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Friday 13th January 2023 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

| Mon 16th Jan | Tues 17th Jan | Wed 18th Jan | Thurs 19th Jan | Fri 20th Jan |
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| 3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 3 Menu | Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics Competition | | Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Coaching Upton High School Year 5/6 Girls Football League Match | Year 3 Class Bake Sales - PTA Year 4 Football Match |
| Mon 23rd Jan | Tues 24th Jan | Wed 25th Jan | Thurs 26th Jan | Fri 27th Jan |
| Week 1 Menu Meet the new Principal 6pm | | Year 6 Football Match | Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Coaching Upton High School | |

Message from Mr Roberts

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very happy to report that I've had another fantastic week here at Upton Heath and judging by the conversations that I have had with children and the smiles that I have seen around school all week, they have also had a great week.

Today, I observed my first Upton Heath Celebration Assembly and it was lovely to see so many children being recognised for their hard work, dedication and kindness. It was also wonderful to see how happy and supportive children were when their friends and classmates were rewarded and celebrated.

Different children have asked about football at least twice every day since I started at Upton Heath. They have been very keen for me to allow football back onto the playground at lunchtimes. This week, I have asked some of those who would like to play football again, to write me a letter detailing the reasons why they think it is a good idea as well as the ways in which they will ensure the games remain safe and friendly. I would be happy to hear from any other children who have a view on this subject (for or against) and would like to write me a letter expressing their views, to help me make an informed decision.

As a school, we are very lucky to have such extensive outside areas, and I am keen to ensure that these are developed over the coming months and years to provide an even richer variety of experiences for your children. Just a gentle reminder that children are not allowed onto the play equipment or into the Forest School area before or after school for safety reasons.

Thank you to all those that have already been to speak to me in school and on the gates, it has been very useful to hear your feedback about Upton Heath. I will be holding a 'Meet the new Principal' meeting on Wednesday 25th January at 6pm, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Stuart Roberts

Principal



Year 3 Cake Sale

Next Friday, 20th January Year 3 are holding a bake sale. All proceeds will go towards purchasing items for our Year group.

We need parent helpers from 2.30pm to set up and run the sale after school with our support. We will also need as many baked or purchased goods as possible!

If you are able to help, please let your class teacher know asap and we will forward names to the PTA who are also supporting the event.



Cheshire Phoenix Coaching Sessions

A group of year 6 children enjoying the first of three professional coaching sessions from Cheshire Phoenix. Some great skills on show and it's only week 1!



American Census Lunch Menu

School Census is on **Thursday 19th January** if your child normally has a pack lunch Census Day is when every school in England has to submit data to the government.

One of the areas the government would like statistics on is the number of infant pupils taking a universal free school meal (UFSM). The government needs to know how much funding to allocate to each school to cover the cost of these meals for the year.

If they under-estimate the take up on universal free school meals and therefore reduce the amount of funding we receive, the actual cost of these meals has to come from our budget, reducing the money we have to spend in other areas.

The more children that take a universal free school meal on the day, the more funding we receive and the less we have to fund ourselves.

Whether or not your child would usually take a school meal on Thursday 19th January, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we'd very much appreciate it if they could take a meal on Census Day.

S4YC

Please see the attached flyer for the holiday club this February half term. [S4YC FEB HALF TERM FLYER.pdf](#)

Fancy Dress Swaps in time for World Book Day

Take your children's fancy dress to your local library from now until 10 February to receive a voucher which you can redeem for clothing on the swap days of Saturday and 18 February. Clothing should be in good condition and have the CE mark or have been purchased since 2015. Find out more at this link below

[World Book Day fancy dress swaps to be held in borough libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

MAPA - Elf Jr Auditions

We're delighted to announce open auditions for roles in MAPA's production of 'Elf Jr' to be performed and showcased at the Storyhouse Theatre and the Liverpool Empire December 2023 with potential added theatres. Rehearsals will commence April 2023. Bonus classes to start in this month for voice training and strengthening and conditioning.

Please note your child does not need prior experience as training will be given

Along with opportunities for chorus and minor principal roles, we'll also be looking for talented young performers to take on the iconic roles of 'Buddy, Santa Claus, Walter Hobbs and Jovie', as well as a team of dancers.

If you're aged between 6 and 17 years with a passion for performing, we'd love to hear from you! You can find further details on our website www.majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk

Open Auditions - DATE 29th January 2023

MAPA are delighted to announce open auditions for all roles in our production of Elf Jr.

To apply, please click on the link below to complete an audition form

<https://majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk/elf-jr/>

Please don't panic though – our friendly audition panel will not expect you to learn lengthy sections of script or full songs!

