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Friday 7th October 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 10th Oct	Tues 11th Oct	Wed 12th Oct	Thurs 13th Oct	Fri 14th Oct
3 WEEK MENU.pdf	PTA AGM			
Week 3 Menu				
Mon 17th Oct	Tues 18th Oct	Wed 19th Oct	Thurs 20th Oct	Fri 21st Oct
Week 1 Menu	Year 1 Stay & Play			



We had great pleasure in showing round prospective parents this week on two of our open days. Our next dates are Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November 2022.

STEM Room:

We are in the news! Our fantastic STEM room has been shown in the chester standard this week, please click on the link below to see the article.

Summer Reading Challenge:

A big thank you to all of you that took part in "Gadgeteers", the Summer Reading Challenge 2022! Please click on the link to see a thank you video Thank you for taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - YouTube. Nearly four thousand children taking part, with 93,005 books being read in this borough alone. 179 events attracted four thousand children and parents over the school holidays too. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to all of you that took part:)

Book Fair:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book fair and came along to buy books. The fair took an amazing total of £2400 which means that the school has just over £1400 pounds to spend on new books! I am very excited to hear about all of the new titles and genres that the children would like to see in school. Thank you to the PTA once again for their support running the fair.

Thank you all once again and happy reading,

Mrs Mistry 📚

Pupil Forum Launch Event:





Our Year 5 Parliamentarians attended the launch of this year's Pupil forum this week. Children from other local schools also joined us. They had the pleasure of meeting our local MP, Chris Matheson and were able to put forward some very impressive questions around the current issues affecting the country and our local community.



Dear Parents / Carers,

Another Friday is here already! It has been great to see so many of our children working in the new STEM room (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) this last couple of weeks. Mr Kearney and Mr Mahoney have worked incredibly hard to re-decorate, and set the room up with lots of support from Miss Preston, Miss Whitby and Mrs Howie. The UHPS team have planned their Science, Design Technology and Art work to be taught in the room, to give an increased sense and knowledge that the children are doing Technology of Science investigation work. The children have really enjoyed doing this and the staff have been so positive about the impact.

Year 2 overcame the burden of terrible mid-week weather to conduct our Harvest Service at Holy Ascension Church. Thank you to those parents and family members who were able to attend. Thank you to all of your generous donations of Harvest goods, which will be donated to West Cheshire Foodbank.

The Book Fair has been an incredible success this year! Your support and the hard work of Mrs Mistry, and support of our PTA has enabled us to raise unprecedented commission to enable us to invest in more quality books for our children. I really enjoyed reading the blurbs of some books with the children to help them choose a good read!

I have attended some Open Day sessions for potential parents for September 2023 this week. It has been an absolute pleasure in sharing our school with our local community. The adults were amazed by the STEM room, especially the 3D printer! And our children were able to tell them just how fabulous our school is. I felt very proud to be able to share UHPS, with people who don't know our school. We already have many applications for places in Reception, next year; so please don't delay in putting your application in, if you have a child of school age from September 2023 or friends with youngsters too! I am holding more Open Day sessions November 15th and 16th, hopefully with Mr Roberts as well. Please see the poster advertising the times and book a place on one of the sessions via the school office.

Good luck to all of our cross country runners, I hope that the weather holds and that you have a fabulous time tomorrow!

Sporting wise Ms Hodge has arranged loads of things for the children to participate in including:

Next week there are two Tag Rugby festivals

Hoops for Health (linked to Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Team) are working with our Year 6 children.

Some children will be taking part in Boccia and New Age Curling

Basketball, Dodgeball, Indoor Athletics and football competitions are booked in for the rest of the term, including the Saturday cross country events.

HUGE thanks to Ms Hodge and the UHPS team for facilitating these.

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence Request Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution. When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court

STARS OF THE WEEK

ACORNS: We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year	CONKERS: We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year	ASH: Aleena Shaheen for brilliant maths work and using the correct vocabulary. Elodie Beale for creating fantastic shapes in gymnastics like a 'champion'.
YEW: Lana Warren for her fabulous story writing this week and careful checking and editing. Mohamed Elgamoudi for great listening, for trying his best in English and Maths and for some fantastic home learning.	SYCAMORE: Evelyn Davies for contributing to lessons with her ideas and reading her prayer beautifully in the Harvest Service. Arya Klieve for growing beautifully as a plant in our Harvest Service.	BEECH: Bobby Willetts for learning his parts for the Harvest assembly super fast! Lucas Kelsall for writing a fantastic letter with lots of great noun phrases!
CEDAR: Vene Shipley for always trying her best and helping others! Perry Layland for sorting items in Geography into human and physical features, explaining reasons for his choice.	HAWTHORN: Jake Wainwright-Hewitt for excellent effort and concentration in Maths and English! Lily-Rose Seale for working hard in her home learning and doing extra work by practising her writing.	JUNIPER: Rose Warren for a fantastic diary entry about the Seal Surfer. Poppy Birch for concentrating well, not getting distracted and working very hard.
LIME: Harriet Antrobus for her fabulous continuation of Odysseus' journey from the point of view of one of his crew. Theo Kay for his excellent contributions and hard work in spellings with suffixes this week.	HAZEL: Macey Frodsham for her helpful contributions in our maths lessons. Spencer Will for a thoughtful and detailed piece of writing.	ELM: Derry O'Reilly for his growing resilience and confidence when faced with new challenges. Belle Thompson for her well thought out contributions to our maths lessons.
BIRCH: Flora Taylor for her amazing report on Rosa Parks for Black History month. Martin Ivanov for his fantastic attitude and respect during Computing Club.	CHESTNUT: Amelia Hall for her enthusiasm and neatly presented work within our history lessons. Oliver Hardacre for his fabulous questions, enthusiasm and neatly presented work in our history lessons.	OAK: Freddie Warburton for his amazing engagement in our history lessons William Taylor for portraying Duke Theseus amazingly in our Shakespeare play