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## 20th September 2019 Autumn Newsletter

Week three of the autumn term and a very packed newsletter with lots of new dates for your diary! Dates have also been sent out via ParentPay this week. There will be a combined PTA welcome BBQ and meet the teacher event this coming Thursday, this is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and enjoy a BBQ at the same time, we look forward to seeing you then.

### The next two weeks in school

Monday 23 September	Tuesday 24 September	Wednesday 25 September	Thursday 26 September	Friday 27 September
Meals <a href="#">week 1</a> Yr1: Anima phonics meeting			PTA welcome BBQ & meet the teacher, 3.45-6.30pm	Macmillan cake and coffee, 2.45pm. Furniture fund sale
Monday 30 September	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 2 October	Thursday 3 October	Friday 4 October
Meals <a href="#">week 2</a>				Tempest individual photos.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 7 October:** Year 6 Shakespeare Festival rehearsal at Floral Pavilion.

**Monday 7-11 October:** Bible Exhibition at Baptist Church.

**Tuesday 8- Thursday 10 October:** Book fair - 3.30pm - 4pm.

**Wednesday 16th October:** Harvest service whole school in church 1.30pm (led by year 2).

**Thursday 17 October:** PTA school disco

**Wednesday 23 October:** Community event- visit the old school building, 4-5pm.

**Friday 25 October:** School closes for half term.

**Monday 11 November:** School re-opens. Remembrance Service whole school in church (led by year 5).

**Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 November:** Parents' evening.

**Saturday 7 December:** Choir performing at the Church Hall 10-11am.

**Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 December:** EYFS nativity.

**Wednesday 18 December.** Christmas service whole school in church, 1.30pm (led by year 4).

**Thursday 19 December:** Christmas Party Day.

### Stars of the week

ASH - Elsa Hardacre & Harriet Antrobus

YEW - Alaya Macpherson & Lilly Walsh

BEECH - Mia Jo Hodgson & Oliver Davies

SYCAMORE - Thomas Rowlands & Philip Sharp

HAWTHORN - Jasmine Underwood & Amelia Hall

JUNIPER - Lukas Beddows & Kaiden Pritchard



CEDAR - Elsie Taylor & Sam Bassett  
LIME - Rimsha Hamid & Eve Wainwright-Hewitt  
ELM - Brooke Jones & Kadan Cariga-Williams  
MAPLE - Annie Roche  
CHERRY - Jessica Johnson & Hamish Johnson  
OAK - Esme Lacey & Safiya Thenga-Owen

## Macmillan cake and coffee & furniture fund sale

Friday 27th September is Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning and we are pleased to support this worthy charity on the day with a cake and coffee event to be held in school at 2.45pm. We would be most grateful for your donations of cakes on the morning of the 27th and, of course, to see you for a cake and a cuppa in the afternoon. After school, please pop along (hall or outside) to our 'furniture fund' sale- raising money for furniture in our new school building.

## Memories of Upton Manor County Primary School

As we let you know last week, we will be holding an event on the 23rd October at school at 4pm for the community to say goodbye to the old school building. Upton Heath actually only became known by its current name in 1998 and was previously known as Upton Manor County Primary School from its opening in August 1954. The event will be organised alongside Upton Local History Group with memorabilia from the archives on display. Did you (like our very own Mrs. Parker-Rich) attend our school? If so, we'd love to hear and see your memories of the school on social media using the hashtag #memoriesofUHPS.

## Open days

Our open days for prospective parents have now been set for the 18th and 19th November, and 3rd December at 10am and 2pm. We realise that our open days are a little later than usual this year due to the new school building only opening on the 11th November (and wanting to give prospective parents the benefit of seeing the new building) and would greatly appreciate your support to spread the word.

## CEO update

Paula Conlin (née Moreton) has recently written her [CEO newsletter](#) which provides an update on staffing and changes within The Samara Trust and its schools. This is an extensive newsletter and explains in detail the reasons behind, and the timing of, the changes that have taken place at Upton Heath, Clutton and Little Sutton.

## PE News

We have a timetable of sporting activities for the children to participate in during their lunchtimes including dance, tag rugby, football and fitness. For the KS1 children there are parachute games and multi skills activities. After a few teething problems with timings, next week should run more smoothly. Please remind

Do you have a child born between 1/9/54 & 31/8/56 due to enter school September 2021?

**Open days**

Monday 18th November 10am and 2pm  
Tuesday 19th November 10am and 2pm  
Tuesday 3rd December 10am and 2pm

Please contact us to book your space.

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your children to look at the timetable and choose what they would like to do. Next week we will be starting tag rugby house competitions for KS2. The children will be given more details on Monday.

#### PE kit reminder:

Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school every day, including spare socks.

#### King's School Netball Tournament

A team of 8 girls from years 5 and 6 played together in our school netball team for the first time on Friday 13th Sept. Friday 13th was certainly not unlucky for them! They proved to be an impressive team with a good level of skill, and through the tournament their teamwork and standard of play improved with every match. They won the first four games easily but unfortunately, lost the final two games to the teams that came 1st and 2nd. We were delighted to finish in 3rd place overall. A terrific achievement for a new team.

#### King's School Football Tournament

The boys played their first tournament of the year at King's School on Friday. They displayed great team work and skill and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Great performance against tough competition. They finished in 4th place overall and well deserved their medals. Just a reminder to please check photo permissions before posting photographs of events and teams on social media- thank you!

## **Bikes and scooters**

After a very near-miss this week, please can we remind you that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden on school premises by children or adults.

## **ALDI vouchers**

We are now collecting Aldi school vouchers. If you can help at all please hand the vouchers into the class teacher or at the school office. It would be very much appreciated.

## **Joshua Tree charity**

On Saturday 7th September, Toby, Noah and Owen completed a Duathlon, raising money for The Joshua Tree Charity. They swam 75 metres in open water followed by a 1300 metre run! Well done boys.



## **Astronomy Club**

Some exciting new updates for Astronomy Club, [observations](#) for September and October, plus a [skymap](#).



## New school update

Despite the period of heavy rain earlier in the year causing a slight delay the contractors are confident they will be able to meet the autumn half term hand over date meaning we will be closing for a two week period as previously communicated. At the site meeting last week we were able to take a look inside and view their progress over the summer, it's really starting to take shape. They even had a finished sample room for us to take a look at. In school we'll soon receive boxes to start packing up ready for the move. We need to be packed up and ready to go before we leave on Friday 25th October. Between now and then you'll start to see all the displays and work coming down as we prepare to hand over an empty shell. Our apologies if it looks a little bare for the last few weeks.

Over the half term holiday, in week one a team will come and move all the furniture and boxes over into the new building for us. In week two all the school staff will be back in, unpacking and setting up the new school ready for the children. If everything goes to plan we're hoping that we will be in a position to open the school on the Friday afternoon of that second week (it's 8th November) so you can come in and have a little look around before we open officially on the following Monday. Look out for an email coming out half-way through that second week if we're in a position to be able to do that.

The build then moves into phase two of the program, the demolition phase. The construction site and the main school access will flip. We will be using the site entrance off the A41 and the contractors will set up their cabins and work area on our driveway. There will be two pedestrian access routes. The first will be off the A41 through the gates currently being used by the contractors. The second will be the pedestrian pathway on the right hand side of our driveway as you look at it from Upton Lane. Work will then begin to demolish the older parts of the building before moving into Phase 3 when they landscape that area before finishing in the summer 2020. It's a very busy and exciting time for the school. We'd like to thank you for your support and for working with us to make everything run as smoothly as possible during the changes.