



UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2014 Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message



Another very successful year for

Upland has passed. Amazing results, fantastic Ofsted report as well as being informed by the Government that we are in the top 100 most improved Primary Schools with high results in the whole country. Wow! Again I commend you as the parents and families of Upland for all of your support .

It was truly wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas concerts across the school last week, the children really do make this time of year magical with all of their wonderful performances.

The short videos of the church service will be on our website soon so please do log in and take a look. The concert was lovely.

From myself and all the staff at Upland Primary School I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

Ms Vicky Sengupta

Out and about with Year 5

It was an absolute pleasure accompanying Year 5 to Kent Life on the 4th December. We had an amazing day learning so much about Victorian life during Christmas. Once again members of the public were so complementary about your children saying how polite and well mannered they were. The staff were also very impressed with the children's knowledge of the Victorian Period. Thank you very much to Mr Thompson and Mrs Bryant for organising such as lovely trip. Please see the website for pictures.

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Scooters and Bikes

Please may I remind parents that scooters and bikes are brought into school at the owners risk. Please do ensure that they do go into the locked area near the Church Road entrance. Scooters and Bikes must not be ridden on whilst in the school grounds.

PE KITS

PE is a statutory national curriculum subject. Schools now receive some extra funding to improve the PE provision in school. We have invested in trained coaches in order to provide high quality PE lessons. These do take place outdoors and indoors weather permitting. It is very disappointing to see so many children in school without their PE Kits. Please ensure that your children do come to school with the kit required. Only children with a medical condition will be exempt from taking part. Exercise is so important.



Dates for your Diary

School Closed Monday 5th January

Spring term begins Tue 6th January.

Friday 30th January Mars Class Assembly

Friday 6th February Venus Class Assembly

Half term 16th –20th February.

Year 5 school journey 2nd –6th March

Parents Evenings 17th & 19th March

Year 6 school journey 23rd –27th March

Easter Break 30th March –10th April

Return to school Monday 13th April

Absence letters

Thank you to you for providing medical evidence or a letter stating why your child is off from school. This really does help the office when registering authorised absences. Please could you ensure however that your child's name and class are stated in the letter.

Term Time Holidays

The school cannot authorise term time holidays. The Government and the Local Authority are doing regular checks on schools regarding attendance. Families who do take term time holidays will be called into school for a meeting with an Educational Welfare Officer. Fines will now be issued in accordance with Government law.

Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this term is 96.9 %. Well done to everybody. Thank you.

Termly winners are :

Key stage 2 : Neptune Class
98.7%

Key stage 1 : Bramble class
97.9%

96 Pupils have 100% attendance for the whole term. Wow !!! Well done to all.



National Number Day

Thank you once again for supporting NSPCC National Number Day. The amount of coins that were brought in was fantastic. The school raised over **£380**. Again your generosity is so kind. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing with numbers all day. Earth Class did an amazing job when counting the amount of coins. Maths was everywhere.



Christmas Fayre

Such a wonderful scene on Friday 5th December, the hall packed with people, smell of sweets, hotdogs and mulled wine as well as the wonderful winter grotto for Father Christmas to feel welcome at our school. Over **£1300** was raised so again thank you to all of you who supported the event and picked up some Christmas bargains. Well done again to the PA who organised a fantastic event. We are most certainly on the way now to raising £10,000 for new playground equipment.

Maths Meetings

Each year group parents this half term were invited to attend an evening meeting to learn all about the changes to the way in which we now teach Maths at Upland in accordance with the new curriculum. It was wonderful to see many of you attending in order to know how to support your children at home. The feedback has been great and as a school we aim to hold more meetings for parents to ensure that you are kept up to date with all of the changes occurring nationally as well as in school. A huge thank you to Mr King for all of his hard work and dedication.

Complaints

At school we take complaints very seriously and will act in accordance with the complaints procedure. However I must insist that if you do have a complaint to make you do follow the complaints procedure that is on the schools website. The school will not tolerate staff being spoken to in an inappropriate manner. Could I please ask that this is respected fully, so that all parties can work amicably together.