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Friday 25th November 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 5th Dec	Tues 6th Dec	Wed 7th Dec	Thurs 8th Dec	Fri 9th Dec
3 WEEK MENU.pdf 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
Mon 12th Dec	Tues 13th Dec	Wed 14th Dec	Thurs 15th Dec	Fri 16th Dec
Week 2 Menu		Year 4 Christmas service at Holy Ascension Church		School breaks up for Christmas

Message from Mr North

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you so much for your support at the Christmas Fair yesterday evening. HUGE thanks to Cher and the PTA team for their hard work and making it happen, we are truly very blessed to have such great volunteers supporting us. As soon as we are aware of how much we have raised to develop the outdoor learning environment, we will let you know. Also thanks to Chef Jackie for allowing us to use her kitchen and for cooking food for us to provide for you during the event. Thanks also for the school team for supporting the PTA with stalls, cleaning, etc. and for Miss Wilkinson and Mr Kearney for their work with the choir who sang wonderfully. A special mention to Santa, who met with so many children and families in his grotto, it was a truly magical event. I did apologise to Santa for keeping the Christmas tree that our Reception children found in the mini-woods this week, we think it must have fallen from his sleigh over the weekend. He said that it wasn't a problem and he had lots of spares and that he was really pleased to see it being used for our children.

Year 6 children are excitingly preparing for their residential trip to Min Y Don, with Oak and Chestnut classes going to enjoy an Outdoor and Adventurous experience. Thanks to Miss Williams and Miss Barker for planning and arranging this for the children, and also for the staff who are going with them, giving up their own time to ensure that the children are able to be well supported and safe throughout their time away. Good luck everyone and have a marvellous time.

December is upon us already and the end of term beckons, things to look out for

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 14th December, please make sure that you order the lunch if you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch. Our Reception children have been preparing for their Nativity performances, which are always such a special event, we hope to see as many of you in school as possible to watch. Please look out

for tickets and details from the EYFS team. Our Year 4 children will be holding a Carol Concert for their parents at Holy Ascension Church on Wednesday 14th December as well.

Our Year 5 children have been involved in a Saxon's Day today, which has really stimulated their minds and brought their History theme to life, our thanks to Mr Wyllor and Mrs Randa for organising such a great day, the children were brilliant, thank you for supporting them with their costumes too! Year 1 children went to Delamere Forest this week for their studies and had a brilliant time, exploring. Our Year 2 children went to the Northgate Arena for a multi-skills sports event, they had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities they encountered.

It amazes me that all of these events continue to happen despite several staff absences due to ill-health. The UHPS team are truly remarkable, they optimise our values of resilience in action and together we achieve, they continuously put the needs of our children first and work diligently and professionally no matter the challenge. There have been several cases of sore throats, high temperatures and coughs, etc over recent weeks, so please do continue to be vigilant with your child's health. If you feel that they do have a respiratory infection, give them time to recover and not be infectious, before they come into school; this will ensure that we continue to look after each other and keep everyone safe.

As you can see it is a tremendously busy time for our UHPS team and children. Your support with these events is very much appreciated and valued. Thank you for those parents who have responded positively to my repeated requests to not use the staff car park when picking up children from after school clubs, but a reminder to those who have missed the message: PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK, this is for staff and visitors only. If you are parking on site, please also be mindful of the yellow hatched areas around the crossing point, as it has been brought to my attention that parents sometimes ignore this, which makes crossing the road on site even more dangerous, especially after school.



FREE NETBALL COACHING SESSIONS



WHEN - Every THURSDAY in JANUARY
TIME - 5pm til 6pm
WHERE - Whitby High School
FOR - Reception, year 1 and year 2
COST - FREE

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT
GILL SHONE:
gillshone.gs@gmail.com
07745483907



Free Netball Coaching Sessions

Please find attached a flyer for free Netball coaching throughout January, with Gill Shone. Gill works for CEPD but also works with Chester Netball Club. Gill is a very experienced Netball coach and is inviting children from our local schools to go along to her sessions free of charge.

Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival



How lovely to see one of our pupils admiring our school Christmas tree at Chester Cathedral. YB had his Egyptian auntie and nanna over. They found the tree very quickly! They also lit a candle for their family in Egypt and had the opportunity to say a little prayer in English and also a prayer from the Qu'ran. Our school tree was kindly donated by the school's PTA. Thank you.

Please do pop into town to see our wonderfully decorated tree!

Mini Winter Reading Challenge

The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum Group, is on! The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 saw thousands of children reading and exploring science and innovation as part of this year's Gadgeteers theme. Now that it's getting chilly and the winter holidays are approaching, we're back with even more fun experiments and reading encouragement.

Children can join the Gadgeteers as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm. Get ready for cool do-it-at-home experiments and learn along the way as you read for pleasure with the Winter Mini Challenge! The Challenge runs from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023. More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at wintermini.org.uk.

