

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We trust that you all had an enjoyable Summer with your families and we look forward to working with you again.

We said goodbye to our Year 6 leavers in July with a very successful production, assembly and disco. We hope that they have now settled into their new secondary schools and look forward to hearing from them in the future.

Our new school year is well under way with all of the children working hard. We welcome our new Year 3 children and their families. The children have settled in so quickly and are demonstrating excellent attitudes to both work and behaviour. Thank you for sending your child to school looking so smart.

Staff news

We welcome Mrs Wilson who has joined us in a job sharing role alongside Mrs Beasley in Year 5. Miss Gilbert who was in this role working 2 days per week has now returned full-time and is based in Year 6

A complete listing of all our staff can be found on our website.

Our school has policies on Behaviour, Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying. If you wish to see these or receive a paper copy please ask at the school office. They are all available on our website

We have several pupils in school who have nut allergies. Please can we request that no products containing nuts be brought into school either as a snack or as part of a packed lunch. We thank for your cooperation in this matter.

Advance notice:

Year 6 SATS 2020 will take place in week beginning 11th May- all pupils need to be present during the week so please avoid any holidays or medical appointments

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House Captains

Attenborough:

Sharina H and Lucas L

Ennis:

Holly P and Jay M

Bolt:

Megan M and Charlie D

Rowling:

Areesa D and Vineet B

School breaks up for the half term holiday on Thursday 24th October as Friday 25th October is an INSET day . Staff will be working on a curriculum review for the Spring term. Children will return on Monday 4th November



In the last week of the Summer term we welcomed the singer Beverley Knight into school for a morning. Her visit celebrated all of our work around "Rights", well-being and healthy minds. We were thrilled that she was able to join us and spend time talking to children. Her visit is on our Facebook page and was mentioned in the Express and Star.

We now have our Art of Brilliance award banner for being an "outstandingly happy school" following a visit in July to assess our work around personal development. No other Wton school has this award to date and so we are rightly proud of it.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

Year 6 will be hosting the annual coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer relief on Friday 27th September from 1:45pm onwards. All parents across school are welcome to pop in and enjoy a coffee, tea and a biscuit and support Year 6 in their fundraising. The Year 6 classes will be serving at the following times:

6NR 1.45-2.10pm

6LR 2.10-2.35pm

6FG 2.35-3.00pm

Homework

This week you will see that your child is bringing home their first piece of homework in their purple homework book. Our system seeks to be engaging and encourages creativity. We have planned a timetable of activities over the year which encompasses all subjects of the curriculum. You should find the Autumn term schedule on the inside cover of your child's homework book. Homework will go out and be returned on the same day in every year group. In addition to their purple book homework children will bring home spellings and reading books and all children have log-ins for Mathletics, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars to use as much as they wish. Homework is shared, celebrated and discussed in class amongst your child's peers. The new Ofsted framework stresses the importance of the whole curriculum and not just a focus on Maths and English and our style of homework supports this.

Over the holidays your child was asked to learn a poem by heart in preparation for our school poetry recital competition. The winners from each year group will go forward to a primary network competition involving all of our local schools. This will take place on Monday 30th September and is being hosted by Castlecroft.



If any of your child's medical conditions or needs change during the year can you please ensure that you inform us so that we may update our records. Thank you

Year 6 SAT results 2019

Congratulations to our Year 6 leavers who performed so well in their SAT tests. Our results can be found on our website under School Performance and there is a tracker to show how this year's results compare to last. We are demonstrating a 3 year upward trend with our results and we are proud of this. Some data is still to be finalised along with confirmation of National figures-these will be added to the website as we receive them.

For Safeguarding reasons we ask that parents only enter school via the main entrance by the school office. Please do not enter through any of the pupil entrances. Thank you

In the next few weeks we will be holding a fire evacuation drill and we will be discussing what to do in the event of an emergency as detailed in our Lockdown policy. Copies of this can be obtained from the school office

Thank you for all the cards and gifts that came into school at the end of the year for members of staff. This is very much appreciated.



