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## 1st April 2022 Newsletter

### Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 18th April	Tues 19th April	Wed 20th April	Thurs 21st April	Fri 22nd April
Week 1 <a href="#">Menu</a>	School re-opens			
Mon 25th April	Tues 26th April	Wed 27th April	Thurs 28th April	Fri 29th April
Week 2 <a href="#">Menu</a>				

### CHESTER FC NATIONAL LEAGUE TRUST UNDER 11S SCHOOL CUP 2022

Our girls should be very proud of themselves for the way they performed and the team spirit they showed today at the football tournament. They were evenly matched in all their games and drew two but narrowly lost one game 1-0. It was nice to play a mixed age team with members from year 4 through to year 6. They definitely held their own against pure year 6 teams and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of football. Well done girls! We were able to enter two boys' teams and our boys also played some great football.



Each team won their first two games with quite a margin and went into their third games with confidence. Our mixed Year 5/6 team were unlucky to lose the third game 1-0 and consequently to narrowly miss a place in the semi-finals. Our Year 6 team won their third game and went all the way to the finals, winning the final game, the tournament and the trophy. We very nearly had two Upton Heath teams in the final! All boys played well and were a credit to our school. We are very proud of all the children who played today. Well done all of you!



## Enjoying all things Victorian in Year 2

Year 2 had lots of fun participating in their Victorian School Day this week. We did handwriting on chalkboards, PE and made peg dolls, it was lots of fun!



## Year 3 Easter service

Year 3 have worked very hard over the last couple of weeks preparing the Easter Service. On Wednesday, we went to the church and were joined by Year 3 parents for the performance. We are very proud of all the children! They learned their words, learned the songs and took on acting roles with confidence. It was a beautiful service and the children represented Upton Heath amazingly well.



## Accelerated Reader news

This week we have had our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> members join the Upton Heath Millionaire's Club! Congratulations to Luca Smithson in Hazel class, William Taylor in Elm class and Cora Layland in Birch class, who have all read a million words since September! Our Accelerated Reader reading programme tracks words that the children read and adds them to their word count once they pass the book's quiz. You can check on your child's current word count by logging into your Home Connect account. We will also be looking to see who our 100% quizzers are so please keep reading! The new members have all received a certificate, a free book of their choice and their photo will be displayed in our Millionaire's Row display area in the library. We also have some brand new gold 'Word Millionaire' badges which all Millionaires will receive and be able to wear.

Congratulations also go to Jack Murphy who has become our second multimillionaire!



## Swimming stars

Year 5 have really enjoyed their swimming sessions over the last term. Many of the children have made incredible progress and all have gained confidence. The last two sessions focused on Water Safety and the children wore their pyjamas and learnt how to keep themselves safe if they got into trouble in water. Well done Year 5!



