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15th October 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 18th October	Tues 19th Oct	Wed 20th Oct	Thurs 21st Oct	Fri 22nd Oct
Week 2 Menu Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	School Closes for half term Virtual Book Fair
Mon 1st Nov	Tues 2nd Nov	Wed 3rd Nov	Thurs 4th Nov	Fri 5th Nov
Week 1 Menu INSET DAY	School open to pupils			

ELEPHANTS are the winners this half term with the most house points. They can come in non-uniform on Thursday next week or if they have PE on Thursday then they can come on Friday in non-uniform. **NO** football kits please.

High School September 2022

Reminder for Year 6 Parents - the closing date for high school applications is **31st October 2021**.

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.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent Midday Assistant to work 7.5 hours per week, 38 weeks per year. If you're interested further details can be found on our website:-

<https://www.uptonheath.cheshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MD-Assis-Advert-October-21.pdf>

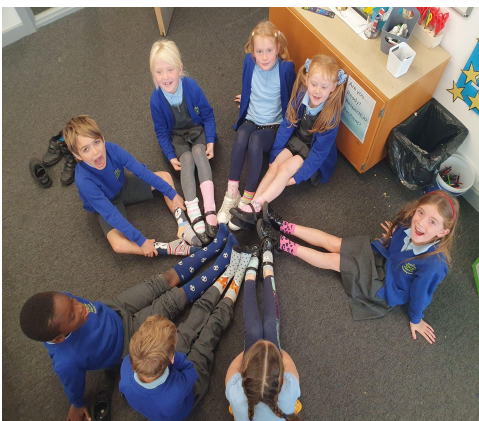
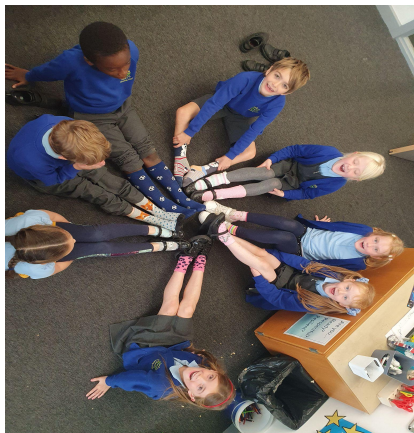
STARS OF THE WEEK

ACORNS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	CONKERS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	ASH: Pippa Gilligan for being so supportive of her friends; Oliver Collins-Ducker for sharing his knowledge and research with the class.
YEW: Ruby Jones for always following instructions and trying her best; Evelyn Davies for her enthusiasm in geography and applying her learning.	WILLOW: Khushi Dey for her commitment and effort to home learning; Lyla Jones for being super helpful with everything in class all week. Thank you!	SYCAMORE: Will Chaloner for his positive attitude and excellent contribution in all lessons; Sophie Brown for great participation during our phonics lessons and applying this to her work independently.
BEECH: Yusuf Yigit for applying himself really well during his maths lesson; Yosef Barakat for always going above and beyond with his home learning tasks.	JUNIPER: Charlotte Beale, Louis Pesnot and Jacob Hall for being an excellent spokesperson for the Scientific Advisory Committee and clearly explaining their reasons for why a new food product should be banned, endorsed or licensed for sale.	HAWTHORN: Lily Fleming and Sofia Camillo For showing resilience and for superstar writing in English.
LIME: Edward Graham for his excellent reasoning skills in maths; Hamza Hamid for his enthusiasm for reading at home and school. He always reads regularly without fail!!	HAZEL: Ilya Beddows for being a risk taker and showing growing confidence in maths; Grace Novak for always being an enthusiastic learner and sharing her knowledge and understanding with her classmates.	ELM: Jessica Underwood for her progress and growing confidence in reading; Siddharth Parthasarathy for accurately applying the master keys to his written tasks.
BIRCH: Amelia Hall a mature approach to every aspect of school life, Good Role Model; Bella Turnbull for fantastic maths work and taking time to help out her classmates.	OAK: Malakii Huckle for excellent work in topic and effort in swimming; El-Louise James for her effort and focus in spellings.	CHESTNUT: Lexie Stowell for putting all her efforts into everything she does to make her work the best that it can be! Byron Jones for being an excellent team player and helping others in the classroom and in PE.

