



# UPLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*January 2016 Newsletter*

## *Head Teacher's Message*



### **PE KITS**

Please ensure that your child has a PE Kit in school at all times and that all items are named. The kit should consist of a white T shirt, dark plain shorts, trainers and plimsolls. No jewellery should be worn to school on a PE day.

### **Water is good for the brain !**

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day. Water really does keep the brain hydrated and enable your children to focus.

### **Sickness.**

The NHS guidelines now stipulate that children must remain absent from school for 24 clear hours following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. It is imperative that we follow these guidelines to avoid unnecessary spreading of illness. I thank you in advance for respecting these guidelines and school policy.

### **End of day routine.**

The first week was really successful the children have coped really well with the new end of day routine.

Thank you parents for your co operation and understanding. If you have any feedback please let the staff know. Please could parents collecting KS2 children stand back whilst KS1 children are collected.

A very happy new year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable break, spending time with family and friends. From listening to the children it sounds like plenty of food, drink and wonderful gifts were shared.

This term we have exciting things to look forward to as well as a strong focus on teaching and learning.

Thank you once again to all of you who came to the Christmas concert at Christ Church it was so great to see so many of you there supporting your children. It was so lovely to see the true meaning of Christmas shining through. Again thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in making all of the performances so lovely.

In school this term we will be focusing on having a healthy mind and looking after our well being. We will be working together on becoming more active, more focused, learning something new and giving something to somebody else each day, even if its just a smile. It is really important for children and adults to look after their mind and wellbeing in order to function well in all situations. Part of our PSHE programme will be teaching children about mental health, this will be a priority over the next 2 terms.

Another busy term ahead. Please remember to read all correspondence and check the website for updates.

Kindest regards

Ms Vicky Sengupta

Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

15th January 2016 Pluto Class Assembly

21st January 2016 Reception Parents invited to lunch details to follow

22nd January Mercury Class Assembly

12th February Earth Class Assembly

Half term 15th –19th Feb 2016 Back to school Monday

22nd Feb 2016

29th Feb –4th Mar Year 5 Outward Bound Trip.

## Tailgating

It has been noticed that some parents have been seen tailgating members of staff into the staff car park. This is against school policy and only authorised personnel are permitted into the car park. All people wishing to enter the car park must speak to a member of the office staff via the intercom. This is for the safety of the school community, we do not want unauthorised people on the school site. Please could you ensure that you adhere to this policy.

## Car park usage

The car park is a very busy area and is full most days. Unfortunately unless you have a disabled badge no parents should be parking in the car park without permission. Mr Dawson will be monitoring this situation very closely.

## Church Road gate

On several occasions last term some family members were seen on CCTV holding the gate open for other people to enter the site. Again every individual when the gate is locked must speak to the school office in order to gain access to the site. Please do not hold the gate open for anyone. This again is for safety reasons.

## Free School Eligibility

Has there been a change in your family financial circumstances? If so your child may be eligible for free school meals. If you are unsure please do contact the school office.

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.

## Attendance

Attendance figures for Autumn term were very impressive.

As a school the overall attendance was 97.1% our target is over 96 % each term so this is really good.

Congratulations to Bramble Class 98% and Mars class 99% who were the termly class attendance winners.

136 children received the 100% termly attendance certificate. Thank you for getting your children to school regularly.

## Well done Saturn Class !

Congratulations to Mr Lynch and the fabulous Saturn class team. Autumn term saw the children learning about WW2, they were all totally engaged in their topic of make do and mend. During the festival of learning the children made cakes and items that they had sewn from a T shirt. They then sold these in order to raise money for the 'Crisis' charity. They raised £156.67. Well done such a fabulous achievement.

## Safer Internet Day

It is 'Safer internet day' on Tuesday 9th February. The theme is 'Play your part for a better internet'. This is a day whereby the whole school will be promoting safer and a more responsible approach when using online technology and mobile internet. The children will be doing different activities in order to highlight and understand the importance of this topic. Please ensure you talk to your children about this topic.

## Fundraising Brilliance from one of our pupils.

**5 year old Alice Minahan from Ladybird class has decided to do something amazing for others.**

Alice is donating 10 inches of her hair for **Little Princess Trust** because she wants to help little girls who have no hair

Alice has decided that as she has such a lot of hair and it grows soooooo quickly that donating her very long ponytail would be a nice thing to do for other little girls that have lost their hair through cancer treatments so that they can have wigs made and have hair again.

If you are able to donate a little to sponsor Alice in her fantastic cause then please go to [www.justgiving.com/Leanna-Minahan](http://www.justgiving.com/Leanna-Minahan).

Alice and her family thank you in advance.

## Curriculum week

This week will be between Monday 29th Feb—4th Mar.

Watch this space for some new fun exciting opportunities for all. Details to follow shortly.