



Upton Heath Church of England Primary School.

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Friday 25th November 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 28th Nov	Tues 29th Nov	Wed 30th Nov	Thurs 1st Dec	Fri 2nd Dec
3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 3 Menu	Year 1 Delamere Trip	Year 2 Multi Skills at Northgate Arena	Christmas Fair	Choir singing at Upton Village Hall Year 5 Saxons Day
Mon 5th Dec	Tues 6th Dec	Wed 7th Dec	Thurs 8th Dec	Fri 9th Dec
Week 1 Menu Min Y Don	Min Y Don	Min Y Don	Min Y Don EYFS Nativity 13:45	Min Y Don EYFS Nativity 13:45 Year 2 Bake Sale

Message from Mr North

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is such a shame that I have to repeat this request and start my letter in a negative way, but yet again I am writing to ask for your support in following the school requests to keep our children safe!

I have asked for parents not to use the staff car park when picking up from after school clubs, unfortunately some parents continue to ignore this request, which has led to a few near misses where children, who have been running around the car park unsupervised by their parents, have nearly been hit by a moving car. Staff have been blocked in by parents parking inappropriately, which has made it very difficult for them to get home after their working day. Consequently, I am once again requesting that parents DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK.

The Baptist Church car park is a very useful and convenient parking point for parents and a useful and convenient access point for those parents who walk from that direction to school. However, it has been brought to my attention that some of our parents are not using this car parking facility in an appropriate manner, not using the parking bays, parking on pathways, driving in and out too quickly, verbally abusing each other, beeping horns and again causing a risk to the safety of our children and families. It would be such a shame if the Baptist Church elders, who are aware of this situation, remove the offer of parking in the church grounds for our school community, due to the inconsiderate actions of a minority. This will be a possible consequence should those of you who use this facility choose not to respect the car parking offer.

Whilst I appreciate that there are times that we are late, rushed, or it is bad weather, we are situated in a residential area; we are part of a lovely community, so please be respectful of our neighbours, our community and KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE! Thank you.

Despite these continuous issues, it has been yet another exciting week at UHPS. Mr Stuart Roberts, our new Headteacher, has been in school for a visit and has had the opportunity to meet with the staff and meet the children. I spent all day with Mr Roberts, who is really looking forward to taking up the post and working with

the team, children and our community in the New Year. He will be in school again (Tuesday 6th December) to work with colleagues on transition activities and I have also been meeting with him outside of school hours to give him as much information as I can and to answer his questions.

It has been lovely hearing the Christmas Carols being practised in school and the changing cooler weather has certainly given us a wintery feel. Our Christmas trees have arrived and will be up in school next Thursday, and our Year 5 children have decorated the tree that we have sponsored in Chester Cathedral with their own designed and 3D printed decorations! They have done a fabulous job and special thanks must go to Mrs Howie and Mr Wyllor for their tireless efforts to get the decorations printed.

As you are aware the PTA are running our Christmas Fair next Thursday after school, if you are able to support and help out please do contact Cher and let her know how much time you can donate. Thank you so much. (cher.roberts@yahoo.co.uk).

If your child no longer wants to attend a booked place for an after school club, can parents please let the school know to enable us to release the place booked to someone on the waiting list please? It has been noted that a couple of places have not been taken up this half term, and we want to open up those spare places to others, thank you. Another request, sorry, if your child has forgotten something at the end of the school day, please go around to the main entrance to speak to our admin team, rather than coming into the school building, as this contravenes our safeguarding protocols. Thank you for your understanding.

There have been about 50 applications for school places next September, so if you do know of anyone who is thinking of coming to our school or have yet to apply, please encourage them to do so. The deadline is January 15th and we have planned a couple more open day sessions, and some stay and play sessions this term. See the website for more details.

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North

Children In Need



We had a fantastic time celebrating Children in Need last week in school. Mrs O'Leary Davies certainly got into the spirit of it! A total of £200 was raised which is absolutely fantastic! Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Upton Heath's Christmas Tree

We had a fantastic time decorating our school's Christmas tree at Chester Cathedral this week. The tree festival at the Cathedral is open daily from Friday 25th November to Sunday 8th January 2023. It is the Cathedral's tenth anniversary, and they are planning almost double the amount of trees from last year – with over 90 trees across the Cathedral. We would love to see your photos standing next to our beautifully decorated tree if you are taking a trip into town.



Christmas Coffee Morning

Please see the attached flyer for a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 3rd December at Holy Ascension Community Church [Upton SG Xmas Coffee morning poster for 03.12.22.pdf](#)

First afterschool pop-up Astronomy session

It is good to report that at last we had a clear spell of weather after school last Tuesday evening from 4.30 until about 5.00pm. Young astronomers (and parents) took advantage of looking through one of the school's telescopes to see Jupiter, the largest planet in the Solar System.

