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1st October 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 4th October	Tues 5th October	Wed 6th October	Thurs 7th October	Fri 8th October
Week 3 Menu			Census Day - Change of menu	
Mon 11th Oct	Tues 12th Oct	Wed 13th Oct	Thurs 14th Oct	Fri 15th Oct
Week 1 Menu MYD - Parents 6pm meeting OAK class	MYD - Parents meeting 6pm CHESTNUT class			

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.



At Upton C of E Primary we know that attending school every day is crucially important for all areas of learning and development. Each year we strive to improve the attendance of all pupils. We always encourage excellent attendance with our children and families and this term we have decided to present a weekly class award for best attendance. This will be celebrated in our Friday assemblies and in our newsletters.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO...

Oak Class 98.1 % Attendance



WELL DONE!

NumBots and Times Table Rock Stars

What a fantastic relaunch of our NumBots and TTRS. Well done to everyone - what fantastic costumes.





Census Day - Thursday 7th October 2021

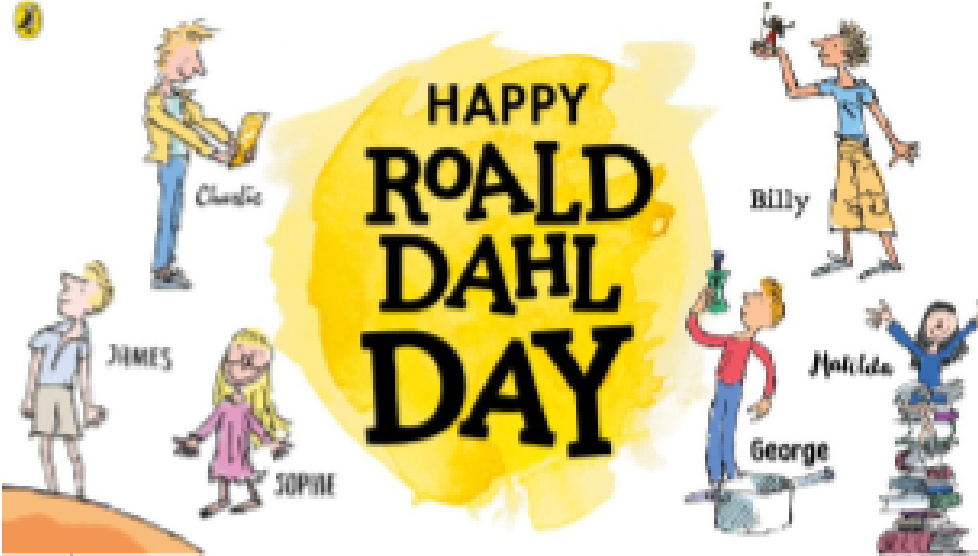
Next Thursday is school census day, when every school in England has to submit data to the government. One of the areas the government would like statistics on is the number of infant pupils taking a universal free school meal. The government needs to know how much funding to allocate to each school to cover the cost of these meals for the year. If they under-estimate the take up on universal free school meals and therefore reduce the amount of funding we receive, the actual cost of these meals has to come from our budget, reducing the money we have to spend in other areas. The more children that take a universal free school meal on the day, the more funding we receive and the less we have to fund ourselves. Whether or not your child usually takes a school meal on a Thursday, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we'd very much appreciate it if they could take a meal next **Thursday 7th October**, thank you for your support.

STARS OF THE WEEK

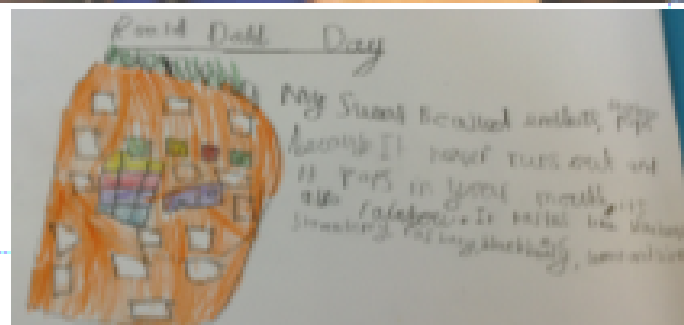
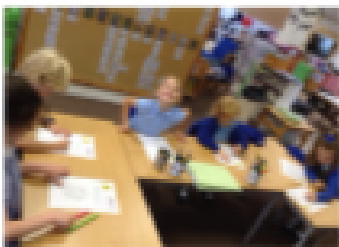
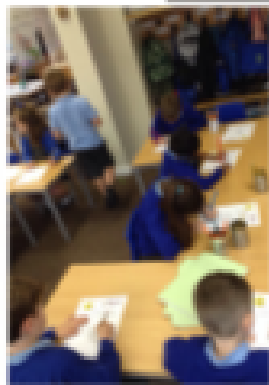
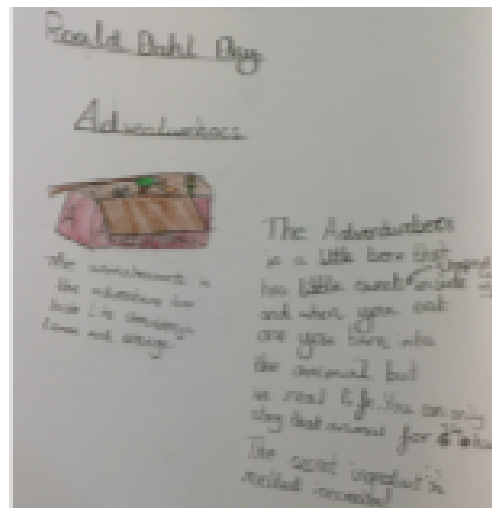
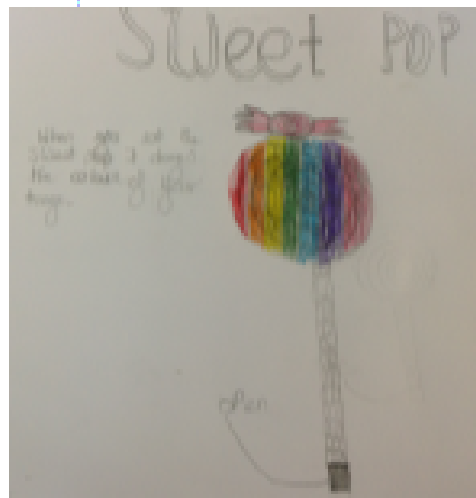
<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS</p>	<p>ASH:</p> <p>Bobby Willetts for remembering capital letters and full stops; Lauren Mountford for working really hard on listening carefully.</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Macy Rigby for answering the register so beautifully; Sophie Bronnert for being a kind and helpful member of Year 1</p>	<p>WILLOW:</p> <p>Kenny Graham for his amazing outfit and commitment on NumBots this week; Sienna Edwards-Bristow for improved resilience and independence in her work.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>Vene Shipley for always having a bright smile and a positive attitude; William Shaw for his great participation in maths.</p>

