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19th November 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 22nd Nov	Tues 23rd Nov	Wed 24th Nov	Thurs 25th Nov	Fri 26th Nov
Week 2 Menu				
Mon 29th Nov	Tues 30th Nov	Wed 1st Dec	Thurs 2nd Dec	Fri 3rd Dec
Week 3 Menu				

Diary Dates

- EYFS Nativity - 14th & 15th December 2021
- EYFS Panto - 16th December 2021
- Christmas Lunch - Thursday 16th December 2021
- Christmas Eve - Thursday 16th December 2021 (Y1 - Y6)
- Christmas Eve - Friday 17th December 2021 (EYFS)
- 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.

The Samara Trust Newsletter

Please click the link for Newsletter from the CEO

<https://www.thesamaratrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CEO-newsletter-Nov-2021-1.pdf>

CHILDREN IN NEED 2021

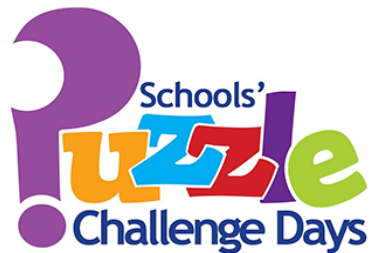
THANK YOU!

WE RAISED £464 .57



Year 5 Puzzle Maths.

Fantastic fun this week, finding patterns and problem solving by working collaboratively.



On Monday 22nd November and Tuesday 23rd November EYFS, KS1 and KS2 all took part in 1 hour maths puzzle workshops delivered by the Puzzle Challenge Company

The children all encountered a variety of challenges, which required collaborative learning and careful planning to find a solution. The activities taught perseverance and problem solving and allowed them to use their logical maths thinking and shape and space skills.



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: Annabelle Butcher for finding the whole in a part-whole number; Beatrice Stanley for spotting a spelling rule.
YEW: Elijah Webb for amazing story telling. Well done Elijah; Riley Skillen for working so hard with his handwriting. Well done Riley.	WILLOW: Arthur Hughes for fantastic reading both in school and at home; Alber Langford Oldfield for using noun phrases, verbs and adverbs to improve his writing.	SYCAMORE: Maraia Matai for writing fantastic description using adverbs and noun phrases; Henry McKnight for showing lots of enthusiasm towards adding and subtracting in maths.
BEECH: Evie Kelly for being a kind and thoughtful member of Beech class; Winnie Roberts for her detailed description of Plop the owl's view of the city at night in English.	JUNIPER: Luke Stephen for being a complete superstar this week. He has worked incredibly hard on all tasks; Spencer Will for his conscientious attitude to maths. His work is set out neatly and accurately. He takes on challenges with relish.	HAWTHORN: George Owen for being resilient and working hard in maths; Edward Gibson for being super motivated and working so hard on his writing.
LIME: Henry Brewin for working hard on his reasoning in maths; Edie Freemantle for her hardworking attitude and resilience when faced with tricky questions.	HAZEL: Hunter Huckle for trying his best to make the right choices this week; Sofia Ball-Lee for being a great friend and trying to be supportive of everyone in class.	ELM: Evan Jones for being thoughtful and helping others; Oscar Briggs for his outstanding behaviour in participation at the sports event.
BIRCH: Gracie Hewitt for knowing when to ask for help and showing determination in maths; Ayaan Shaheen for his excellent Anglo Saxon Diary and contributing to class discussions.	OAK: Chloe Phang for creating a highly detailed book cover for our reading display; Eve Wainwright-Hewitt for her amazing confidence learning lifesaving skills at swimming.	CHESTNUT: Phoebe Hughes for being a fantastic narrator in our Shakespeare play Romeo & Juliet; Rhys Kelly for his effort and enthusiasm researching William Shakespeare as part of the crew.

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award; - Stanley Fletcher (Willow)

Mr North (For showing kindness to the office)



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...

Lime & Oak Classes 99.3% Attendance



WELL DONE!

Christmas Eve Dress Up

On Thursday 16th December Y1 - Y6 pupils can come into school dressed as they would for Christmas Eve. The PTA will serve hot (warm) chocolate with squirry cream. (Juice for those who don't like hot chocolate). There will then be a Christmas story afternoon.

EYFS will do this on Friday 17th December due them going to the Panto on Thursday.

This week we have had our first member of the *Upton Heath Millionaire's Club*!

Congratulations to Sophie Rowlands in Oak class, who has 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!

