



Upton Heath Church of England Primary School.

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Friday 9th December 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 12th Dec	Tues 13th Dec	Wed 14th Dec	Thurs 15th Dec	Fri 16th Dec
3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 2 Menu		Year 4 Christmas service at Holy Ascension Church 2pm Christmas lunch and jumper day	EYFS Pantomime	School breaks up for Christmas
Mon 19th Dec	Tues 20th Dec	Wed 21st Dec	Thurs 22nd Dec	Fri 23rd Dec
School closed for Christmas	School closed for Christmas	School closed for Christmas	School closed for Christmas	School closed for Christmas

Message from Mr North

09/12/2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Oh my goodness, what an amazing week! Our Year 6 children and staff have been having a brilliant time at Min Y Don, creating those everlasting memories and expanding their rings of confidence. Oak class have returned full of stories and looking really tired! Chestnut have posted other photographs of their adventures. We look forward to welcoming them back on Saturday. Our Early Years children and team provided us with loads of "Ahhh" moments as our Reception children performed their Nativity to an audience of family and friends. This is one of the highlights of the academic year for any school, and this year certainly did not disappoint! A HUGE well done to our children and thanks to our Reception team, who have done an incredible job of enabling the children to perform so well.

Good to luck to our cross-country runners tomorrow, take care if it is frosty out there.

Currently, we are allowing parents to come on site to pick children up from after school clubs. I have asked and repeatedly requested that parents park their cars responsibly and with due care and attention to keep our children and families safe. Earlier this week I sent a Tweet out with a photograph of a car that had ignored this request. I have since received another photograph of yet more parents who have also parked across the designated crossing point, which puts our children at risk. We have covered the number plate, on this occasion. Since then I have installed temporary barriers to indicate where people should not park, and to provide additional space to keep our children and families safe. Should parents continue to ignore this request, then we will be left with no alternative but to close the gates to any access at all, which would be a

huge inconvenience to many, due to the behaviour of a significant few. Please KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE by parking responsibly.

Next week is also going to be a busy one, with our Year 4 children performing their Carol concert to parents at Holy Ascension Church (Wednesday 14th December), Christmas dinner and Christmas jumpers is on the same day and Friday will be the end of term and the start of the Christmas break. Look out for Seesaw messages re: Christmas party day.

Please note there are no after school clubs next week.

Just a reminder that we are a non-smoking premises, and smoking is not permitted on sight by anyone.

The staff will be in school on 3rd January 2023 for an INSET Day and the children will be back in school on Wednesday 4th January at the normal time.

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North

Headteacher

Year 2 STEM Room



Year 2 have been designing and making their own bird feeders as part of their topic on owls in D&T. We had a lot of fun and also made quite a bit of a mess! Hopefully the birds will enjoy them.

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) for children and young people with SEND

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) with food for children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) funded by the DfE (department for education) during the school winter holidays 2022 across Cheshire West and Chester

Any queries in relation HAF – SEND provision then please email:

- AimingHighForDisabledChildren@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- For general HAF provision delivered across the borough by Edsential please click the following link to be taken to the interactive map which shows the HAF programs taking place in your area for Spring 2022 <https://edsential.com/haf2022/>

NHS

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SERVICE

Choosing the right NHS service for your needs will really help us ease pressures in our Emergency Department.

	Minor cuts and grazes Hangover Sore throat Cough	Self care
	Minor illnesses Headache Stomach upsets Bites and stings	Pharmacy
	Feeling unwell? Unsure? Anxious? Need help?	NHS 111
	Persistent symptoms Chronic pain Long term conditions	Your GP Out of Hours call 111
	Choking Chest pain Blacking out Serious blood clots	A&E or 999 Emergencies only

#ChooseWellCheshire

NHS Winter pressures

The NHS comes under severe pressure every winter when the need for services increases.

The NHS and Cheshire West and Chester Council have produced the attached infographic to help parents choose the right care at the right time if their children fall ill this winter. Please give consideration to the options available to you.

It offers advice on when it's safe to self-care and on which NHS service to use if medical help is needed.

Please share the graphic with your parents to help them look after their children's health and help the NHS manage demand effectively as it heads into one of the most challenging winters it has ever faced. With many services already under great pressure, it's never been more important for us all to do what we can to support people to choose well when considering the care they need.



Learn a Musical Instrument at School after Christmas!

