



UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

July 2015 Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Where has 2014/15 gone, another year has just flown by. A Year that has once again seen many changes and challenges that we have embraced in order to continue driving forward.

As the Government finds its feet and reassembles in the autumn I'm sure that as a school we will face more challenges across many areas within school. Already there is an indication the budgets are being cut within Education so therefore will have a knock on effect on our school community. I already know that as a well established school community we will come together to ensure that your children continue to receive a high quality education and experience all that we can offer.

Once again thank you to you as the parent body for your continued support and enabling the school to improve.

This year brings many highlights again. Starting with the magnificent carol concert in December, to see so many children playing instruments, singing and acting was amazing and just showcases the talents and creative curriculum that we aim to provide for all. Family week and curriculum week were very special bringing the community together to learn about all of the changes that have happened in the new primary curriculum. All of the PA events have been enjoyed by all and I know that once again the money raised will enable us to continue rejuvenating the school playground. Many children have held their own fundraising events for a number of charities, their desire and dedication has been inspiring. The year definitely ended on a high with the Year 6 production which would give the west end shows a real run for their money. Finally the school results for Reception, Year 1 phonics, Year 2 & 6 SATS were truly amazing. Your children are a real credit to you and all that they stand for. I couldn't be more prouder of them all.

We don't claim to get everything right but I know that together we will all continue to strive towards this.

I wish you all a well earned summer rest, I really hope the weather makes it even better. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 7th September at 8.40am. Ready to start the new year.

Kindest regards **Ms Vicky Sengupta**

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Welcome

We are thrilled that **Miss Heath** will be joining our teaching staff team and will be in Year 6. We would also like to welcome **Mrs Hingston** who will be our new pupil support teacher, working with many children across the school.

Goodbyes

It is with great sadness that after 17 years of dedication to Upland Primary School that **Miss Rhodes**, one of our Teaching Assistants is leaving us. We wish her all the best in pursuing other avenues. She will be greatly missed at our school.

We also say Goodbye to Ms Melia who unfortunately after a period of sickness has decided to leave us to recuperate. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her fighting fit again.

Recruitment

The school is now actively looking to recruit a class teacher for Year 4 to start in September.

Attendance

The overall attendance for the end of year is 96.2% Thank you, to all for bringing your children to school.

Key Dates for your Diary

3rd and 4th September INSET DAYS

Children return to school Monday 7th Sep

23rd Oct last day of half term

Half term 26th -30th October

Term starts 2nd November—18th December

Lost Property

We do have a large box of lost property if this is not claimed by the first week in September then we will organise this to go to a charity.

Upland Parent Partnership UPP

Thank you to the UPP for the very productive and positive impact that you have already made. This has proved to be a very effective way of constructive communications between school and home. Please visit the UPP page on the website and do speak to your class representatives if you do have a concern that you would like addressing.

This really is the forum for parental voice.

Governors Award

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the National Award for Governance at the House of Parliament. I'd like to congratulate the Governing body on their highly commended award but also thank them for all of their support, challenge and dedication to move the school forward.

Parents Association PA

This year has seen many great events organised by the PA. The time and effort put into these events is greatly appreciated by all. This year nearly £10,000 has been raised. I don't have the words to express how truly amazing this is. I thank all the parents who have given their own personal time to help at events.

It is with great sadness that this year we lose many longstanding members of the PA.

I would like to thank Mrs Broughton, Mrs Camm, Mrs Hillless, Mrs Stockbridge, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Fraser for everything that you have given to our school. Many events would not have gone ahead without you.

A huge loss to our school is most certainly going to be the chair and vice chair of the PA, Beverley Bassom and Denise Goddard, who work tirelessly for the good of the school and have made such a difference to school life.

We are going to miss having you around as you really are two very special ladies. I just can't thank you enough for all that you do for our school. We wish you both all the best and hope that you will still visit us regularly.

Festival of Learning

It was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday, we had over 300 visitors in school sharing the children's work with them. I know the children had a wonderful afternoon. I would like to thank you for having a cuppa and cake during the afternoon. We have raised over £250 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. A huge thank you to Mrs Dyckhoff, Mrs Styles and Mrs Bartley who with some children helped bake over 500 cakes. Another fantastic achievement, well done Mr Lynch for organising this event.

Sports Days

Another 3 lovely afternoons whereby all of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The atmosphere was lovely and some true teamwork and sportsmanship was noted. Again thank you for coming to support your children. I really appreciate all of the work Mrs Bryant put into these events and would like to thank her and Earth class. I have also sent our gratitude to BA for all of their support and also PA members for helping with refreshments.

Asda

It was wonderful that this year our Key stage 1 Sports Day was sponsored by Asda by bringing fruit and drink for the children. I do hope we can continue working with them. Thank you to all of you who put green tokens in the box at the little Asda. We have been awarded £200 for this, thank you to Mrs Hancock for instigating this support.

School Forum

As you were made aware we held a school election and the children led and managed the whole event. Transform party won and instigated the dress down Friday that we had on the 10th July. We managed to raise £325 the children would like to thank you all.

Foundation stage staff

Alongside the staffing list that you were sent here is the list of teachers for our Foundation Stage.

Bumblebees : Sue Winter / Di Jordan

Caterpillars : Jane Hull Ladybirds : Mrs Henderson

Charity Dinner Dance

A wonderful night was had by all and over £2000 was raised that will be shared between the school and Make a Wish Foundation. This was another example of the community coming together for a fantastic cause. A huge Thank you to Mr and Mrs Harris for all the time they spent organising this very successful and popular event.

Pushchairs

We have 2 unclaimed pushchairs on school site

