Uplands Junior School Newsletter

Diary dates

Please note that all diary dates are provisional and subject to change depending on Government guidance and restrictions.

Friday 30th April-3rd May: School promoting the Captain Tom 100 challenge

Monday 3rd May: Bank holiday

Thursday 6th May: School closed as site being used as a Polling station. Work will be provided for all pupils via Google classrooms along with a research activity towards Topic work

Thursday 27th May: Children break up for half term. Consultation on end of school day times finishes

Friday 28th May: INSET day-all staff in school working on development in Maths

Last day for Year 6 to order Leavers' hoodies

Monday 7th June: Return to school after half term break

Wb Monday 14th June: Arts week across school-will be well promoted on our Facebook page-no parent gallery this year

Thursday 24th June: Year 6 class photos

Wb Monday 28th June: Year group Sports day mornings.

These will be for children only.

Friday 2nd July: Reports out to parents/carers

Thursday 8th July: Celebration day (TBC)

Wednesday 21st July: Term ends and pupils break up for Summer.

We are currently exploring options for our Year 6 pupils to mark the end of their time at Uplands. We will always be guided by Government advice but we will also aim to provide an enjoyable experience for the children.

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Transition

We are awaiting information from Secondary settings regarding transition arrangements for Year 6 pupils moving to Year 7. A standardised form has now been created by the LA for us to complete and send all information on to new schools.

Pupils currently in Year 2 will be invited to Uplands for an afternoon of outdoor learning and to meet their new teachers. Dates will be set by myself and Mr Edmunds.

In addition we will try to facilitate staff and myself going to visit Westacres depending on restrictions.

All pupils joining us in September have now received a welcome letter from myself and Mrs Walker.



Art of Brilliance

This week we are holding a "Be Brilliant" week across school to explore the principles of the Art of Brilliance as part of personal and emotional development. Each year group will have their own theme backed up with videos and resources. Further information about Art of Brilliance can be found on our website.

Themes:

Year 3: Play to your strengths

Year 4: Do it better than you have to

Year 5: Take personal responsibility

Year 6: HUGGS Huge unbelievably great goals

We have a school Facebook page which now has over 500 followers. If you don't already do so please consider following the page where we share lots of information about our school and our work with your children



Staffing updates

We have 2 members of staff who will be leaving us during the Summer term. Miss Davis has been successful in securing a new post in another Wolverhampton school for September. Whilst we are sorry to lose her from our staff we are delighted by her success and wish her well as she takes the next step on her career ladder.

Mrs Mobley who is one of our lunchtime supervisors has made the difficult decision to retire at May half term. She has worked as part of the Uplands team for 17 years and will be greatly missed.

Captain Tom 100

Friday 30th April would have been Captain Tom's 101st birthday and to celebrate his life, the hope and joy he brought to millions, and his sense of fun, The Captain Tom Foundation is inviting everyone, of all ages and abilities, to take part in the Captain Tom 100. We will be promoting this in school on 30th April

The idea is simple. Take on a challenge based around the number 100. Just decide on your 100 challenge and complete it on Friday 30 April or continue the challenge at home right through to Monday 3 May. It could be to read 100 pages in a book, give 100 compliments, run 100 metres, learn to count to 100 or solve maths problems to do with the number 100. Raise money for The Captain Tom Foundation or your chosen good cause, or just do your Captain Tom 100 challenge for fun!

Further details can be found on the Captain Tom website.

Football/well-being after school clubs

Thank you to everyone who has so far joined in with the Football/well being activity after school clubs. Spaces are still available with every class being given 3 opportunities this half term. All dates are on the website under "Whole school letters". Cost is £2 per session. We await further guidance about clubs for after half term break.

There will be an opportunity for each class to attend a club day in the Whitsun half term—details to follow.

