



UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2015 Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message



General Notices

If your child does not have Free School Meals, but may be eligible because of your family's income level, please contact the school office (in confidence) to register them. Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would mean the school could still claim Pupil Premium Funding that will be used to help your child in school.

Driving and Parking.

Please drive legally and responsibly when dropping off/or collecting your children from school. It is not acceptable to just stop in the middle of the road and let your children run into school. This is an accident waiting to happen. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES. THANK YOU.

Hair

Large hair clips, bands and flowers are not appropriate for school. It is advisable to tie long hair back with a simple band.

Thank you.

Drinks

The only drink that children should be bringing to school to drink during lesson time, is **water** in a sealed bottle. Squash and fizzy drinks will be confiscated. Thank you in advance for your co operation in this matter.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, thank you for all of the positive feedback. I am delighted at how well our new Reception classes have settled into full time school, they are coping really well with full days and appear to be very happy around the school.

Thank you to many of you who attended the assessment meeting on the 13th October. I do hope that you found it informative and now have a clearer understanding of how we assess your children's progress throughout the year. If you were unable to attend there will be another meeting held on **Wednesday 11th November from 6 – 7pm.** in the school hall. I do hope many of you will be able to make it. The presentation is also posted on the school's website within the parents section if you would like to view it.

This term has been incredibly busy, lots of new learning has taken place and our new curriculum is in full swing. The senior leadership team have been working hard monitoring all of the teaching and learning this half term. We have seen some wonderful lessons where all of the children are engaged, enthused and motivated to do really well in their work. The children have all had one to one sessions with their teachers to set new targets for the year. This has been a very positive experience for both staff and pupils.

I hope you all have a restful half term, I look forward to seeing you all back ready for another busy term on 2nd November 2015.

Please do remember to log onto parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

to give your feedback about the school.

Kindest regards

Ms V Sengupta

Attendance

We are constantly striving to keep our attendance figure above 95%. Please make sure your children are in school unless they are unwell.



Dates for your Diary

Parents evenings 20th and 21st Oct

Half term 26th—30th Oct

Back to school Monday 2nd Nov

2nd Nov Nasal Flu jabs for Year 1 & 2

9-13th Nov Family week please see separate letter

10th Nov Year 6 Remembrance assembly

20th Nov Mars Class Assembly

23rd-27th Nov Assessment week for children.

27th Nov Venus class Assembly



Harvest Festival

I can't thank you all enough for your generous donations for Bexleyheath Foodbank. All of the food will make such a difference to so many peoples lives within the community.

Well done to Year 5 who performed a wonderful assembly. Again thank you to all of the family members who came to support the children.

Reading

You will recall that one of the things we ask all parents to do is read daily with your children. Two recent reports confirm the importance of this, not just in improving reading but also that it can help your children with maths. It is just as important to keep reading together even if your child can read. Setting aside just 10 minutes a day can make such a difference. Please take a minute to have a look at these articles on the BBC website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24116088>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24046971>

Children in Need

On the 13th November children will be allowed to come into school either in non uniform or dressed as a superhero in exchange for bringing in a £1. This may be as simple as wearing a cape. I do hope as many people will support this worthy cause. The pupil leadership team will also be doing some fund raising. Thank you again.

Upland Parents Association

The inflatables afternoon was a huge success raising £800 in two hours. The children had lots of fun and have asked when more events are going to take place. Thank you to you all for helping to make this event a success. A very special thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped on the day. It would not have been possible without them. This year we are still looking to purchase playground equipment as well as new books for the class libraries. I would like to thank Mrs Collins and Mr Carter for all of their hard work already , in re-establishing a PA.

The PA relies on parents to help at every event, please don't assume that someone else will do it! Although we are a large school, our PA is small and we rely on the help of everyone !

Thank you to those of you who attended the PA AGM on the 14th October , although there was a larger turnout than in previous years I still believe that if parents want to have their say and get involved, then a school with over 300 families should have more parents attending these type of meetings. If you don't come along with a view to support and try to bring new ideas, you cannot criticise the hard work and effort of those who really do want to hold lovely events for the children. I really hope that more people will attend future meetings.

Thank you to those parents who have tried really hard to hold a new event this year, The Spooky Disco. I'm sure the event will be a huge success. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

New school pupil leadership team

Congratulations to the following pupils who were voted by their peers to represent the pupils on the Leadership Team of the school. I am very much looking forward to working with them all in order to improve the school.

Moss Class: Rupert Slack and Hananya Carr

Fern Class: Luca Franklin and Lois Murrell

Bramble Class : Sadie Evans and Nathan Gee

Thistle Class: Shudhit Sahni and Claudia Baker

Pluto Class : Faye Neicho and Imogen Wyatt

Mercury Class : Hollie Ketchell and Dylan Zammit

Mars Class : James Orchard and Summer Pearson

Venus Class: Harrison Scorey and Philip Rowland

Neptune Class: Ben Evans and Leyla Queen Lock

Earth Class: Harvey Golding and Zoe MacKenzie

Jupiter Class: Liam Hutchinson and Adil Nuruzzaman

Saturn Class : Ben Wright and Zoe Leighton.

