



UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2015 Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Where are the weeks going? Another half term completed again with lots of fabulous learning taking place. As new Government policies come into place the school is working very hard to be one step ahead. The way we now assess your children is very different and the way in which we will be reporting your child's progress will change. Please watch out for a parents meeting that will be taking place soon to inform you of these changes. Parents of children in Years 2 & 6 you will still receive levels but for all other children this will not be the case anymore. Please feel assured that all of the children are still making good progress.

At the end of February a Government report about high performance and improving Primary Schools in which we feature will be published and distributed across the whole country. Please keep an eye on the website for this.

I'm sure you have seen in the news that David Walliams will be visiting Primary Schools on World Book Day 5th March. I have requested that he land at Upland so please cross your fingers and hope that he comes.

There was a very low response to the parental questionnaire, please if you do have anything to say positive or some constructive feedback please do send them in.

I hope you all have a lovely half term starting with spreading lots of love on the 14th. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 23rd February.

Best Wishes

Ms Vicky Sengupta

Charity Summer Dinner Dance

After the wonderful charity evening last year where we raised a huge amount for cancer research and our school community, I am thrilled to announce that there will be another event this year. Please let the office know if you would like tickets. Hurry they will go fast. Keep **Friday 19th June** free. I can't wait.

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Class Assemblies

Thank you so much to all those parents/carers and family members who have been supporting the children during their class assemblies. Could I please remind you that whilst waiting to come into school please could you keep the school foyer clear, this is a fire exit and the office staff need access to people and children at this time. I appreciate that it is cold but we will do our best to get the hall ready as soon as possible.

Wear Red to school day.

Again we were overwhelmed by your generosity on wear red to school day. Thank you so much for all the cake donations and paying £1 to come in Red. The school raised £654.00 for the British Heart Foundation and the schools PA.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered on the day.

Well done .

Dates for your Diary

Half term 16th –20th February.

Curriculum week 23rd –27th 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

Medicines

Please ensure that if your child takes regular medication whilst at school that it is in date. We have had several asthma pumps that have expired.

Many thanks

Sickness

The school is working very hard to ensure that most absences are authorised. If we have not received a call to inform us of your child's absence by 10am each morning you will now receive a text message requesting a reason for absence. You must let us know why your child is off and which class they are in.

Coming in late going home early.

Increasingly there has been a number of children arriving late for school after 10am. If the school is not informed then we cannot give your child a hot lunch . Please do ensure you inform us if you are attending a medical appointment and if your child will be back in time for lunch.

Also if your child is required to go home because of sickness siblings will not be able to go home from school early . This will only be considered after 2.45pm.

I am sorry for any inconvenience caused but school attendance is very important.

Curriculum Week

During the week of 23rd—27th February all classes will not be working to their normal timetable. As a school we are having focus days looking at creativity within subjects and how children can apply their skills across a range of subjects.

Monday 23rd— Mandarin day the children will be doing lots of activities relating to the Chinese culture.

Tuesday 24th — English day, we have a west end drama company coming in to stimulate reading and writing through drama as well as activities relating to new texts.

Wednesday 25th—Maths day, children will be using Maths stories to create investigations and apply their skills in a range of mathematical areas.

Thursday 26th — Sports and well being day, we have a Paralympian coming to do workshops with the children, we will also be looking at competitive sport as well as looking at how to keep ourselves healthy.

Friday 27th — History Day, all classes will be basing their learning around a historical story or artefact, in order to produce some art work and writing

This is going to be a really fun week with lots of wonderful learning activities taking place. We look forward to sharing them with **you**.

Playground Behaviour and Balls.

Over the last few weeks we have never had so many injuries and have dealt with so many poor behaviour incidents in the playground. 99% of them are related to playing football. We have already put in place a referee to stand on the pitch and intervene when needed, however this has not stopped some of the issues that mostly the boys are having with playing fairly and less aggressively with each other. I am currently considering the best action to take as I do not want to ban a game that they genuinely love playing however I and the staff will not tolerate some of the poor behaviour. Please could you talk to your children about fair play whilst I put some other measures in place to stop this from happening. Many Thanks.

Class Blogs

Every class in school have started Blogging their work so that parents can see on a weekly basis what they have been up to. Please do look at these and comment on them via our school website. They really are fantastic. Please ensure that you have signed the parental permission slip and pass these to your child's class teacher.

