



# UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## May 2014 Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Message

Another half term will soon be completed with many activities having taken place at Upland Primary School.

Finally the new Foundation Playground is back in use and looking great. The children are loving it. We will continue to improve the outdoor provision for the children. We have begun to install some more equipment for the older children but this will be a longer term project due the funding. I'd like to thank parents for respecting the new equipment and not treating the playground like a park at the beginning and end of day.

It is assessment week at Upland this week and all of the children are working really hard to showcase all of their work what they have learnt. Year 6 and 2 are coping brilliantly with the SATS and are really doing themselves proud.

We are continuing to drive forward with developing our curriculum ensuring that the children's experiences are varied, creative, fun as well as enhancing children's skills and knowledge. Over the next term I do hope that the children will be sharing their new topics with you. You may be aware that from September 2014 the National Curriculum is changing but at Upland we are already ensuring that the changes we are making are already reflected in the practice here at Upland. I do hope you will be able to come to the final festival of learning on Friday 11th July so that the children can share their work with you.

As ever if you have any feedback, questions or enquires about what we are doing at school then please do contact me directly.

Kind Regards Ms Vicky Sengupta

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### General Notices:

#### **Punctuality**

***A directive from the government stipulates how many hours children should be in school learning for. On the gates in the mornings I am observing many children arriving late for school.***

***Year 3-6 children should be in school before 8.50 am when lessons start.***

***Year R-2 children should be in school before 8.55 am when lessons begin.***

***Nursery times are 8.45-11.45***

***12.15—3.15***

Please do get your children to school on time.

#### **Make Up**

It has been brought to my attention that children are coming to school wearing make up. This is not a part of our dress code. Please could you ensure that your child is not coming to school wearing make up. If they are found to be wearing it they will be asked to wash it off. I would really appreciate your support in this matter..

## **Dates for your Diary**

19th –23rd May Outdoor week  
22nd May ~ School Closed 'Polling Station'  
26th May - 30th May ~ Summer half term  
20th June Sponsored Bounce  
20th June ~ Charity event evening. Adults only. Details to follow.  
24th June~ Yr 1,2,3 Sports Day  
25th June ~ Yr 4,5,6 Sports Day  
26th June ~ Foundation Stage Sports Day  
11th July Festival of learning  
11th July ~ Yr 6 leavers evening.  
15th July ~ reports home to parents.  
17th July ~ 3-4.30 pm Open afternoon for parents.  
22nd July End of summer term  
23rd July INSET Day

## **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](http://www.upland.bexley.sch.uk)*

## **Welcome**

We welcome Mr Howard who will be joining the staff team after half term. He will be teaching in Fern class.

## **Warm weather**

As the weather is now starting to improve, please ensure that your children come to school well equipped with sun hats and water. Please apply sun cream before the school day.

## **Good Luck**

From everyone at Upland we would like to wish Mrs Williams and Mrs Jeffries all the best as they leave us to await the arrival of their 3rd babies. We very much look forward to meeting the new arrivals soon.

## **Outdoor Week**

Next week is going to be a very exciting week with so many fantastic learning experiences for the children to participate in. Learning should happen in all areas of the school environment and community and Mr Twyman has organised a packed week to challenge children in many skills. The children should come to school in comfortable clothes each day to enable them to participate fully. Please do make sure that the children are dressed sensibly and not in their most expensive and precious clothing. Thank you to those of you that have already made a contribution to the week. We do rely on contributions to enable us to book these events to benefit your children. Donations can be made throughout next week. We really appreciate all of your support enabling these types of weeks to go ahead.

## **Charity Restaurant Night.**

On Friday 20th June Upland Primary School will be hosting a one off event in order to raise money for those suffering or for families who have experienced the tragic loss of a loved one due to Cancer. This is a cause very close to the hearts of the community at Upland.

Adam Simmonds a top Michelin Star chef who is currently on the TV will be cooking a 5 course meal for the community of Upland. Everyone is welcome, friends, family, friends of friends.

The school hall will be transformed into a restaurant for the evening with live entertainment and a licenced bar. Tickets cost £35 this is a bargain. Where else would you get a quality meal cooked by a professional for this price! You can bring your own drink to have with the meal. There will also be a raffle and auction. Please log on to [www.propernightout.com](http://www.propernightout.com)

The evening is designed to raise money for this cause it is not a school profitable event at all. We would really like to make this evening a success so please get together and book a table of 12, for a really enjoyable evening. We only have 150 tickets so please do ensure you get your ticket requests in by 6th June 2014.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Atkin or myself.