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13th May 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 16th May	Tues 17th May	Wed 18th May	Thurs 19th May	Fri 20th May
Week 2 <u>Menu</u>	Yr 2 SATS – Maths Paper 2		Yr 2 SATS – Reading Paper 1	Yr 2 SATS – Reading Paper 2
Mon 23rd May	Tues 24th May	Wed 25th May	Thurs 26th May	Fri 27th May
Week 3 <u>Menu</u>	Class group photos	Yr2 Chester Zoo Visit	Red, White and Blue Day	School closes for half term



SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore Class have been making 2D shapes out of sticks in the woods, we counted the number of vertices and sides on the shapes. We then planted seeds. It was lots of fun!



MEET OUR NEW LITTER PICKING TEAM

Three of our Year 4 children, Jonah, Callum and Ralphy have volunteered to become litter pickers around the school grounds on a Wednesday and Thursday playtime. This all came from a passion for protecting our environment to ensure a better future for the planet. Please give them your support and make their job easier by putting your rubbish in the bins.

Netball - Thursday 12th May

Two teams from Year 5 and 6 played in a friendly tournament at Blacon High School on Thursday. There was a high standard of netball played by all schools and we played some tough games. Our children, as always, showed great grit and determination and pulled together in their teams, supporting each other well.

Upton Heath A won three out of their four games and finished 2nd overall.

Upton Heath B finished fourth in their competition.

Both teams were fantastic and a massive well done to everyone who played!



Platinum Jubilee Project

A collaboration between Upton Heath and Cheshire College South and West to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Since March 2022, the children at Upton Heath have had the unique experience of working with students from CCSW and their Tutor Mr Paul Moss on this exciting collaboration.

To facilitate the performance we have split the children into A and B Groups as listed below;

Y6- A Chestnut B Oak
Y5- A Elm B Birch
Y4- A Lime B Hazel
(Y3)- A Juniper B Hawthorn
(Y2)- A Sycamore/Beech B Willow
(Y1)- A Ash B Yew

(Y1)- A Ash B Yew (EYFS) A Conkers B Acorns

It is important that you know which group your child / children will be performing in, when you come to order tickets (more details to follow.

I am sure you have had communication via Seesaw, it would be a great help if the children could bring in their coloured tshirt (named) by 16th June which is our !st dress rehearsal. For the performance most children will need to wear red, white and blue clothing- no football kits. If your child needs a different outfit, you will be advised via your class teacher.

T shirt colours are as follows;

EYFS- pink

Y1 - green

Y2- yellow

Y3- orange

Y4- purple

Y5- red

Y6- blue

Performance Dates

Wednesday 22nd June - B 10.30- 11.30am A- 1.45-2.45pm

Thursday 23rd June - A 10.30-11.30am B- 1.45-2.45pm

There will dress rehearsals on;

Thursday 16th June - A 1.30-2-15, B- 2.20-3.15 KS! leave at 3 (Please have coloured t shirts)

Thursday 21st June B-1.30-2.15 . A 2.20- 3.15 KS1 leave at 3

Another part of our Jubilee Celebrations are;

Tuesday 24th May is Big British Breakfast – the PTA have kindly offered to decorate the hall.

Thursday 26th May is Red ,White and Blue Day- non uniform. Jubilee celebration.

The children will be exploring aspects of the Queen's reign and will be making pros for their performance as well as plenty of Union Jack flags and bunting.

PTA NEWS

What do the PTA do?

We raise money to fund activities, materials and equipment for your children at the school. Examples include:

- Reading books
- Trips to pantomimes
- Leavers' party
- · Play equipment and maintenance
- · Sports gear including kit
- Laptops and iPads

Easy ways to help fundraising

If you use Amazon, you can automatically donate to the school every time you shop. There are two ways to do this either through or easyfundraising.org.uk or smile.Amazon.co.uk. Just select our school once in.

Forthcoming events

- · Upton Pavilion Stall 4th June
- · Jubilee performances 22nd and 23rd June
- · School Fayre Sat 2nd July 11 AM 4 PM
- Sports day refreshments and treats (date TBC)
- · Regular slushy drink sales after school

See forthcoming newsletters for more details.

Volunteer To Help

We are always looking for people to share ideas and help run events. Please contact your class/year PTA representatives for further details.

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TEACHING ASSISTANT COURSE

Please click <u>here</u> if you would like to study for a level 2 qualification in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING

Year 5 Open Morning is an opportunity for families who are considering Bishops' as a secondary school option for September 2023. Please click on the link if you would like to attend please click on the link.

Year 5 Open Morning 2022 Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

TOP WORD COUNT

multimillionaire this week!

The class with the top word count this week was Birch class! The class with the top books read this week was Lime class! Congratulations!

Rimsha Hamid in Oak class has become our next Millioniare's Row member this week. **Mayumi Wijekoon** in Lime class has become a





STARS OF THE WEEK

Fantastic!

