



# UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*October 2013 Newsletter*

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## **General Notices:**

### **Footwear**

It has been brought to my attention that school footwear is turning into a fashion trend. May I remind parents that school footwear should be black shoes only. No footwear with heels is permitted.

### **Communication:**

We are working very hard as a school to ensure that communication is effective between home and school. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible if events are cancelled. However due to the nature of sickness and other unforeseen circumstances events or clubs may have to be cancelled with little notice. The school is not doing this to be difficult but for the safety and wellbeing of children such things occur. Your patience and support would be appreciated.

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

It's astounding that the first half term is almost complete. This half term has already brought about many changes. The curriculum is changing to project based learning, this enables the children to steer the learning in order to enhance a wider range of skills.

Please come along if you can on **Friday 25th Oct** to our Festival of Learning. The children have worked very hard on their computing projects and are waiting to show them off. If you are unable to come along please don't worry the children will be bringing their learning home to share. I look forward to updating you further on more of these events taking place.

The parents evenings were a huge success with a 98% turnout. I do hope that you all found your children's targets useful and can now see what your children need to do to progress to the next level. If you do have any queries then please speak to the class teachers.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire. We are listening very carefully to your comments and acting upon them accordingly.

Please log onto the parent view site **[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)** and have your say whether good or bad. This site is actively used to access the school and make a judgment. Your views and opinions really do count.

I hope you all have a restful half term holiday.

**Best Wishes**

**Mrs Vicky Sengupta**

## Dates for your Diary

25th Oct Festival of Learning  
 24th October Spooky Disco  
 Half term 28th –1st Nov  
 Bonfire Lunch 5th Nov  
 11-15th Nov Science week (details to follow)  
 8th Nov Year 6 Remembrance assembly  
 14th Nov Neptune class assembly  
 21st Nov Earth Class assembly  
 28th Nov Mars class assembly  
 28th Nov Secret Santa Store

### Book Amnesty.

Please could you search high and low at home for any lost or misplaced reading books. If you have any unwanted books at home we would be really grateful for any donations. Many thanks.

### Free school Meals.

If you feel you may be entitled to free schools meals or would like more information please speak to a staff member in the office or Mrs McKenzie.

### PA Events

Thank you again to the PA for organising some wonderful events for the children this half term.

Inflatable event was as successful as ever with over £900 raised.

The family magic show was fabulous even I was amazed and couldn't quite understand how water passed right through me ! Again raising over £500.

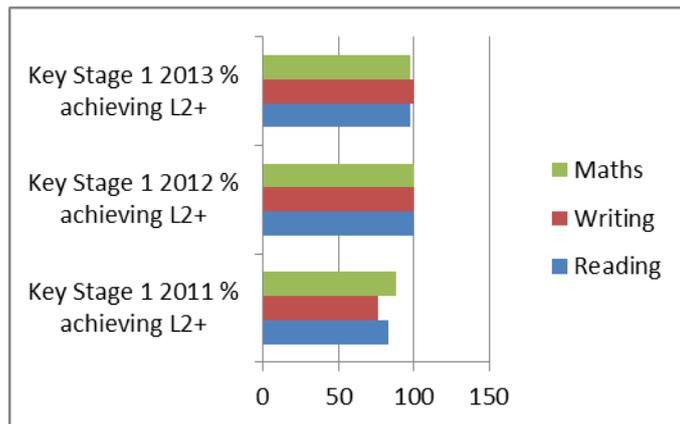
### Children Fundraisers;

Ashley Taylor and her Year 5 friends raised over £120 for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you so much for all of your donations. The girls in year 5 did a wonderful job of advertising, organising, collating money as well as making goods to sell. This is wonderful when children are so passionate about their own cause. I'm immensely proud of them all.

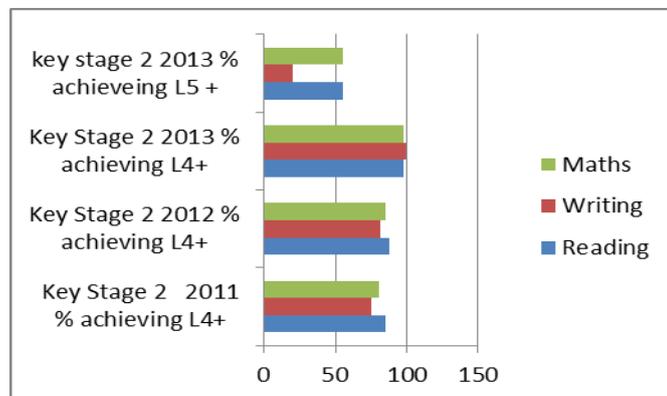
## End of Key Stage Results

We are delighted to share our end of year Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 results. Last year was an incredibly successful year. Our Data shows that we are above National figures in all areas of learning. The children at Upland make good or better progress and leave with high achieving results. A very well done to all the staff and children involved.

### Key Stage 1 2013-% achieving L2+



### Key Stage 2 2013-% achieving L4+



## KS1 to KS 2 % of children achieving 2 levels of progress.

