

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term- I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas break with family and friends. On behalf of all the staff I wish to thank you for all of the cards, gifts and Christmas messages that came into school. The end of last term was extremely busy with parties, Yr4 performances, musical concerts, Christmas fair and sporting activities. Thank you for all your support that allows so many exciting experiences to take place for your children.

Diary dates for the Spring term

Monday 20th January: Young Voices concert in Bham
Tuesday 21st January: Class 4AS visit to Fire Station
Thursday 23rd January: Chinese New Year themed lunch
Tuesday 28th January: Class 4KW visit to Fire station
Wednesday 29th January: Class 4OD visit to Fire Station
Wb Monday 3rd February: Mental Health awareness week
Friday 7th February: Year 5 and 6 musicians showcase for parents
Wb Monday 10th February: Science week across school
Tuesday 11th February: Safer Internet day
Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February: Parents' evenings (appointments will be needed)
Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February: Year 5 DT workshop with Rotary club (No Charge)
Friday 14th February: Break up for half term 3:15pm
Monday 24th February: Return to school
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February: Year 5 Polyphone musical workshop
Friday 28th February: Roving Book Fair in school
Friday 6th March: World Book day dress up
World book day themed lunch
Monday 9th March: Year 4 French workshop (school to fund)
Friday 13th March: INSET day-school closed to pupils
Wednesday 18th March: Year 5 trip to RAF Cosford
Friday 20th March: Year 4 Roman workshop in school and Year 3 trip to Birmingham Art gallery and museum
Friday 3rd April: End of term-school breaks up for Easter at 3:15pm



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Friday 13th March

INSET DAY

School will be closed to pupils. Staff will be working on Curriculum revisions for the Autumn term.

The last INSET day for this school year will be on Monday 20th July

Ofsted parent view

This is an online questionnaire for you to give views about our school. You can fill it in at any time in the year. Ofsted will look at this when they next visit us

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Thank you

Our Christmas fair was a huge success raising just over £1600 with an additional £400 on the raffle. Thank you so much for all donations and support for this event. We are within touching distance of our target to be able to place an order for a new minibus!

Thank you

School logo

Some time ago we revised our school logo (see below). There are a few minor changes from the original plus the addition of our "Respect For All" motto. Lads and Lasses uniform supplies will now begin to incorporate this logo on to our uniform items. There is no need to make any new purchases but the change will happen gradually over time as and when you need to buy new items.



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In addition Lads and Lasses will be offering Year 6 Leavers' hoodies and T-Shirts from this year for parents to purchase if they wish. Details will be sent out to all Year 6 parents shortly.

Behaviour at Uplands

Our school has a Behaviour policy which is reviewed annually and approved by the Governing Board. We seek to reinforce and reward positive behaviour but at times sanctions are required and children have to take some responsibility for their actions. At Uplands we operate a "stage" system-details of this can be found in our policy which is on our website. Staff always fully investigate incidents and make informed decisions if a stage is required depending on the severity of the incident and the context.

I (Mrs Webster-Smith) monitor all behaviour stages on a weekly basis and act accordingly. Parents are informed if their child receives a Stage 5 or if there are repeated incidents at lower stage levels. We can never discuss the sanctions given to a child other than your own. We ask that parents support our professional judgement in implementing our Behaviour policy.

Thank you.

The role of the Education Welfare Officer in our school:

The Education Welfare Officer is employed to provide support and advice to schools and families of children who have a low attendance percentage. This support is vital to enable families to support their child with getting to school on time and to attend every day where possible. The Education Welfare Officer visits our school every three weeks to provide information and feedback regarding the attendance of our pupils. A short meeting takes place to discuss the overall attendance of our school and where if possible improvements can be made. As part of the Educational Welfare Officers duty of care to our pupils on a regular basis a 'Late Gate' will be carried out to explain to parents the importance of getting their child to school on time. We as a school have a duty of care to our pupils and parents to offer support and guidance with any attendance concerns. If you have any questions regarding the above please feel free to contact school and an appointment can be made with our Welfare Officer. We would also kindly ask parents to telephone school every day if your child is absent from school this is the preferred method of communication rather than sending an email. Thank you for your continued support.

School Meals

If your child would like to change their meal pattern, please could this be done half termly only. Our catering company Chartwells provide the amount of meals that are allocated to each child's meal pattern daily. Unfortunately due to number of parents not advising school in advance if their child's arrangements have changed this has put pressure on our kitchen staff.

Thank you.



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