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24th September 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 27th Sept	Tues 28th Sept	Wed 29th Sept	Thurs 30th Sept	Fri 1st October
Week 2 Menu		TTRS/Numbots - Dress up day		
Mon 4th October	Tues 5th October	Wed 6th October	Thurs 7th October	Fri 8th October
Week 3 Menu			Census Day	

High School September 2022

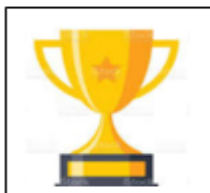
Reminder for Year 6 Parents - the closing date for high school applications is **31st October 2021**.



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...

Acorns Class 100 % Attendance



WELL DONE!

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: Layla Turnbull for showing initiative and being a very responsible monitor; Ruby Widdison for finding lots of different ways to sort groups in maths.
YEW: Ariana Tamasanu for making some good choices; Zach McGrath for his enthusiasm for learning.	WILLOW: Theo Stocking for improved effort and engagement in all areas this week; Josie Dunning for being focused during tasks and doing extra learning at home.	SYCAMORE: Alfie Black for showing resilience with his writing; Seth Apsley for always being kind and a good friend.
BEECH: Yosef Barakat for being an all round superstar in class AND trying extra hard with maths; Sophie Griffin for her happy and positive approach to everything she does in school.	JUNIPER: Henry Robertson and Albie Thom for fabulous riddle writing.	HAWTHORN: Jack Arnold and Sami Muhashash for excellent writing in English.
LIME: Darcey Beddows for her unwavering positivity and happy radiance - she is a delight!! Ethan Kativhu for his excellent attitude to his work and for always being ready and resilient.	HAZEL: Jenkin Evans for creating amazing fronted adverbial sentences; Isabella Sanderson for always being a supportive friend and a resilient learner.	ELM: Alex Frodsham for his wonderful letter writing skills; Luke Robinson for his excellent behaviour and application of skills in PE.
BIRCH: Freddie Willietts for fantastic spider drawings and contributions to class discussions; Faye Morris for being kind, thoughtful and always contributing to all maths lessons.	CHESTNUT: Phoebe Hughes and Ili Tunisau For their hard work and enthusiasm in all areas of their learning.	OAK: Terrel Kuma-Mintah for writing an excellent character description of Adolf Hitler; Kassem Elgamoudi for putting 100% effort into all tasks and for actively participating in class discussions.

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award - **Anya Erduman** & **Isabella Sanderson**

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Hello. I am the **Pupil Voice Assistant** at Upton Heath. My job is to promote the pupil voice within our school and help our school parliament with some of the activities. I would like to let you know what we have been doing. Our school parliament has been very busy making sure that all of the children in our school can contribute to the way in which our school works.

Last term, the school parliament introduced ways to reduce our waste paper and recycle more carefully. This has been very successful and we hope to continue in our efforts. We also asked Mr North for more playground equipment. The children across all year groups produced a list of things that they would like and each class were provided with some fantastic equipment.

Currently, we are planning an interview with Mr North. Each year group have put together some questions for Mr North and we aim to complete our interview on Thursday. We will let you know what we find out!

We were also looking for fundraising ideas for Toilet Twinning UK. Local schools in Chester have got together and decided to support this charity. More information about this will be sent to you soon. The classes have come up with some fabulous ideas that are fun for both students and teachers. Our ideas include a pyjama day, odd sock day, a cake competition and a fair after school. We are hoping the idea that we choose, plan and organise, will be a success and that you will support us.

Our parliament is working well. We have asked our classes for what they would like to improve our school. The children have some wonderful (and thankfully sensible) ideas for more playground equipment, some floor markings on the playground and more space for people to play in, on the field.

I hope we get good feedback from Mr North's interview and that everyone enjoys our fundraiser and our school improvements. If you do have any ideas or suggestions for our school parliament, please speak to your class representative.

Imogen (Yr 6)

School Lunch Procedure

Please follow this link for our [School Lunch Procedure](#) for 2021-2022

UK Kids Fun Events

Last weekend, we had four budding triathletes from our school join in the 2021 UK Kids Fun Events: Run-Bike-Run. Oscar (Y2) and Luca (Y4) and Ollie (Y4) and Isobel (Y2) all completed the course and can be seen in the attached photos wearing their medals. Well done kids! We are certainly proud of you.



Parent/Carer Forum Newsletter

Please follow this link for the Parent/Carer newsletter - full of ideas, information and clubs;-

[Parent Carer Forum Newsletter – September 2021](#)

Letter from Mr North

24/09/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it is certainly starting to feel a little bit more autumnal as we near the end of September, with darker mornings and evenings, so our thoughts start to move towards Harvest and Christmas events etc. Consequently, be on the lookout for updates from our teachers and admin team for dates and times of planned events. We are hoping that we will be able to invite parents into school for some things, but we are still being cautious as we enter into the winter months.

Parents evenings are being planned for the week beginning 18th October (Monday through to Thursday). These will be virtual meetings following our consultation about COVID Keeps. Parents and staff have found that these meetings have worked well, although we are aware that we want to invite you into school to see your children's books as well. Information and logging in details will be sent to you in the coming weeks, but I wanted to let you know now to enable you to make any necessary plans.

Next week we are re-launching our TT Rock Stars and NUMBOTS Maths challenges, so we are asking the

children and staff to dress up on Wednesday for the day as rock stars or robots. We will have a focus on fun Maths activities during the day, and we are really looking forward to it.

We are hoping to be able to arrange our Harvest festival in the church again this year, once we have finalised our arrangements we will let families know what we are able to do, similarly we are also planning and sorting end of term performances, etc.

We have been asked by a few parents if they can bring sweets or cakes into school for the class to celebrate their birthdays. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept these generous gifts due to risk of allergic reactions, children being absent and missing out, our status as a Healthy School, etc. However, if your child or you, do want to make a contribution to your child's class, then you could always give them a book or a game for wet play etc. Should you wish to do this, please do speak to your class teacher.

It has been brilliant seeing so many of our children doing their quizzes, relating to the books that they have been reading. The implementation of accelerated Reader seems to be going very well and I am looking forward to buying even more books in the coming weeks to support our love of reading.

Our School Parliament have been working together with other local schools on a couple of projects over recent months. Last term we had our recycling project, which has led to our school now recycling paper, every class and office / staffroom has a recycling bin for paper and we have re-entered into a recycling contract. This term the children across the schools have decided that they want to be part of a toilet twinning project to raise funds for children who live abroad, who do not have enough toilets in their schools or villages. This project is going to be shared with our children by our School Parliament representatives, who are on the Local School's Forum. They have attended virtual meetings with the other schools and have created their own ideas to raise funds and a PowerPoint presentation that will be shared across the school in our worship on Monday morning. Lyra and Jai have represented our school brilliantly and have also presented their ideas to Mrs Buckland and myself. So please look out for more information about their fundraising idea next week!

Our partnership with Passion for Learning has seen a group of children being invited to a day out at Chester Zoo where they were lucky enough to meet the Duke of Westminster. We are very proud of their representation of our school.

Finally, a polite reminder about parking your vehicle, if you drop-off or pick-up your child(ren) in a vehicle, please be respectful and compassionate towards our neighbours. Our PSCO and Highways will be monitoring the situation closely in the coming days and weeks.

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.