Sophie has received a certificate, a £5.00 book token and her photo will be displayed in our Millionaire's Club display area in the library.

I wonder who our next Millionaire's Club member will be...!





Year 5 Football Match against Saughall 23/11/21

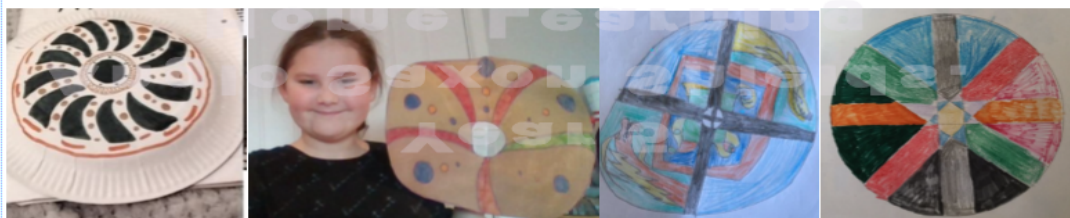
What a fantastic performance from the Year 5 football team on Tuesday. This was a friendly game against Saughall, which ended in a 4-0 win to Upton Heath. Once again, the boys showed good sportsmanship, teamwork and respect. Great ambassadors for our school. Well done boys and many thanks to Mr Moseley Moore who referred the game for us.

West Cheshire AC Cross Country Series

It is the fourth and final race of the series on Saturday (27th Nov). Best of luck to all our athletes who will be running. If anyone else would like to take part but have not handed slips in to school, you can still run. Please just turn up at the EPSV between 9.30 and 10 am on Saturday morning. It will be great to see you. (KS2 only)



Year 5 Anglo Saxon Shields. Home Learning



Letter from Mr North

26/11/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Incredibly we are nearing the beginning of December 2021! I cannot believe how quickly that has happened. School continues to be a busy place, with rehearsals and practices of Nativities and our Shakespeare for Schools performance (Year 6 in the Spring term 2022), already in place. We are delighted to be able to conduct our Year 4 performance at Holy Ascension Church and we are planning for the Vicar to restart worship in school in the new year as well. Keep an eye out for dates and times and we look forward to seeing those parents who are able to attend.

Today I have some sad / happy news to share with you. Sad because we are losing a valued colleague and friend, happy because he has made a decision that is good for him and his family. Mr. Bowman, our Assistant Caretaker for the last 5 years, will be leaving us from next Friday (3rd December). As an ex-Heavy Goods Vehicle driver, his skills are in very high demand at the moment and he has made the decision to return to the HGV industry. On behalf of the school I want to wish Mr. Bowman all the very best for his future career and thank him for his support and dedication to our school, especially during my time as Headteacher. Mr. Bowman will be sadly missed, as his sense of fun and support are seen every day, especially by you at the start and end of the school day. We are now in the process of recruiting another Assistant Caretaker and as soon as we have appointed someone we will introduce to them. In the meantime, you may well see more of Mr. Rodgers and myself at drop-off and pick-up times. I know that you will want to wish Mr. Bowman well and join us in thanking him for all that he does.

We continue to be informed of some positive cases of COVID-19 in school, but not yet at a point where we need to consult with Public Health England. I urge you to remain vigilant and if your child does present symptoms, that you get a PCR test to confirm either a negative or positive result. We have had our CO2 monitors delivered this week, which will enable us to monitor the quality of the air in our classrooms and teaching areas. These have been provided by the DfE to all schools. Early results show that our current systems in place are maintaining good quality ventilated air throughout the day.

We had The Puzzle Company in school Monday and Tuesday of this week and feedback from the children was extremely positive. I hope you enjoyed hearing about it from the children and potentially had the chance to see what they had to sell at the shop after school on Tuesday afternoon. Huge thanks to Mrs Howie and Miss Barker for planning and arranging this event.

Due to the change in weather we have seen this week, we have cordoned off the Trim trails from use, as they have become quite slippery with frost and the wet weather. Please keep your children off them during drop-off and pick-up times please. Also it has been brought to my attention that some children are being left unsupervised before our opening time of 08:40, this is becoming an increased problem as the children are then playing inappropriately outside and this could lead to accidents. We open our doors for the children at 08:40 and I am not able to put staff on duty before that, as colleagues have things to do or meetings to attend before we start the school day. If you do arrive early, please do continue to supervise your child(ren) until a member of staff is at the door, to ensure your child's safe entry into school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.