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12th November 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

| Mon 15th Nov | Tues 16th Nov | Wed 17th Nov | Thurs 18th Nov | Fri 19th Nov |
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| Week 3 Menu KS2 Bebras competition | | Nasal flu vaccination | Individual pupil photographs | |
| Mon 22nd Nov | Tues 23rd Nov | Wed 24th Nov | Thurs 25th Nov | Fri 26th Nov |
| Week 1 Menu | | | EYFS parents phonics meeting - 2.30pm | |

Diary Dates

EYFS Nativity - 14th & 15th December 2021
Christmas Lunch - Thursday 16th December 2021
School Closes - Friday 17th December 2021

School Lunches

Please can you ensure that your child's lunch account is in credit **prior** to taking a lunch to enable the system to run smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL JUMPERS/CARDIGANS

PLEASE can you name your child's jumper/cardigan for school. We are inundated with lost property. Just a name on the label will be fine and then they can be returned to the children.

Year 5 Remembrance Service.



Red on the poppies for the blood that was spilt,
Each time a soldier fell.
Mothers wept, scared and worried that they'd never see their sons again.
Every boy with a gun in hand, confused not knowing a thing about war.
Marching towards the enemy, terrified and unsure.
Black on the poppies to mourn the many soldiers who died.
Eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the sounds of war fade.
Remember their sacrifice forever.

Girl's Under 11 Football



Last week, Upton Heath was invited to participate in a Girl's Under 11 Football League including lots of different schools in Cheshire. Our newly formed team played 3 matches against Eaton, Dodleston and Saughall, and won all 3 games! What's more, is that the girls played so well in all their positions that they didn't concede a single goal. There are two more sets of matches soon and the prospect of doing well in the league looks promising. Mr

Wyllor and Miss Hodge are so proud of the girls for representing the school in such a spectacular and respectful way. Well done girls!

Year 2

Year 2 really enjoyed their tennis lesson with PL tennis coaching, they learnt lots of new skills!





STARS OF THE WEEK

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| <p>ACORNS:</p> <p>Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS</p> | <p>CONKERS:</p> <p>Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS</p> | <p>ASH: Henry Colley for great work on the number line; Leo Grant for super sentence writing this week. Well done!</p> |
| <p>YEW: Oscar Williamson for his fantastic effort in everything he does; Elizabeth Davies for always trying her very best and following instructions so well.</p> | <p>WILLOW: Zoe Brayshaw for applying herself and showing resilience in all areas of learning; Lily Walmsley for sharing fantastic ideas during our English and Topic lessons this week.</p> | <p>SYCAMORE: Sam Thomas for trying hard with his work and making sensible decisions; Cara Mason for working hard in maths while learning number bonds to 20 and 100.</p> |
| <p>BEECH: Ran Kanazuka and Alex Horsham For always being ready to learn.</p> | <p>JUNIPER: Isla Novak for cross country running and supporting her team mates; Alaya Macpherson for making good use of base ten equipment in Math to add multiples of ten.</p> | <p>HAWTHORN: Molly Fleming for her wonderful writing in English; Benji Hall for always having a positive attitude to learning and for his super work in English.</p> |
| <p>LIME: Ralph Barlow for all of his hard work and efforts with his handwriting and reading; Emily Stockton for her focus and determination with her reading quizzes - well done!</p> | <p>HAZEL: Harry Turner for trying his best to make the right choices in class; Charlotte Stone for being a confident and positive role model to everyone in Hazel class.</p> | <p>ELM: Amy Powell for her wonderful contribution to our whole school worship; Billy Morris for the confidence he has shown when taking on new challenges independently.</p> |

BIRCH:

Santiago Smith for incredible artwork related to our work on remembrance;

Diego Goncalves for sheer determination and outstanding contributions to our TTRS competition.

OAK:

Rowan I'Anson and **Sophie Rowlands**

For their fantastic auditions as part of our Shakespeare Schools Festival work.

CHESTNUT:

Annie Malik for her dedication and perseverance in swimming;
Joseph Deighton for his effort and enthusiasm in our TTRS England Rocks competition.

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award; - Louie Lamont (Juniper)

EYFS Phonics Meeting

This meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday 25th November at 2.30pm. Please come to the main reception where you will be collected by EYFS staff for the meeting.

Year 5 Football match

On Thursday a team of Year 5 boys played their first school football match of the year against Mill View. They played well together as a team and there were strong performances from all. At half time the score was 3-0 to Upton Heath. During the second half, Mill View defended well and we had some unlucky shots on target that didn't quite go in. The final score was 3-1 to Upton Heath. Congratulations boys!

Cross Country

Last Saturday was the third of the Schools cross country series organised by West Cheshire Athletics Club. We had another great turn out and many top ten places. Congratulations to all who took part, especially those children for whom it was their first time.

**Letter from Mr North**

12/11/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and varied week it has been this week. We have had "Mad Science" in school leading an exciting assembly for our Key Stage 2 children, the "whoops" of delight, "wows" and "cors", were a delight to hear. We have also started our work with the Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Road Safety team, who have started their "Let's Walk" scheme with our Year 4 children. As you know we encourage our families to walk to school, but do understand the challenges that this can be, especially to working parents. Nevertheless, there is a life skill about crossing the road safely, that we think is really important to pass on to our children in partnership with you. Consequently, the Road Safety team have been taking small groups of our children out and about locally to talk and show children where to cross the road safely, the children have also been working in booklets on activities relating to those safety messages and practical activities, to make it relevant to them and their safety. We have also been running our New Intake Open morning sessions for prospective parents for September 2022. We currently have 30 first choices already for next September and places are being booked up for our open morning sessions already. It has been a delight to share our thoughts and vision with new people, who are considering bringing their children to us.

It was great to get the feedback about our successes and the support of the Cross-Country races this weekend. If you haven't seen it yet, **#sportUHPS**, 1st and 3rd places (Year 3 and Year 5), and so many participants too; a real family feel to the event, thank you. Our girls football team also took part in their first event last week, taking with them some children who had not played in a team before. They played three matches and won them all! Congratulations young ladies and here is to many more fabulous experiences in the future. Due to the excitement of being able to have inter school friendlies and competitions, more and more children are now getting involved in sporting events and fixtures. It has been brought to my attention that some schools are now able to offer an increased number of teams to certain events, this information is sometimes shared with Ms. Hodge with little notice, so we are responding to these requests and doing our best to enable as many of our children to take part as we can.

Just a gentle reminder that for health and safety reasons long hair (for boys and girls) should be tied up for school, especially during PE lessons.

Our remembrance Worship was led by our Year 5 team this week. Their work at home and at school has been so thoughtful and of such a high quality, my thanks to Mrs Randa and Mrs Buckland for their planning and support of this extremely important event. Mrs Glover and our Ethos group have been selling poppies and remembrance items to raise funds for the charity and we will let you know next week how much you have enabled us to raise for them. Thank you so much for supporting this important charity.

Our Early Years Development is still on schedule to start next Friday 19th November. This will mean that by the end of the day, the access route for you will be slightly different. Everyone will have to walk through the fenced and gated area next to the Reception and Yew classrooms. This is a potential bottleneck, so I ask that people are mindful of those around them and continue to be patient whilst maneuvering around school or waiting to pick up your children. Thank you for your support with this and our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully

Conrad 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.