# STARS OF THE WEEK

<p><b>ACORNS:</b></p> <p><b>Mia Ngozi L Liu-Kanu</b>- for being a superstar by following instructions during our tennis activities.</p> <p><b>Aleena Shaheen</b> - for giving 100% effort in our tennis activities and trying her best!.</p>	<p><b>CONKERS:</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Forshaw</b> - for growing in confidence to share her ideas with her class and trying her best.</p> <p><b>Malakai</b> – for his efforts and fantastic progress with his letter formation and writing.</p>	<p><b>ASH:</b></p> <p><b>Henry Colley</b> for fantastic use of resources to work out subtraction problems.</p> <p><b>Molly Bird</b>- for her fantastic performance, singing and dancing in our class assembly.</p>
<p><b>YEW:</b></p> <p><b>Ava Cincannon</b>- for her enthusiasm in writing and the lovely use of language.</p> <p><b>Ariana Tamasanu</b> – for her enthusiasm in writing and the lovely use of language.</p>	<p><b>WILLOW:</b></p> <p><b>Alber Langford Oldfield</b> – for his bravery and commitment to Victorian Day(great costume too)!</p> <p><b>Freddie Rigby</b> - For his enthusiasm for our Victorian topic, sharing facts that he has learned in schools and at home.</p>	<p><b>SYCAMORE:</b></p> <p><b>Cara Mason</b> - - For making good choices and for trying really hard with her work.</p> <p><b>Conor Kenna</b> - For always putting 100% into his work, he is a superstar!</p>
<p><b>BEECH:</b></p> <p><b>The whole class</b></p>	<p><b>HAWTHORN:</b></p> <p><b>The whole class</b> for being absolutely amazing leading our Easter service in church.</p>	<p><b>JUNIPER:</b></p> <p><b>The whole class</b> for being absolutely amazing leading our Easter service in church.</p>
<p><b>LIME:</b></p> <p><b>Fionn Orchard</b>- for his great geographical knowledge and for always offering valuable contributions to class discussions.</p> <p><b>Joseph Bradley</b>- for his efforts in writing and using an excellent range of vocabulary in his work.</p>	<p><b>HAZEL:</b></p> <p><b>Pirisila Aminio</b>- for efforts to complete some tricky division questions and building in confidence with her reading.</p> <p><b>George Hirst</b>- for having a fantastic week, making positive choices and contributing to Maths and English lessons.</p>	<p><b>ELM:</b></p> <p><b>George Gibson</b>- For his clear explanations when solving Maths problems.</p> <p><b>Freddie Warburton</b>- for his well thought out contributions to our science lessons.</p>
<p><b>BIRCH:</b></p> <p><b>Lola Bird</b>- for being a valued member of our class, hardworking, cheerful and polite at all times. Good luck in your new school.</p> <p><b>Lyra Riley</b> - For being a fantastic role model to others. Always contributing in lessons</p>	<p><b>CHESTNUT:</b></p> <p><b>Annie Malik</b>- for having a positive attitude and upbeat approach to her learning in particular her clear characterisation of her English writing.</p> <p><b>Amir Hassan</b>- For the conscientious effort applied to all his work and a continued perseverance to excel in Mathematics.</p>	<p><b>OAK:</b></p> <p><b>Lillie Austin</b> - For amazing work in her SPaG assessment.</p> <p><b>Josh Windsor</b>- For demonstrating good behaviour at all times.</p>

**Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness:**

## Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the Spring term is here, and what a term it has been. COVID-19 has really hit us this term and we have continued to see a rise in COVID-19 cases in the last three weeks, myself and Mr. Bulman included, hence our absence from school this week. I must praise the UHPS team for their support, **resilience** and how they have worked **together** to overcome the constant challenges that we have faced. It has been remarkable and is so valued and appreciated. We are very fortunate to be supported by and to work with such a dedicated team. Despite these challenges, we have shared a lot of success with you as well. I am so pleased that we have been able to give the majority of our children their residential experience from the last two years. This has been a major success for our children and our staff team. It has been a logistical test for all concerned, but the benefits for all have been worth it. Plans are already in place for the next academic year, for our Years 2, 4 and 6 cohorts (2022-2023).

This week we have also welcomed our colleagues from Episkopi Primary School, who have been into school to meet with the Service children who are going out to Cyprus at the end of this academic year. It was also a good opportunity for Mrs Morris and Mrs O'Leary-Davies to meet with them to talk about the children who will be coming here in September. We hope to have more face to face meetings in the coming term, depending on travel restrictions and logistics. We have also had our Easter Service at Holy Ascension, thanks to Ms. Hodge for arranging this. The rest of school have been able to watch the service, as it was recorded and shared in school this week. My congratulations go to our Year 3 children, whose singing and performance were absolutely fabulous and very moving.

As you know we have also had a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection. We have not received the report from Ofsted as yet, but have 18 working days after the Inspection to receive it. Once we have received the report, checked it for accuracy and sent it back for their Quality Assurance process, we should be told when it is ready for publishing. At that point we will let you know how to access the report and share with you the findings.

As you will be aware, the DfE and Central Government have made announcements changing the regulations and restrictions with regards to COVID-19. Guidance for schools has changed, but we have not had any further updates from UKHSA. However, from tomorrow (01/04/2022) there are changes to self-isolation recommendations. The Department for Health and Social Care released a statement this week giving some guidance relating to COVID-19

- *From 1 April, updated guidance will advise people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Until 1 April individuals should continue to follow the current guidance.*
- *From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.*
- *Advice will be provided for individuals who need to leave their home when they have symptoms or have tested positive, including avoiding close contact with people with a weakened immune system, wearing a face-covering and avoiding crowded places.*
- *Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend."*

We await any further update from the DfE and UKHSA in relation to primary schools, but should there be any significant updates we will be in touch over the holiday, as ever.

The summer term will be a busy time with the return of Year 1 / 2 Phonics test, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication tests, end of year reports, summer fair, sports day etc. Look out for dates and times early next term.

Yours faithfully

Conrad North. Headteacher