE 16 YEARS**

Class 53 A PHOTOGRAPH I HAVE TAKEN – ‘BALL GAMES’

**Good luck – Entry forms are available in the school office.**

Please contact Marilyn Bannister on 01452 610670 for more details.



### Eco Bricks & Zanzibar

Yesterday's worship focused on our value of 'Service'. Please ask your child about how to make an Ecobrick (A sustainable method of reusing single-use plastic). Miss McCrudden and our visitor, Miss Owen from Zecobricks, taught the children all about the impact plastic is having on our environment. Miss Owen focused on education surrounding the impact of plastic on the wider world, specifically Zanzibar, where she has been spending lots of time setting up NGO Ecobricks [www.zecobricks.com](http://www.zecobricks.com).

Miss McCrudden and Miss Owen are excited to work together on building the Ecobrick community. We make building blocks by stuffing plastic bottles with single-use plastic that will be destined for landfill or end up in the ocean. We are currently discussing what we should build with these Ecobricks. If you or your child have any suggestions, please send them to your Eco group class representative. If you are passionate, or interested in supporting the Eco group, please donate your clean and dried plastic, or attend our Eco group club. Remember, ANYONE is welcome to attend Eco Group Club. Plastic is shaping future generations to come and therefore we need the support.

#### Zanzibar Donations:

Everyone deserves the right to brush their teeth every day. Therefore, toothbrushes, especially those that are sustainable to the environment, would be gratefully received by those in Zanzibar. Please let us know if you could kindly donate any or would be willing to contribute towards the cost of them.

Goggles and any old football jerseys would also be loved by the children in Zanzibar because they have a passion for swimming and playing football for the England team. If you have any that have been outgrown or are now unloved, please could you kindly donate them to school to be taken back with Miss Owen to be reused and loved in Zanzibar at the end of the month.



### [Zecobrick Zanzibar](http://www.zecobricks.com)

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