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award; - The whole of Willow Class & Mrs Buckland

Fundraising for Toilet Twinning UK

Thank you to all the children and staff who took part in our Toilet PASS day, raising funds for Toilet Twinning UK. The current amount (raised by the group of schools) stands at £435, a large proportion of which came from our families at Upton Heath. We had a lot of fun and many of the children enjoyed taking part in a quiz about all things toilet! Thank you for all your support and a special thank you to Jai and Lyra (Year 5) for organising this event.



The children will be able to look through the bookcases in school and then all orders must be placed online.



Our Autumn Book fair will arrive next week from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October. Children will have allocated sessions to be able to look at the books in 'real life' during school time, however we have decided to keep the ordering and payment of the books online for this term.

Our **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/upton-heath-cnty/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by October 23rd, 2021.**

We hope to be able to invite **EVERYONE** to our next Book fair in the Spring term!

Chester Allstars -



Joey, Jack, Rhys and Thomas were selected to play for the Chester school boys team. It is very hard to get into the Allstars team as they select from all of the schools in the area. We have never had 4 boys in the team before. It is quite amazing to have so many.

They had their first game together last Friday against Flint Town Academy and won 10-0!!! Well done boys.

HARVEST APPEAL



Our school theme for this half term is Thankfulness. To support us in showing how thankful we as a school community for the food we have we are asking the children to bring in a donation this harvest towards the West Cheshire Foodbank.

This is a list of the top ten items the foodbank is in need of. Along with toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, washing powers, etc.



3468

Emergency Food Parcels issued in 6 months to 30 June 21 - enough to feed 7431 people.



2687

Food supplied for children - 6m to 30 June 21
23% increase on 2020

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

UHT Juice
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding
Instant Mash
Instant Noodles
Tinned Tomatoes
Chocolate Bars/Sweets
Rice
Instant Custard
Coffee

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*

The West Cheshire Foodbank so an amazing job of supporting families in need within our community and are grateful for any help they receive.

Thank you for your support. | Upton Heath Ethos Team.

Letter from Mr North

15/10/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Morris celebrates a significant milestone today, so if you see her be sure to wish her the very best! It has been great to see so many of you sign up for the virtual parents evenings next week, thank you for doing so. Our Toilet Twinning PASS Day was a tremendous success, thank you so much for supporting our children with this project. It has been a cross school project involving various schools from our Cluster, such as Newton, Westlea, Hoole, Bluecoat, Acresfield, St Oswalds, Dorin Park and Saughall All Saints. Huge thanks to our two

pupil representatives for their hard work and to Mrs Buckland for driving the project across our school. Up to now we have raised £435, which is a tremendous gift towards this project!

We have had some of our Year 6 parents in school to give those who wanted to attend information about our planned Residential visit to Min-y-Don in December. It was wonderful to see parents back into school and we hope to extend those invitations after the half term. We are planning dates for the Reception children's Nativity, which will be shared soon and also making contact with our Vicar, Paul Newman, to arrange for an event in Holy Ascension Church. As soon as we have got dates and times fixed, we will be letting you know. The school has been doing a variety of fabulous curriculum activities over recent weeks, so please do have a look on the school Twitter page, Facebook, class web-pages and Seesaw, thanks to the team for planning such a variety of experiences for our children.

Next week is the last week of this half term, so school will be closed week beginning Monday 25th October and we will reopen on Tuesday 2nd November. (Monday 1st November is an INSET Day for school staff). I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support re: parking at drop-off and pick-up times, there has clearly been a marked improvement, as the emails of complaint have reduced significantly, so THANK YOU. Next week is also the week for our virtual parent's evenings (Monday 18th – Thursday 21st October), thank you for the rapid sign up to appointments. There are still some appointments available, so please do sign up.

Next week is also our Book Fair, the children will be able to see the books on offer this year, as they will be on show in the Hall during the week. Orders for books will be completed online, as last year. I know that Mrs Mistry has sent information out to you, so thank you to her for launching this event.

An information booklet will be sent out to you about Accelerated Reader soon, this will give you information about what AR is, what the STAR assessments are about and how you will be able to support your children with reading a variety of books. We hope you find these booklets informative and supportive, should you require any other information, please ask your teacher when you see them or message via Seesaw.

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.