<p>BEECH: Saara Shaheen for trying hard to use interesting noun phrases in her writing; David Martelli for always listening carefully and trying to apply new skills into his writing.</p>	<p>JUNIPER: James Powell for amazing rock star artwork; Isabella Lewis for being polite, well-mannered and ready to learn at all times.</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: Henry Gray for his wonderful work in science and for sharing brilliant ideas in class; Millie Shipton for fantastic contribution to class discussions and super star effort in every lesson.</p>
<p>LIME: Edward Graham for his excellent maths reasoning and explanations; Mayumi Wijekoon for her patience, resilience and hard working attitude. She always tries her best.</p>	<p>HAZEL: Pirisila Aminio for her fantastic maths work with Miss Stocking; Archie Aldom for always trying his best and for helping Frederick to feel welcome in our class.</p>	<p>ELM: Olivia Bibby for her conscientious approach to every area of learning; Toby Moseley-Moore for being polite and respectful to all members of our school community.</p>
<p>BIRCH: Cora Layland and Ruby Barlow For fantastic letter writing, a real pleasure to teach and always respectful.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Tyler Ashall for being a supportive and encouraging team player in all PE lessons; Thomas Ling-Swanwick for a super attitude towards his learning and embracing TTRS day.</p>	<p>OAK: Ava Will for her OUTSTANDING NumBots costume for the relaunch day; Brooke Davies-Brown for embracing her inner rockstar and throwing herself into the day's activities.</p>

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award - Phoebe Stacey



On 13th September we celebrated Roald Dahl day with lots of different activities such as quizzes, designing new sweets for Willy Wonka and building houses for Fantastic Mr



Letter from Mr North

01/10/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an unusual week of weather we have had! It has been so unpredictable and disruptive. Thanks very much for your understanding and support with little changes that have had to be made.

Wednesday was a highlight for this week, celebrating the re-launch of NUMBOTs and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), was a fabulously fun day, with a focus on having fun with Maths and dressing up. Mr. Johnson's 'David Bowie' outfit won the staff prize; but we were so impressed with the efforts of all of the adults in school and the children. It was great to see the whole school celebrating together and there have been some great images shared on social media and on this Newsletter. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

It has also been a challenging week for an avoidable reason. I have received yet another complaint from one of the local residents about the manner in which our parents / carers are parking around the local neighborhood at drop-off and pick-up time. The images of cars being parked on grass verges, on double yellow lines, double parked on peoples' driveways, blocking them in their own homes, have been most illuminating. I know that the local residents have been in contact with the Police and CWAC Highways Department, who will be out and about issuing fixed penalty notices and fines for those that they catch inappropriately parked. I have been in contact with the Local Authority and Cllr Jill Holbrook to look at schemes to encourage our families to park further away from school, cycle to school or walk. Whilst I do know how difficult it can be in the morning or at the end of the day, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** respect our neighbours and if you have to use a vehicle, do so with some consideration for others. Some of the images show vehicles left on pavements, which have meant that our children and families have had to walk into a busy road to get past them. We all have a civic duty to keep each other, especially our children, safe. Thank you for your respect, compassion and support in this matter.

It has been fabulous seeing the extra-curricular clubs being so well attended, with Digi-Wizards and sports clubs being arranged. We will be looking to expand this moving forward as we are planning to provide different activities throughout the academic year. It is also great that we are able to start participating in sports clubs and competitions / festivals with other schools. Cross-Country, Football and Tag Rugby festivals and competitions have now been arranged, although very short notice for schools, it has been great to see so many children signing up to take part.

Our parent's evenings will be held on the week beginning 18th October, this term we will be conducting them virtually, as the large majority of families gave their support to these meetings. We will be planning further events to invite our parents and families into school more readily as the academic year progresses.

Other events are being planned for later this term, we will confirm dates and times before the end of this half term to give you as much notice as possible. You will also start to see some differences to our website, which now includes more information about the curriculum coverage that we offer and updated classroom pages.

I am out of school for a couple of days on training and working with Mrs Carceiro at Little Sutton, so have a great weekend and see you next week.

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.