Website: www.musicforlife.org.uk

Email: admin@musicforlife.org.uk

Tel: 01978 761162

- **High Quality tuition** provided by a highly trained specialist music tutor
- Lessons available in school on **almost any instrument including voice**
- All new courses are only committed to the 12 week "taster" period
- Support with fees may be available in cases of hardship
- Two independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an "outstandingly effective service" offering "outstanding value"
- **Book by 21st December** via our website for lessons to start after Christmas. They may be a perfect Christmas present for your child!



"The opportunity to learn an instrument in school offers something very special that can last a lifetime"

future talent
inspiring young musicians



Music for Life

Please see some information from music for life. Bookings are now being taken for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Christmas, with the deadline for booking being the 21st December subject to a final confirmation from tutors that they can accommodate everyone. Should we find we are unable to accommodate anyone, we would of course keep parents fully informed.

New courses would start in the New Year and a course of instrument lessons may be an excellent idea for a Christmas gift! I am very grateful for your help with this and for sending the information around parents within the school.

[MfL Book Lesson E-Letter.pdf](#)

[MfL Ensembles eFlyer.pdf](#)

Year 4 football matches



Our Year 4 football teams did fantastically well after school on Thursday, playing against Deeppoint at King George V Community Sports Hub.

A great performance from everyone finishing with a win for the A Team and a draw for the B Team.

We are so proud of you all!

Many thanks to Mr Gray and Mr Muhashash for coaching and also to all the parents who braved the cold to support.

Cross Country Races **Saturday 10th December**

Best of luck to our cross country runners who are running their final Saturday race tomorrow at WCAC, behind the EPSV. If the last three races are anything to go by, they will do extremely well again tomorrow!

Health awareness

We want to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of type 1 diabetes in children and adults, and the importance of spotting symptoms early to prevent diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) which can be life threatening, and we want to reduce this risk as much as possible. [4t's info sheet 4.11.22.pdf.tracker.pdf](#)

Local Carol Services

A promotional poster for Upton Baptist Church's Christmas services. The background is a dark, warm-toned photograph of a church interior with a piano and a sign. The text is white and arranged in a clear, readable layout. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are in the top right. A musical note icon is placed next to the service list. The church's name and tagline are at the top left. The service details are in the center, and contact information is at the bottom.

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>Emmie Hall for taking ownership of her learning and becoming more confident in independent activities.</p> <p>Emilia Pesnot for demonstrating a super understanding of the significance of the gifts given by the wisemen.</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Arthur O'Connor for a fabulous start at Upton Heath. He has made lots of new friends and has such a positive attitude to learning.</p> <p>Gene Roberts for his fantastic efforts in maths this week. He has blown our socks off!</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>De'Naya Coles for enthusiasm and super effort in our Dance and Music lessons – a possible superstar of the future!</p> <p>Ivy-Rose Vernon for writing a fact file about owls independently with facts and trying her best to apply key skills.</p>	<p>BEECH:</p> <p>Dwayne Balenaka for writing a fact file about owls independently with lots of interesting facts!</p> <p>Wilfred O'Connor for settling into class really well and for writing a fantastic independent fact file about owls even though he only started at Upton Heath this week!</p>
<p>CEDAR:</p> <p>Freya Hirst for helping others and showing resilience in her final Pathways writing task, well done!</p> <p>Alfie Black for working hard on his reading and using imaginative response to the text, well done!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN:</p> <p>Euan Turner for being a brilliant reader.</p> <p>Ally Lewis for excellent independent writing.</p>	<p>JUNIPER:</p> <p>James Mangan for working tirelessly on his amazing Winter Child's animation.</p> <p>Sayul Wijekoon for working tirelessly on his amazing Winter's Child animation.</p> <p>Freddie McWilliams for working hard on writing his Winter's Child story.</p>
<p>LIME:</p> <p>Jack McWilliams for his great retrieval skills in reading</p> <p>Tommy Hunt for his focus and determination</p>	<p>HAZEL:</p> <p>Isabella Lewis for always working hard, demonstrating our values and being an exceptional role model for others.</p> <p>Zacari Tootle for always striving to improve and amazing progress this half term.</p>	<p>ELM:</p> <p>Brooke McWilliams for her focus and positive attitude in English lessons.</p> <p>Edward Graham for supporting EYFS in their Nativity performance.</p>
<p>BIRCH:</p> <p>Aidan Keighery for showing a huge amount of Resilience when helping out with the EYFS Nativity.</p> <p>Ilya Beddows for showing Respect and Compassion every day and always trying her best at everything she does.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT:</p>	<p>OAK:</p> <p>ALL of Oak class for their amazing residential to Min-Y-Don. Their encouragement to support each other was fantastic and lots of happy memories were made.</p>

