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## 8th October 2021 newsletter

### Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 11th October	Tues 12th Oct	Wed 13th Oct	Thurs 14th Oct	Fri 15th Oct
Week 1 <a href="#">Menu</a> MYD-Oak parents meeting - 6pm	MYD-Chestnut parents meeting - 6pm			
Mon 18th Oct	Tues 19th Oct	Wed 20th Oct	Thurs 21st Oct	Fri 22nd Oct
Week 2 <a href="#">Menu</a> Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Parents Evening Virtual Book Fair	Virtual Book Fair  <b>School Closes</b> for half term

### 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.**

### FUNDRAISING

On 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Toilet PASS (PANTS AND SILLY SOCKS) day. The children are invited to come to school wearing silly socks and pants/bright shorts outside of their trousers. If your child normally wears a skirt and wants to take part, they may wish to wear leggings with pants/coloured shorts over the top. School uniform such as polo top and jumper should be worn as normal.

This fundraising event has been organized by Year 5 children to raise money for Toilet Twinning UK. This charity provides much needed education and resources to enable safe sanitation for communities around the world. More information about this charity can be found at [Toilet Twinning - Flushing away poverty, one toilet at a time](#). Other schools across Cheshire are holding their own fundraising activities to support Toilet Twinning UK and we ask that a donation of £1 is made to the following link.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/UptonEIPPupilForum/1>

# STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>ACORNS:</b>  Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	<b>CONKERS:</b>  Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	<b>ASH:</b> <b>Kaiden Jenkins</b> for super effort towards his targets; <b>Emilia Taylor</b> for spotting human and physical features.
<b>YEW:</b> <b>Alfie Graham</b> for his enthusiastic maths work and making the teachers smile; <b>Lily Quick</b> for being a kind and welcoming member of the class.	<b>WILLOW:</b> <b>Sayul Wijekoon</b> for participating enthusiastically in every lesson and sharing his great ideas; <b>Skylar Pritchard</b> for trying hard to improve her writing.	<b>SYCAMORE:</b> <b>Jack Warrilow</b> for showing lots of enthusiasm towards his home learning; <b>Amelia Shah</b> for always doing great listening and playing nicely with her friends.
<b>BEECH:</b> <b>Norah Beddows</b> for working really hard in English; <b>Reggie Tomlin</b> for great work in English.	<b>JUNIPER:</b> <b>David Asare</b> for brilliant cross country running and for beautifully presented work in all subjects; <b>Ella Woodcock</b> for brilliant cross country running and showing the same determination in her very positive attitude to school.	<b>HAWTHORN:</b> <b>Willow Williams</b> for her brilliant work in maths; <b>Jacob Curran</b> for his positive attitude to learning and super enthusiasm.
<b>LIME:</b> <b>Oliver Danton</b> for excellent participation and confident sharing of his ideas in our 'World of Animals' stories; <b>Joseph Moseley-Moore</b> for his kindness and patience at the Rugby festival this week, coaching less experienced Year 4 players.	<b>HAZEL:</b> <b>Mia Wilson</b> and <b>Luca Smithson</b> for showing amazing team spirit and being positive representatives at the tag rugby festival.	<b>ELM:</b> <b>Kaiden Pritchard</b> for his positive attitude and improvements in writing; <b>Rosie Blackwood</b> for her wonderful written work and her attention to detail.
<b>BIRCH:</b> <b>William Colley</b> for persevering and producing some fantastic writing and paragraphs in English; <b>Lyra Riley</b> for her fantastic home learning and always brewing on hand to help out classmates and the wider school community.	<b>OAK:</b> <b>Ella Lewis</b> and <b>Joshua Biggart</b> For producing some fantastic model air raid shelters.	<b>CHESTNUT:</b> <b>Jack Melia</b> for very mature, considered contributions to all lessons; <b>Poppy Sterriker</b> for fantastic attitude towards her learning and a super Anderson Shelter as part of her home learning.



### West Cheshire Athletics Club Schools Cross Country Series.

On Saturday, last week, 30 of our children ran in the second race of the cross country series. It was fantastic to see so many from Upton Heath there and despite rather windy, raining conditions they all did amazingly well to complete the course in some really quick times. We even got two medal winners with Jack Arnold and Noah Booth both finishing in the top 3.

The next race day will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November and we are hoping to see even more of our children taking part.

Please follow this link and scroll to the bottom for the results of the schools cross country races.

**Off Road - West Cheshire Athletic Club ([westcheshireac.co.uk](http://westcheshireac.co.uk))**

## Touch Rugby Festivals

On Wednesday this week, some of the year 4 children were able to take part in the first school face to face sports event since 2019. It was fantastic for them to be outside in the open air, representing our school and playing sport. For some of our team, it was their first experience of rugby and they loved it. The children did us proud, winning all but one games and a fantastic morning was had by all.



On Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 children got their chance to take part in a Touch Rugby Festival. For the second day our children did everyone proud. They played well as a team, were encouraging to each other and were doggedly determined. They ran their legs off and won every game.