Also, MAPA are also starting 2023 off with a bang doing the hit movie and musical 'Matilda' starting in our new term in January 2023 which will also be performed at the Storyhouse Theatre in July. All students who attend MAPA classes will be apart of this production. For further information drop us an email info@majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk

You will also see our production of Peter Pan Jr in the Storyhouse Theatre in March 2023 - tickets can be purchased from the Storyhouse Theatre website in the coming weeks.

Chester Football Development

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Friday at Queens Park High School, starting 27th January**, which is open to both boys and girls. Please see the attached for further information. [Queens Park 27th Jan 2023.docx](#)



Songs of Praise is coming to Chester Cathedral!

Come and join the congregation for the recording of hymns and songs including ones for Easter amongst many others at **1.30pm – 4.30pm on Saturday 4th February 2023.**

All tickets to our recordings are free of charge. To apply for tickets, please contact SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv with your name, contact number and the number of tickets you'd like. Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Chester' in your subject header

Families Cheshire Magazine

Please see the link to the next issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine](#)

There **Jan/Feb 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for parents including:

- Creative Valentine fun for kids
- Family meals made easier
- DIY your own garden wildlife haven
- Make 'n' dos to liven up winter
- Managing children's anxiety
- Dangerous things (you should let your child do)
- Family night in ideas
- and loads more.....

STARS OF THE WEEK

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| <p>Acorns</p> <p>Eddie Ashton – for your absolute enthusiasm towards all of your learning. You have made us all so proud.</p> | <p>Conkers</p> <p>Reeva Radcliffe - you have blown our socks off this week with your name writing and recognition of initial sounds! Keep up the good work, superstar 😊</p> | <p>Ash</p> <p>Roman Curran for his enthusiasm in Geography and remembering facts about England.</p> <p>Edward Egerton-Parry for applying his phonic knowledge to his writing, editing and checking his work independently.</p> |
| <p>Yew</p> <p>Jacob McMurray for being super focused this week and putting 100% effort into his learning. Keep it up Jacob!</p> <p>Declan Keighery for his consistent efforts in English and working independently to edit and check his writing.</p> | <p>Sycamore</p> <p>Alfie Graham for super effort and work when writing about dragons this week!</p> <p>Macy Rigby for focusing well and super effort when looking at the properties of shapes in Maths.</p> | <p>Beech</p> <p>Skyla Hird for writing an excellent diary about dragons!</p> <p>Soraya Newman for being super helpful around the classroom and for always being a kind friend!</p> |
| <p>Cedar</p> <p>Sienna Saville for sharing interesting facts about the Stone Age</p> <p>Will Chaloner for always being ready to learn and trying his best with every subject area!! A great example to others!</p> | <p>Hawthorn</p> <p>Cade Precious for having an excellent week, working hard and being a great role model to his classmates.</p> <p>Euan Turner for brilliant handwriting and always trying his very best.</p> | <p>Juniper</p> <p>Stanley Fletcher for beautiful artwork</p> <p>Khushi Dy for beautiful artwork.</p> <p>Josie Dunning for resilience and trying super hard with her writing and maths this week.</p> |
| <p>Lime</p> <p>Sofia Camillo for her effort and hard work in reading and maths this week. She has persevered and is more confident in what she is capable of doing! Well done Sofia!</p> <p>Lily Fleming for always working hard and presenting her work beautifully.</p> | <p>Hazel</p> <p>Millie Hall for her listening skills in guided reading and contributions to all lessons this week.</p> <p>Emelia Cooper for her focus and determination to improve and learn.</p> | <p>Elm</p> <p>Devlin Ismay for showing increased confidence with his maths and demonstrating a secure understanding of our fractions work.</p> <p>Darcey Beddows for her effort and enthusiasm in both P.E. and maths this week and for always having a smile on her face.</p> |
| <p>Birch</p> <p>Max Dean for perseverating and being a risk taker when completing his comparing fractions work this week.</p> <p>Layla Bell for creating fantastic relative clause sentences about the Norse gods!</p> | <p>Chestnut</p> <p>Jack Murphy for being a mathematical super star. Jack can be relied upon to share his deep knowledge and understanding with others. Thank you!</p> <p>Olivia Zarac for thinking creatively, taking care and pride in the presentation of her work.</p> | <p>Oak</p> <p>Dylan Johnson for having a great attitude to learning, working well with his table and always contributing to lessons.</p> <p>Rosie Broadbent for always contributing to lessons and having a good attitude to learning.</p> |

