



# UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## September 2013 Newsletter

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### **Welcomes:**

Mr Twyman Deputy head

Miss Bates Reception teacher

Mrs Pullinger Year 1 Teacher

Mr Lynch Year 3 Teacher

Mrs Henderson Year 4 Teacher

Sarah Laughland Inetrvention Teacher

Mrs Corderoy Nursery Nurse

Sophie Hamilton Teaching Assistant

### **Congratulations to ....**



Ms Parry who became **Mrs Jones** during the holidays. It was a lovely wedding and **Mrs Jones** looked amazing.

Miss Gallagher  and partner who had a beautiful baby girl at the beginning of Aug.

We wish both well with their new life-styles and families.

### ***Head Teacher's Welcome Back***

Welcome back everyone, it was truly wonderful seeing you all filter into school this morning. I do hope you all enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the glorious weather.

I am thrilled to be back at Upland and continue building upon all the successes of last year. As ever there will be changes as the school evolves and drives forward for the good of the children. As a school we will be working on improving the curriculum in order to provide more opportunities for innovative learning to take place.

The children all looked incredibly smart and ready for what I know is going to be another successful year with lots of wonderful learning taking place.

As you know we appointed Mr Twyman as the new Deputy Headteacher. As the Leadership of the school has changed significantly over the last couple of years, I do feel that it is incredibly important that you as parents/carers of the children of Upland get to meet Mr Twyman and start building an effective relationship; Therefore I would like to invite you all to a

### **Meet the Deputy Headteacher morning on Tuesday 10th September from 8.45– 10am**

Light refreshments will be available and it will be the perfect opportunity to ask Mr Twyman any questions as well as have a chat with myself and other parents.

I very much hope you will be able to attend, and I know Mr Twyman is looking forward to meeting and getting to know you.

If you do have any further questions or queries in the meantime then please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with myself or Mr Twyman.

Kindest regards

Ms Vicky Sengupta

## Dates for your Diary

INSET DAYS 3rd & 4th September.

Start day Thursday 5th September.

Bexley selection test 18th September  
**(school closed until 1pm)**

26th September PA Inflatable event

24th October Spooky Disco

Half term 28th – 1st Nov

## New signage

I do hope you all like the new signage around the school. It is a credit to our children who own this design. We feel that anybody coming to our school now gets a feel for what we are about. Happy, positive, successful children. Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

## Naming Clothing

At the end of last year we bagged up 6 bin liners of school uniform that was unnamed and unclaimed. Please ensure that all of your child's items are named and checked regularly. Clothing is so expensive and I would like to really minimise the amount of lost property that we seem to accumulate.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Attendance;

It is vital that your children attend school. There is a significant amount of research which shows how children's attainment is linked to attendance. If your child has a medical appointment you will be required to show evidence to the school office in order to authorise the absence. If a child's attendance drops below 96% you will receive an automatic letter from the local authority, inviting you into school to discuss your child's absence.

## Bexley Selection Tests.

As you are aware Bexley are a selective borough for secondary schools. **Our school will close for the morning on Wednesday 18th September**, so that the children who have opted to take the Grammar school test can do so in a calm, quiet environment. The school will reopen at 1pm for the rest of the school. The school gates will open at 12.50. I do appreciate your co operation with this closure.

## Dinner Money:

Just a reminder regarding the payment of dinner money.

Dinner money will only be accepted by the office staff on a Monday morning. **NO CHANGE** will be given. Please either pay the correct amount or the excess money will be credited to your account. Dinner Money costs are £2.25 per day which equates to £11.25 per week. Your child/children may opt to have set days of school dinners during a week but they must stick to these set days for at least half a term. Once again I would appreciate your co operation and understanding with these systems.

**School Uniform :** It was lovely to see so many children opting to wear the new uniform this morning; However it is still perfectly Ok to wear the old uniform until it is not longer fit for use. The old logo stock however no longer exists, so only new logo uniform will now be on sale.

## Uniform is as follows :

Polo shirt, shirt or blouse	White (logo not compulsory)
Jumper or Cardigan	Navy (logo not compulsory)
Skirt	Navy or Grey
Trousers	Grey
Summer dresses	blue/white striped or checked.
Shoes	Black only
PE KIT	
T Shirt	white (logo not compulsory)
Shorts/ Tracksuit bottoms	Black/ Navy
Shoes	Sensible trainers or plimsolls.

**No Jewellery is to be worn during PE sessions. Only stud earring are to be worn during the school day. Staff are unable to help children remove their ear rings.**