Bands across the surface were visible along with its four main moons, seen as small pinpricks of light. Unfortunately after the initial clear sky hazy cloud drifted across to spoil the viewing a little. What a pity since another few minutes and it would have been dark enough for Saturn and its rings to become visible. Still it was nice to hear the gasps of surprise from a first view through a telescope. Fingers crossed for more evenings like this in the next few weeks.

Parent Carer Forum

Please see the attached information regarding some important dates coming up. Their Forum is freely available to all parents or carers who access Special Educational Needs or Disability services within the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AhT2CfgWlQo1tcJGwx5FgnuNSAdZeRvR/view?usp=share_link

The Autism Service



Cheshire West & Chester Council

The Autism Service invites

all parents, carers and professionals supporting children in
Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend our
Transition to High School Online Event
Date: 8.2.23 Time: 10am-2pm

To apply please click on the link below and complete the short application form
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/10NVCNS/>

Please note that the closing date for applications will be Tuesday 31st January 2023

What's happening?

There will be opportunities to attend workshops via Microsoft Teams and these will be delivered by The Autism Service Teachers. Workshops will include:

- supporting organisation and independence
- developing strategies to address emotional well-being
- supporting the communication needs of the young person

There will also be information provided by High School SENCOs focusing on effective joint parent/school working.

A virtual marketplace experience will be co-ordinated so that you can learn more about outside agency support, such as help provided by the National Autistic Society (NAS), Disability Positive (Originally CCIL), Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS), the Independent Advice and Support Service (IASS) and Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT).

You will receive a copy of The Autism Service Transition to High School Pack, and this will be a useful tool to use with the child you are supporting both in school and at home.

Please see the poster which is inviting you to an online event around the transition into high school. Please click on the link attached to sign up for the event. [Transition to High School Online Event 8.2.23 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/10NVCNS/)

Are you a Parent or Carer?

This text number is for parents or carers who live or have children attending education in Cheshire West and Chester



Text us on:
07312 263156

For confidential advice and support for all your parenting needs.

www.startingwell.org.uk

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first.
Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff, who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will not be seen outside working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, measure health in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages.
We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number sharing mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.
Messages are stored if you send them.

ChatHealth

The Starting Well 0-19 Service has recently launched ChatHealth offering text support to Parents and Carers within our locality. Please see the attached ChatHealth poster and find additional information at www.startingwell.org.uk/chat-health

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>ASH:</p> <p>Neha Parthasarathy for remembering to use finger spaces in her sentence writing! Well done Neha!</p> <p>Walter Fletcher for his super hand eye co-ordination and amazing dribbling skills in PE.</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Noah Crawley for showing enthusiasm and dedication in maths both at home and at school.</p> <p>Esther Balenaka for her understanding of story structure and sequencing a story independently.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>Luke Jarvis for enthusiasm and improved focus in all areas, especially recording all his ideas in writing.</p> <p>Darcey Rose for super effort in every lesson this week (especially with her handwriting) and being a kind friend.</p>	<p>BEECH:</p> <p>Henry Colley for showing lots of enthusiasm during maths when adding two 2-digit numbers.</p> <p>Mari Cookson for always being kind and for consistently having a positive attitude towards her learning!</p>
<p>CEDAR:</p> <p>Hari Whitmore-Gill for amazing participation in the multi-skills festival and trying his best!</p> <p>Valentine O' Marah for settling in beautifully to Cedar class!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN:</p> <p>Will Clegg for excellent work in Maths adding and subtracting using column method.</p> <p>Sophie Griffin for having a great attitude to learning and trying her best.</p>	<p>JUNIPER:</p> <p>Tilly Coathupe for always being kind, helpful and hard working.</p> <p>Isaac Ashton for being super resilient in class and taking part in the multi-skills festival so brilliantly.</p>

<p>LIME: Elsa Hardacre for always trying her hardest in all areas, joining in all class discussions and for always presenting her work beautifully.</p> <p>Emily Morris for her hard work with her writing and handwriting this week.</p>	<p>HAZEL: Kian Haselden for fantastic effort for his diary entry about Pompeii.</p> <p>Jasmine Cakau for always demonstrating kindness and compassion to everyone.</p>	<p>ELM: Jonah Eckley for being kind and helpful to others.</p> <p>Emily Stockton for always being a positive and hardworking member of the class and for having great attitude to learning.</p>
<p>BIRCH: Emilio Ferraro for his growing confidence in speaking English, he has even started to answer questions in classroom discussions!</p> <p>Niamh Mullen for having a super positive attitude this week and being a kind and resilient friend.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Jack Bayles for his enthusiasm in Science when creating and using his periscope!</p> <p>William Colley for his enthusiasm in English to create a leaflet about an endangered species the Kakapo!</p>	<p>OAK: Khadija Ceesay for her resilience and effort learning how to master a back stitch in our Make, Do and Mend unit!</p> <p>Siddharth Parthasarathy for demonstrating excellent teamwork in PE!</p>