And, of course, that's not all the Libraries are doing for Christmas. There's a lot of events for children too, most of which can be checked out via [Library events | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#) and, obviously, all by [visiting the library itself](#). Joining the library is easy – a parent or carer just needs to give permission, there's no ID requirement and no late fees for the Under 13s. And even if children can't come in then they can read, and listen, hundreds of specially chosen titles via the Borrowbox app. Please

[WMC A4 Join the WMC poster.pdf](#)

[WMC 2022 Borrowbox poster for schools.pdf](#)

Year 2 Bake Sale

Please see the poster for Year 2's bake sale which is next Friday.



Autism Service Christmas Top Tips

As Christmas will be soon approaching, we thought it would be useful to share our Christmas top tips for schools and parents. Please see an attached flyer. [Top tips for parents at Christmas.pdf](#)

Afterschool Popup Astronomy Sessions

We have been very lucky recently that, amongst all the rainy weather, we have had three bright, clear evenings after school to enable some young astronomers to use the school's telescopes.

Firstly, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, last Tuesday (but one) allowed viewing of Jupiter and some of its moons.

Secondly, last Friday from about 4.30 not only was Jupiter on show but as 5.00 approached, and the sky remaining clear this time, some amazing views of Saturn and its rings were viewed by club leavers and some of their parents. It was also nice to see S4YC members taking part. As always Saturn was a joy to behold!

Thirdly, on Monday evening not only were Jupiter and Saturn on display but, it being close to a first quarter Moon, some lovely crisp views of the Moon's craters were enjoyed by the netball club members finishing their activity on the playground at 4.30!

Three memorable sessions. Many thanks to Mrs Buckland and Mrs Gilligan for the photos.



PTA Christmas Fair



Thank you to all of you who came last night to our Christmas Fair and supported our school, some fabulous local businesses and charities. We had a fabulous time getting into the Christmas spirit.



Local Carol Services

Upton Baptist Church

Building a community for Christ

Join us this Christmas...

Dec 18th	11.00am Carol service
	6.00pm Carols by candlelight
Dec 21st	7.00pm Carols in the carpark
Christmas Day	11.00am Christmas Day Service

Find out more at uptonbaptist.com
Flag Lane South, Chester, CH2 1LB. info@uptonbaptist.com 01244 377142

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>Jessica Howie for her fantastic teamwork skills, perseverance and problem solving when den building at Delamere Forest.</p> <p>Dolly Walmsley for becoming independent in writing tasks and her fantastic 'have a go' attitude.</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Isabella Bradley for her positive attitude and hard work to stay on task when writing.</p> <p>Sophie Thomas for her calm and organised nature and her super sentences.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>The whole of Sycamore Class for their excellent participation during our Multi Skills sports trip on Wednesday, they were a credit to the school!</p>	<p>BEECH:</p> <p>The whole of Beech class for their excellent participation during our Multisport trip on Wednesday, they were a credit to the school!</p>
<p>CEDAR:</p> <p>Edith Rae for an amazing collage of the water cycle, well done!</p> <p>Willow Evans for always trying her best and being a great friend!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN:</p> <p>Yusuf Yigit for beautiful handwriting using pen.</p> <p>Jesse O'Keefe for brilliant creative skills and having a positive attitude.</p>	<p>JUNIPER:</p> <p>Kenny Graham for being an excellent gymnast and working well in a pair.</p> <p>Oscar Smithson for being an excellent gymnast and working well in a pair.</p>
<p>LIME:</p> <p>Harriet Graham for all her hard work and perseverance in her maths work.</p> <p>Thomas Booth for his progress and enthusiasm in reading.</p>	<p>HAZEL:</p> <p>Aoife Whittingham for fantastic efforts in her homework and always staying cheerful and positive.</p> <p>Hollie Brooks for demonstrating resilience and perseverance when things are tricky.</p>	<p>ELM:</p> <p>Oliver Danton for his excellent use of similes and noun phrases in his writing.</p> <p>Paige – Leigh Gibbs for her wonderful progress in writing, describing clearly the dramatic events in our story.</p>
<p>BIRCH:</p> <p>Mia Jenkins for writing some fantastic sentences that include inverted commas.</p> <p>Charlotte Stone for being a resilient learner in maths and conquering multiples and factors!</p>	<p>CHESTNUT:</p> <p>Lyra Riley for her super sewing skills and kindness when supporting others in our 'Make Do & Mend' DT lessons.</p> <p>Gracie Hewitt for her hard work and perseverance in Maths. You have mastered long division and have worked so hard on BODMAS.</p>	<p>OAK:</p> <p>Jessica Underwood for fantastic effort in our 'Make Do and Mend' DT lessons.</p> <p>Freddie Warburton for his excellent work in Maths on or long division and BODMAS units.</p>