Respect For All

Holiday dates

May I remind you that except for exceptional circumstances term time holidays will not be authorised. This is in line with Government guidelines issued in September 2013. The LA may issue penalty notices for any unauthorized leave irrespective of the child's current attendance. All term dates/INSET dates can be found on our website.

If you are eligible to claim Free School Meals please don't forget to register as school receives additional money to support pupils.

A reminder that we have an After School Club child care facility from 3:15-6:00 each day. If you are interested then please contact the school office.

Diary dates: (The website Noticeboard is regularly updated with upcoming dates)

Thursday 19th September: Year 6 meeting re SATS 2020 and cleobury residential

Wednesday 25th September: Class 3NJH to lead Harvest assembly. Parents of 3 NJH welcome to attend 9am (approx. 15 minutes in length)

Friday 27th September: Macmillan coffee afternoon led by Year 6 pupils-everyone welcome

Monday 30th September: Poetry competition finals to be held at Castlecroft

Thursday 3rd October: American themed lunch provided by Chartwells

Thursday 17th October: Fancy dress disco

Years 3 and 4 6:15-7:15pm

Years 5 and 6: 7:30-8:30pm

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October: Open evening for the whole school-appointments will be needed-details to follow

Thursday 24th October: Children break up for half term 3:15pm. Diwali themed lunch provided by Chartwells.

Friday 25th October: INSET day-school closed to pupils-staff working on curriculum review

Monday 4th November: Return to school after half term 8:50am

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged for safety reasons. Ear-rings must be small studs and these are to be removed for PE lessons or covered with a plaster.

Collection from clubs and activities after school

For Safeguarding reasons we ask that you do not come into the school building to collect from after school clubs You will be informed of which door your child will be dismissed through on any correspondence regarding an after school activity.

May I remind you that children should not be on the playground before 8:40am in a morning as there is no supervision or first aid facilities available until this time. No child should be on the trim trail until a teacher is on duty.

Thank you for your cooperation

Teaching staff are not available after 8:40am in a morning when they are on duty or preparing for their lessons. Please make an appointment if you wish to see a member of staff and we will happily accommodate you.

No dogs are allowed on the playground for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you



Each term we celebrate good attendance by awarding the best attending class each week with extra playtime, recognising the best attending class and their teacher over a term and holding a raffle to win £10 gift tokens. Last term Gasha in Year 3 and Olivia in Year 4 won the 2 prizes- Congratulations.

There are certificates and small prizes at the end of each school year to reward Good attendance.

Soccer 2000 led by Mr Moore will be providing a Half term holiday club on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of October half term.

School is collecting Team GB stickers from Aldi which are available when you spend £30 or more. Stickers are available 6th September to 3rd November

Uplands Junior School has achieved the School Games Platinum mark award-the first primary school in Wolverhampton to achieve this level of award for PE and sport in school. There is a post on our Facebook page giving further details. We are so pleased that the hard work of everyone in school has been rewarded.

**Job
well
done!**

Wolverhampton Beam

There is an new emotional well-being service in Wolverhampton called Beam. The details can be found below:

Wolverhampton Beam is a new **drop in service** which supports children and young people aged 0 -25 by offering them a friendly place to talk.

We work throughout Wolverhampton between the hours of 2pm - 6pm, with locations currently in Blakenhall and Bushbury.

No appointments are needed. For more information, text/call: **07850 500 483** or email: **Ask-Beam@childrenssociety.org.uk**



There are Autumn term information leaflets for parents on our website under the Curriculum tab and then select the appropriate Year group. These detail the “learning” for all subjects for the term as well as giving some staffing and diary information.

Thank you to everyone who has “liked” our Facebook page-we now have over 250 people following us. We use the page to showcase activities and events in school and to share with you the “learning” that is going on in all areas of school.