Following on from our relaunch of TTRS/Numbots we would appreciate you filling in this quick survey to collect parent feedback on the use of these apps. Thank you for your support on the day with such amazing costumes and with your ongoing support in using these apps to support your child's maths learning at home and in school.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4d3HmMsU60GL27\\_XvZP\\_4MuX4yCcJE1Onq9KUICWj09UMkFYME9KUEVUSVYxRVhUREVNUk9QRTQ0TS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4d3HmMsU60GL27_XvZP_4MuX4yCcJE1Onq9KUICWj09UMkFYME9KUEVUSVYxRVhUREVNUk9QRTQ0TS4u)

**Miss Barker and Mrs Howie**

**Maths Leads**



# 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

08/10/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another incredible week for Upton Heath this week! Sporting prowess and successes abound. It is with great pride that we can share with you that four of our boys in Year 6 have been selected for the Cheshire Under 11s Football Team, to have four out of the small squad is certainly a very big achievement and we have had a huge response to the local cross country runs locally in the last couple of weeks as well. Over 20 of our children and families have been attending, thanks to Ms. Hodge, who was able to give up her time last weekend, but thanks to those families who attended the week before for the first competition. This week our Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 / 6 Rugby teams went to Chester Rugby Club to take part in the first Touch Rugby Festival, organised by the Cheshire Sports Partnership, whom we are partnered with. I was lucky enough to

be able to go to watch the Year 5 / 6 team participate. They made us proud and actually won all of their games, showing great passion and pride in representing the school. Our Year 3 / 4 team also won most of their games and were truly brilliant with their first taste of Rugby. Congratulations to all who took part and represented our school and HUGE thanks to our parents who were able to stay and give their support and give lifts to and from the event. THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, the parking issue that I have referred to over recent weeks does not seem to be going away, I have been in receipt of an email from the local authority due to the number of complaints, which the Local Authority have asked me to share with you.

'We have recently been contacted by a resident local to your school who is concerned that parents of children at your school are regularly leaving the engines of their cars running during pick up and drop off times.

Cheshire West and Chester Council is committed to making sure the borough is safe and clean and part of this includes looking at ways we can tackle air pollution. I'm writing to ask you to support an important campaign the Council has launched as part of its Low Emission Strategy to improve air quality. The new A Breath of Fresh Air campaign is focusing on the effects idling engines have on our environment - we're asking all drivers to switch off their engine if their vehicle is stationary to avoid contributing to unnecessary emissions. Vehicle emissions are the most significant source of air pollution in the borough and something we can all help to reduce.

Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society, including children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions. The RAC says idling engines produce levels of carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter over two times as many as those in motion, with most instances coming from 'avoidable' road situations such as waiting to pick someone up outside a workplace or school.

The Council has now adopted the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) to drivers who do not switch off their idling engines, when asked to do so by an authorised officer. This applies primarily to vehicles that are stationary on the roadside or buses parked at bus stops if a departure is not imminent; it does not apply to vehicles waiting at traffic lights/in a traffic queue, at road junctions or zebra crossings or to vehicles that need the engine to be switched on for a purpose other than driving – for example, refrigerated vehicles.

In Council car parks, it is already a contravention of the Traffic Regulation Order to allow a vehicle to idle unnecessarily, and a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) can be issued to the driver. The purpose of the legislation and enforcement is to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage people to switch their engine off routinely when they are stationary.

Please could I ask you to circulate this information to all parents / guardians with children at the school and also any employees it may also affect, to help us to improve air quality in the borough?

The simple rule is: if you're parked, please switch off your engine.

You can find out more about air quality levels in West Cheshire and what we're doing to improve them by visiting the Low Emission Strategy pages on the Council website [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/lowemissionstrategy](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/lowemissionstrategy)

We will be arranging for some of our Enforcement Officers to conduct checks of the area over the coming weeks to encourage compliance with the above.'

I thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this issue. I have also been in conversation and met with our local PCSO, who will be patrolling around our local area at drop-off and pick-up times.

Parents' evening bookings will go live next week (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October), so please be on the look-out for information related to your child's class teacher. We are also holding our first parent's meetings for our Year 6 Residential trip to Min Y Don (December) next week, which we are so excited about.

Last night Mrs Morris and I took a couple of our children to Eaton Hall, as part of the "passion for Learning" 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. It was a lovely event and celebrated the work that Passion for Learning have done over the last decade with some of our most vulnerable children and families across the local area. It was a delight to be able to see Diane Clarke and her team again and to see pictures of our old children and present children who have benefitted from their support. Our children were a delight and represented our school in such a mature and responsible way, another reason to be a very proud Headteacher.

We have had an incident in school today, whereby one of our children became quite poorly. Our first aiders responded quickly and a paramedic and ambulance came on site to support. This occurred at the end of lunch time, and because many of our classrooms are field facing, could have been witnessed by some of our children. I want to reassure you that the child is in good hands, has been taken to hospital and parents are with her at the Countess. I want to commend our staff, who were involved with the situation and the very sensible children who were close by.

Yours faithfully

*Conrad North*

Headteacher

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### **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.