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11th February 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 14th Feb	Tues 15th Feb	Wed 16th Feb	Thurs 17th Feb	Fri 18th Feb
Week 1 Menu Parents' evenings. No staff led clubs this week.	Parents' evenings	Parents' evenings	Parents' evenings. Anima Phonics dressing up day EYFS, Y1 & Y2.	School closes for half term.
Mon 21st Feb	Tues 22nd Feb	Wed 23rd Feb	Thurs 24th Feb	Fri 25th Feb
Half term break all week. School reopens Monday 28th February.				

Platinum Jubilee Project

We are excited to announce a collaboration between Upton Heath Primary School and Cheshire College South & West's performing arts department. Over the coming months the children at Upton Heath have a unique opportunity to work with CCSW performing arts students to plan, prepare and perform a whole school Platinum Jubilee celebration!

CCSW students and Senior Lecturer Paul Moss will work with our children every Thursday afternoon between 3rd March and the performance. As this will be a whole school production, the children will perform on 22nd and 23rd June 2022 (reserve date 24th June), several times, so that everyone can enjoy the experience. More details to follow... watch this space!



On Thursday 26th May 2022, we will be holding a red, white and blue day, at school, when we hope to block off time to help the children understand the significance of the Platinum Jubilee and their own part in this historic occasion. More details about this will follow too. If you have any memorabilia re the Queen's Reign, perhaps you could share this with your child's class teacher, nearer the time.

Get ready for...Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place this year on Friday 18th March. We'll be marking the day with an 'own clothes' day, and an encouragement to wear something red! Donations to the Red Nose Day appeal will be possible through ParentPay, and there will be lots of activities taking place during the day too in each class, such as quizzes, mask making and more.



Forces and dragons in Beech!

It's been another busy week full of dragons in Year Two. Beech class have been designing and making their own dragon machines (linked to our class text) at home as part of their home learning. In science we have also been investigating how materials change when we apply a push, pull, twist or stretch force to them. We had lots of fun exploring!



Investigating forces
Beech



Dragon
Machines
Beech



Bee Netball Festival

Great fun was had today at the Bee Netball festival. It was a pleasure to see these girls work their way round the different netball activity stations, developing their skills with such great enthusiasm. Definitely players to watch for in future!



Blackpool Tower spotted in Chester

As part of our Geography lessons, Year 1 have been focusing on naming the four countries of the UK, capital cities and also identifying famous landmarks. The children painted their favourite landmarks and also tried to construct famous buildings. The children were particularly proud of their design of the Blackpool Tower!



The Great Residential Roundup!

Years 4 and 5 had the BEST time at their residential this week, it was so good in fact, it needs its own newsletter! Read all about it in [The Great Residential Roundup](#).



In science we have been changing the shape of different materials by using forces.



May the force be with you!

Year 2, Sycamore Class, were investigating changing the shape of materials by using forces this week. As you can see from the picture, there was lots of excellent concentration from the children on their science work.

Reminders

A couple of reminders for this week, can we please ask that no dogs are brought onto the school site when dropping off/collecting children. Also, due to allergies, we ask that no nuts are brought into school in packed lunches etc. Many thanks for your support with this.

