



# UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## May 2015 Newsletter

### **Head Teacher's Message**

*The summer term is upon us and what a busy one it is looking to be. I do hope the weather stays bright so that everything we have planned can go ahead.*

*I am incredibly excited about Outdoor Week this year. We have organised more activities and invited different organisations into school in order to support the children in challenging activities. More details will follow shortly. Forest School is proving such a success with the children, some of the learning and experiences have really enabled the children to flourish in the outdoor environment. Year 6 and year 2 are preparing for their end of key stage assessments and are working incredibly hard to achieve their full potential. I'd like to thank all parent and carers for all of the support and encouragement that you are giving your children. The Festival of Learning was a huge success last term, we had over 250 visitors in school in the afternoon. The children really enjoyed sharing their projects and again thank you for supporting them. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed selling their cakes to you and raised £55 to go towards the RNLI. We do hope to see lots of you in our summer term learning afternoon whereby the children will be sharing all of their years learning with you.*

*As we do get further into the summer term I would recommend that children have a sun hat in school and for those particularly warm days it is advisable to administer sun cream before coming to school.*

*I hope the weather improves and you all have a lovely half term.*

*Ms Vicky Sengupta*

### **Requests for Absence**

**Just to remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please refer to our website where you will find the School's Attendance Procedures and our Attendance Policy. I must also remind parents that poor school attendance can trigger an OFSTED inspection. Attending school regularly is a right for all children.**

### **Sponsored Read**

Well done to all those children who really embraced the challenge of reading lots of books. As a school we raised £1,230. All of this money will go towards buying new books for the classrooms. Thank you so much for sponsoring your children.

### **Sponsored Bounce**

Another successful bouncing event, the children did really well. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, especially the PA members who went google eyed at counting the bounces. If there is any outstanding sponsorship money please send in to the school office.

### **Welcome Back**

We are thrilled that Mrs Williams and Mrs Jeffries will be back to work at Upland after half term. They will be working across lots of year groups teaching Science and supporting children.

## Outward Bound Reminder

Following the success of the Year 5 and 6 trips this year. Next academic year the children from Year 5 and 6 will also be going on an Outward Bound Adventure. There are still some places available please do get your deposits into school by Monday 1st June.

## Outdoor Week

We are delighted that we will be having another outdoor week this year including many new activities. Just a reminder that this week children may come to school in non-uniform all week, however the clothing must be suitable for outdoor activities. Children will not be able to participate if they are not suitably dressed. This is part of the new curriculum at Upland and we hope that £5 for a whole week of activities and trips is reasonable. If you are having difficulties in paying then please do contact the school office for details.

## PA Summer Fayre

A not to be missed school event. My favourite of the year. **Saturday June 13th 12-3pm** . Please do come along and support the school, I will even give you a free sponge to throw at me; as all profits will go towards new equipment and resources for the children. If you are able to spare a few minutes on the day to help on a stall then please do let the school or the PA know. I very much look forward to seeing lots of you there.

## Pop up Restaurant Charity Night with Live Music and Dancing. Friday 19th June.

A 4 course dinner cooked by Michelin star chef's, live music, a well priced bar. Raising money for Make a Wish foundation and the school.

**Get your tickets now £40.** It really is a lovely evening with lovely people for a fantastic cause.

## Key Dates for your Diary

1st June back to school

Sat 13th June Summer Fayre

19th June Caterpillar class assembly

23rd/24th /25th Sports afternoon please see web-site.

26th June Ladybirds class assembly

17th July LAST DAY of Term

### Dinner Money

Please may I remind you that Dinner Money should be paid in on a Monday, this enables the staff to work efficiently. The school does not have the capacity to hold lots of cash on the premises. Thank you in advance for your co-operation

### Government IQ link

Sometime ago now I informed you that Upland had been commended for its high results and school improvement. There is now a link on the school website with the report that has been published. Please do read it. I hope you will be as proud as I am.

### Lost property

We have vast amounts of unnamed lost property, there will be one last chance to take a look on Friday 22nd May. If it is not claimed it is being collected by a charity over half term.

### Changes to assessments

I'm sure many of you are now aware that the way we assess children has significantly changed. There are no longer any levels for children except year 2 & 6 this year. It is a difficult transition period for the school as we were all very used to levels. This year as a result of this, the end of year school report will change and there will be a clear explanation guide alongside it. Please if you have any questions about this do speak to the class teacher first. There will be a parents meeting to share new assessments in the new academic year.

### Teddy Tombola

**If you have any good condition teddies that are just sitting at home unloved and staring into space, we would love to take them off your hands and give them a new home.** Please bring any donations to the school office. Many thanks.

