



UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2014 Newsletter

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General Notices:

Money Reminder

All monies should be sent into school with your child in an envelope 'clearly marked with their name and what it is for' to the class teacher. Not via the school office. It is extremely busy in the morning and this action will ease the pressure 1st thing in the morning.

Holidays/Homework

Please be reminded that it is not school policy to authorise holidays during school term time. Holidays are only authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Whilst on this matter, should you choose to take your child out of school during term time it is not our policy to supply homework for your child during this time. As removing your child from school is parental choice and not condoned by the school.

Head Teacher's Message

Another incredibly busy half term has flown by again. A very successful one with some wonderful teaching and learning taking place. All children are making fantastic progress.

I'm really pleased to announce that the new school website has finally gone live. We now own this within the school, so it will most certainly be updated regularly and kept up to date with all the current news from school. See address overleaf.

I was immensely proud watching the children sing at the 02 during the young voices concert. It was a truly wonderful event and your children did Upland proud, not only because of their amazing performance but also their exemplary behaviour.

I'd like to thank all of those parents who attended the coffee morning. It was lovely to chat informally to parents as well as listen to comments and feedback regarding moving the school forward.

I would just like to remind parents/carers that if you do have a concern then please do contact the teachers in the first instance, but if you need to speak to a member of leadership then please do make an appointment via the school office.

As ever your support is greatly appreciated. Upland Primary School is a very happy place.

I hope you all have a restful half term holiday.

Best Wishes

Ms Vicky Sengupta

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

24th Feb ~ Spring Term ~ Back to school
3rd March ~ Book/History week
5th March ~ PA coin trail challenge
10th March ~ Maths Week
25 & 27th March ~ Parents Evening
27th March ~ Mothers Day Shop
2nd April ~ Festival of Learning
3rd April Easter Bonnet Parade
3rd April Easter Egg Hunt
3rd April Easter Lunch by Harrison Catering
Easter Holidays 5th April - 21st April
22nd April ~ Summer Term starts
22nd May ~ School Closed 'Polling Station'
26th May - 30th May ~ Summer half term

New Website

Do have a good look at the site and feel free to suggest or comment on what you think. Please do log on to our website address at www.upland.bexley.sch.uk

Ron's Retirement

We would like to inform you that Ron Brackstone our Site Manager who has been with us for 18 years will be retiring on the 27th February after half term. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Ron for all his hard work and dedication over the years. We will miss him very much. But wish him and his wife the very best for their retirement years.

World Book Day

Don't forget to encourage your children to dress up as their favourite character and bring their book with them on Thursday 6th March

Christmas Bazaar

This was another very successful event with over £2000 being raised. Thank you to all who supported. The evening was really successful.

Festival of Learning

After the tremendous success of project based learning and the Festival of Learning in the Autumn term the children are preparing to start their new projects for Spring Term. This half term will see the children undertaking projects in a whole range of subjects across the school and we are very much looking forward to inviting you to visit the school again for the Spring Festival of Learning on **Wednesday 2nd April. Details to follow!**

Results of our Local Authority Inspection

On the 11th and 12th February the Local Authority carried out a review of the school in order to make judgements about the school and the progress it has made since the last Ofsted Inspection in October 2012. Three Inspectors came and reviewed all aspects of the school. This included watching teaching, interviews with staff and children as well as members of the Governing Body. The findings that the school has improved significantly and has made excellent progress against all 4 of the OFSTED key judgements. Upland Primary School is now ready to be judged as a "Good" school and we will continue to drive for outstanding. The staff, children and Governors have worked incredibly hard to ensure that your children receive high quality Education. I am immensely proud of all of the school community.

Playground Developments

The next phase of some physical change is about to take place over the next half term. Due to feedback from both parents and children, some new equipment and a new outdoor classroom which is being funded by the PA, will be installed. Initially the main change will be in the foundation stage playground, but as budget allows we will be improving the larger playground as well. Watch this space!