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS: Jasmine Morgan for her fantastic independent writing! Jessica Howie for always being ready to learn and demonstrating beautiful listening!</p>	<p>CONKERS: Mohamed Elgamoudi for his enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour in PE. Louis Mullen for his detailed reasoning and explanations in maths.</p>	<p>ASH: Harrison Dalglish for working really hard on his handwriting Dwayne Balenaka for his fantastic understanding and explanation of our story text</p>
<p>YEW: Ava Concannon for working hard on reading, writing and ordering numbers 10-20 Penny Sharps-Green for reading beautifully and with lovely expression</p>	<p>WILLOW: Zoe Brayshaw for always putting extra effort into her home learning, especially her dragon machine model this week Freddie McWilliams for working really hard in class this week and impressing us with his fantastic dragon machine story on English</p>	<p>SYCAMORE: Sophie Brown for showing lots of perseverance towards her maths! Edith Rae for trying hard to include lots of Year 2 features in her writing!</p>
<p>BEECH: Sam Windsor for trying hard with his home learning tasks Ran Kanazuka for being a fantastic member of Beech class who has made fantastic progress. We will miss you!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: Sami Muhashash for showing lots of perseverance in Maths and for achieving rockstar status on Times Table Rockstar Edward Gibson for putting 100% effort into his maths and for achieving rockstar status on Times Table Rockstar</p>	<p>JUNIPER: Ella Woodcock & Charlotte Beale for representing the school so well at netball.</p>
<p>LIME: EVERYONE for their enthusiasm and engagement in all of our activities at the Conway Centre</p>	<p>HAZEL: EVERYONE for their enthusiasm and engagement in all of our activities at the Conway Centre</p>	<p>ELM: EVERYONE for their enthusiasm and engagement in all of our activities at the Conway Centre</p>
<p>BIRCH: EVERYONE for their enthusiasm and engagement in all of our activities at the Conway Centre</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Amir Hassan for continued hard work and perseverance in all he does Imogen Aldridge for excellent participation in Shakespeare rehearsals</p>	<p>OAK: Ava Will for always demonstrating resilience and kindness Josh Windsor for 100% commitment in Shakespeare rehearsals</p>

Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness: **Olivia Stockton** (Hazel) for kindness to others on the residential

Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to see so many of our children returning to school following self-isolation due to COVID-19 cases being so high across the school. It has also been fabulous to have the vast majority of our team back as well, although unfortunately, we are still not at a full complement of staff. Nevertheless, we have been able to keep most things going, without too much disruption to the normal running of the school. That has been down to the incredible hard work and commitment of our team at UHPS. Their resilience, compassion and how they have worked together, has been second to none over the last few weeks, I cannot praise them enough.

Extra-special thanks must go to Mrs Randa and the team of UHPS staff who took our Year 4 and Year 5 children to the Conway Centre this week, to ensure that the children who missed out last year, were able to get that experience. This has been a one off event and will not be repeated, as we want to get back to running residential visits in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 only moving forward. However, we also wanted those who have missed out over the last couple of years, to have that opportunity. To ensure we could achieve this, I have asked the large majority of my team to give up their own time to make this happen, and they didn't falter on that request, so huge thanks to them for supporting our children with this unique and so memorable event. I am also proud to inform you that the Conway staff were so impressed with our children and praised their behaviour and attitude during their stay. SO HUGE THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN TOO, they were a credit to you and our school.

Whilst our Year 4 and Year 5 children were away, it was incredibly quiet upstairs, and we missed them all, but it was great to see that several of our after school clubs were able to continue and that our children continue to enjoy attending them. The migration from one Management Information System to another has now begun. Mrs Parker-Rich has been doing an amazing job keeping everyone on track and updated with the process. I know that this has interfered with the booking of clubs for a while in preparation for next half term, but we will get information out to you as soon as is practical, so please do keep an eye out for our communications about these. Next week we are hosting our virtual parents' evenings (Monday to Thursday), we look forward to sharing and answering questions about the progress your children have made so far this year. Should there be any breakdown in the online call, the teacher will ring you, should there be further issues, we will make alternative arrangements to meet with you in the not too distant future. Once again thank you for your support with this process.

Some events coming up; World Book Day, it is the 25th anniversary of this event, so look out for ideas from Mrs Mistry to support us in celebrating this day. Mrs Jones is leading on our Red Nose day support as well, please see an update above. We want to keep things as simple and effective as possible, so I thank you in advance for your support with these prestigious events.

We are hopeful that our recruitment process to appoint a Site Manager and Assistant will be completed tomorrow. I will update you on our progress next week all things being equal, and will introduce our new colleagues to you. Mr. Rodgers, has recently tested positive for covid, so has been out of school this week; however, we are hoping to have him back in school next week, to enable us to give him a good send off for his pending retirement.

Kind regards

Mr North. Headteacher

Leave of Absence Request

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution. When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.