ACORNS: CONKERS: ASH: Ariana Shah for her continuous Olivia Dean - for her wonderful Ivie Stowell for always trying her best and listening to feedback efforts in her reading, you have blending in reading and developed so much confidence. recognition of rainbow words. to make her work even better! Well done! Millie Owen-Phillips – for her **Beatrice Stanley - for using Elodie Beale** for her enthusiasm fantastic adjectives to describe amazing, super quick subitising in her learning. You have such a her alien. and efforts in maths. positive attitude and enjoy sharing your learning with your friends. YEW: WILLOW: **SYCAMORE:** Riley Skillin - for his fantastic Jacob Evans – for being super **Vene Shipley** - for writing detailed instructions on how to efforts in writing. We are so brave with his recent operation proud of vou! and recovery at home! plant a tree. Sophie Bronnert -for her Skylar Pritchard - for fantastic **Lorrin Muniu** - for writing reading both in and out of school. really clear and detailed directions amazing writing this week, and for using the -est suffix. on how to walk to Red's house. BEECH: **HAWTHORN:** JUNIPER: Elijah Shah - for writing clear Molly Fleming - for having a Jack Lawson - fantastic money well punctuated instructions in positive attitude to learning and work in Maths. English. for working hard on her writing. Charlotte Beale - or persevering Alex Horsham - for working through trial and error to get her **Emily Deighton** - for always hard on improving his writing being such a kind and helpful scratch project to work as she skills. member of the class. wanted. LIME: HAZEL: Bethan Faulkner - for her lovely **Cyrine Cheema -** for always Billie Rae Ritchie Westwood showing a keen attitude to learn for her excellent contributions to Home Learning interview about the 1977 Silver Jubilee and sharing her knowledge with maths lessons-fractions. celebrations. the rest of her peers. **Siddharth Parthasarathy - for Ilva Beddows-** for her fantastic the application of maths concepts Belle Thompson - for her consistent and hard work with her recount writing about living on an when problem solving. Home Learning every week. erupting volcanic island. **BIRCH: CHESTNUT:** OAK: Lyra Riley - for all her hard work All of Chestnut Class for their All of Oak Class for their and use of vocabulary and hard-work, determination, and hard-work, determination, and perseverance in their SATs and for persuasive language in her perseverance in their writing. all the effort all year to get to this and for all the effort all year to get point! WELL DONE! to this point! WELL DONE! Amelia Hall -A phenomenal plan to aid her persuasive writing,

Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness: for Malakii Huckle, Chestnut class. For being kind, considerate and helpful throughout SATs week.

Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents / Carers,

Apologies for not writing to you last week, but I have had a couple of days with my son, who I haven't seen for nearly 5 years. He has been over from New Zealand with his new fiancé, so we have spent a bit of time together last week, before they return to NZ. I would like to thank Mr. Bulman and the UHPS team for enabling me to have this special time with him, it has been very much appreciated.

This week has been another busy one, with Year 6 children completing their SATs, they have been superstars, approaching the tests with great maturity. It has been lovely seeing the children at our special breakfast club for them this week, chatting and asking questions. HUGE thanks to the Year 6 staff and other colleagues, who have supported the breakfast club this week and also special thanks to Chef Jackie, who has been coming into work early to cook bacon, toast and supply cereal for the children.

Keep your eye out for dates and times of events, we will share via Seesaw, Twitter, Facebook and our Newsletters. The PTA meeting went really well and plans for the Summer Fair (Saturday 2nd July) are well under way. I know that Cher, Dawn and their team have a few ideas for raising additional funds for the school. I thank you in advance for your support. Some funding this year has gone towards buying books for our Accelerated Reader programme and towards new sports kits for our school.

We will be advertising for a new Site Manager role in the coming days, so if you do know of anyone who you feel has the right qualifications and character for the role and our community please do point the advert in their direction. Special thanks to Mr. Codd, who has been working additional hours to support the school and also to Mr. Bulman, who has helped me with additional locking up times over recent weeks.

I also write to inform you that Mrs. Davies, Teaching Assistant in Reception, will be leaving us at the end of this half term, to take on a new role in another school closer to home. Andrea has worked at UHPS for nearly 19 years, but has seen an opportunity for a new challenge. I know that we are sorry to see her go, but we all wish her the very best in her new role and I would like to take this chance to formally thank her for all that she has done for the children and colleagues at UHPS over the years. We will be making some internal changes to ensure that children and staff continue to have additional support after the half term.

Next week our Year 2 children will be completing their SATs in school. I know that Mr. Johnson and the team have worked closely together to ensure that these will run as smoothly as possible. More information about our Platinum Performance Project will be coming out soon, so please do look out for this information, as we will be restricting tickets to give as much opportunity for parents and children to see this unique event.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that some parents are choosing to park on the zig zag road markings by the school entrance. Could I please ask parents not to do this as this increases the danger to our children and families.

Thanks for your continued support around this.

Yours faithfully

Conrad North

Headteacher