

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter



Wb Monday 13th May: SATS week for Year 6

Thursday 23rd May: School closed for European elections. NB Shorts and Shades disco date has changed date to Thursday 6th June 2019

Friday 24th May: Break up for half term – **Non Uniform Day**

Monday 3rd June: Return from half term/ Years 3 and 4 Sports day morning (9:30am start) Parents welcome. The children work their way around a carousel of physical activities and parents/grandparents follow them

Tuesday 4th June: Year 3 visit to Dudley Zoo

Thursday 6th June: Years 5 and 6 Sports day morning (9:30am start) Parents welcome. Chartwells "Sport's day" menu lunch. Re-scheduled Shorts and Shades disco (all profits to the minibus fund) Years 3 and 4: 6:15-7:15pm / Years 5 and 6: 7:30-8:30pm

Wb Monday 10th June: Cleobury week for Year 6

Wb Monday 17th June: Arts week across school. The theme for this year is West end musicals. Residents from The Croft have been invited to share a joint Art activity during this week

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 18-20th June pm's: Year 2 Westacres pupils to visit school a class at a time for orienteering activities

Wednesday 19th June: Year 6 photographs taken

Thursday 27th June: Art's week displays (pm) PTA café. All parents welcome to view the gallery. Times for each year group to be confirmed

Friday 28th June: Random acts of Kindness day in school

Friday 28th June: Year 3 musicians concert for parents 2:30pm in school hall. Letters home to inform parents of next class teacher

Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th July: Year 4 visit to Stratford

Thursday 4th July: Transition day across school and new Year 3 to visit

Friday 5th July: Reports out to parents (new proforma for this year)

Monday 8th July: Year 5 visit to Cardingmill Valley. Year 6 production (evening 6pm)

Tuesday 9th July: Year 6 production (afternoon 2pm and evening 6pm)

Thursday 11th July: Celebration day. Parents invited into school to share work from the year with their children

Monday 15th July: New Year 3 parents evening 6pm

Wednesday 17th July: Years 4-6 musicians concert at St. Phillip's church 6:30pm start. Parents welcome

Thursday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers' assembly-9:15am. Year 6 disco during school time in afternoon

Summer
Term 2019
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Thank you for all the support for the Year 4 charity sale. Over £600 was raised and the pupils will decide which charities they wish to support and send the money to.



During the last week of term prior to Easter the whole school had a focus on “health and well being”. Extra fitness activities took place on top of regular PE lessons, Chartwells provided nutrition information and food tasting from their Summer menu for all pupils and teachers discussed ways in which to promote healthy minds.

Thank you to everyone who voted on new names for our school “houses”. We will inform you of the winners once all of the votes have been collated.



Non-Uniform Day Friday 24th May 2019 for all pupils for a suggested donation of £1.00 Thank You.

PTA Easter raffle

The raffle was a huge success and we made a profit of approx. £2300 including the non-uniform day donations. This is an amazing amount and I wish to thank everyone who supported us by selling and buying tickets, and collecting and donating prizes. All of this money has gone into our minibus fund. In addition we have received some very generous donations from parents and families as well as local businesses towards our fund and for these I am most grateful.



Relax Kids’ club

Following on from the success of the Relax Kids sessions in school we are now offering a lunchtime “Relax Kids” club for Year 3 pupils. All places have now been filled and we welcome back Michelle our Relax Kids coach to lead the sessions.

Positive lunchtimes

Over this term we will be trialling some new initiatives at lunchtime both in the dining room and on the playground with the purpose of making lunchtime sessions more positive and calm. Mrs Shakesheave and her Year 4 pupils are leading the trial and as the term goes on we will get the opinions of all pupils on what they think. Decisions will then be made in readiness for September. We now have some pupils who are assisting in the dining room and helping in bringing class lines in from the playground. We will keep you informed of the changes as we go along and we know what is working well!

School environmental area project 2019-2020

In the new academic year we are going to be developing an environmental area at the rear of school behind the dining room and close to our current school garden. We are asking pupils for their design ideas for this area as part of a homework activity. We are looking to involve any parents/ grandparents who may be interested in helping us with the area either in terms of ideas, manual work, resources etc. More information will follow. The aim is to develop a part of the ground that can be used for Science teaching and learning as well as providing a quiet space for “well-being”.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to 2 of our Governors who received Long Service awards recently at a special event held at the Molineux. Both Mrs Debbie Anslow (our current Chair of Governors) and Mr David Hughes (our former Chair and now a member of the Governing Board) received awards for 15 years of service to Uplands-the school have benefited tremendously from this and we are most grateful.

Respect For All

Art of Brilliance

Back in the Autumn term, Year 5 worked with The Art of Brilliance to introduce a well being curriculum into our school with an aim of leaving a sustainable, long term well-being ethos. We have created a new section on our website which explains the 7 principles of “Being Brilliant” and you will also find some Assembly powerpoints that have been shared with the children. You should also have received an information leaflet that was produced by Year 5. Posters are being displayed around school illustrating “Brilliance” and “Positivity” and we will be further developing this over the coming months and into the new school year. Maybe you could ask your child to share the assembly with you.

New report proforma 2019

This year your child’s annual school report will be on a new proforma. The change has come about from discussions with our neighbouring schools and parental feedback from previous years with a view to making the document more meaningful and informative. You will receive information on your child’s achievements and areas to develop in the core subjects of English ,Maths and Science and a statement that tells you how they have attained in relation to age expected standards. For the foundation subjects (eg Music, History, Art etc) there will be a table in which the teacher will indicate with a tick how your child has achieved in each subject against age expected standards and a second tick to show what their attitudes and learning behaviours are. This will then be followed with a personal written statement by the teacher about your child and their successes over the year and finally a comment from myself after reading each report. To complement the report you will also be sent the 3 termly coverage leaflets so you know what they have been taught in each subject, a copy of our school Learning behaviours, the annual attendance sheet and your child’s viewpoints on their year. A copy of a blank proforma can be found on our website-if you go to our homepage and then select **Curriculum**, then the tab **Curriculum overview**, you will find it as an attachment on the left hand side.

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Attendance % since 1.09.18

3NJH 97.6%

3KD 97.9%

3GD 96.4%

4AS 97.8%

4KW 97.1%

4NH 97.1%

5FG 97.0%

5NR 97.6%

5OD 97.9%

6LR 95.8%

6BG 97.1%

6SW 97.0%

Whole school attendance at
7.05.19



On our website you can find useful information about Grammar and writing elements. If you go to the homepage and then select **Curriculum**, then **Subjects**, then **English**, you will find in a box on the lower left hand side helpful hints for Years 3 and 4. You will see these include hyperlinks to take you to clips that explain the various grammar elements that your children are being taught. Year 5 and 6 are currently being devised. We hope you find these useful.

