

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter

We thank you so much for your patience whilst we all get to grips with the new cashless system Gateway. We had no choice but to change from our previous system as they ceased as a company. Thank you to my office team who have dealt with a high volume of calls and emails to support parents. We hope that all is now fully set up and operational. As always if there are any questions please contact us. Please can we request that no messages are sent to school via Gateway-please use the school email or phone if you wish to connect with someone. Thank you

We have a number of pupils coming to school in incorrect uniform and PE kits. Please see our website for our requirements and our policy. We have a large collection of pre-worn uniform-please ask us if there is anything that you need.

Poetry recital

Over the Summer holidays every child in school was asked to learn a poem by heart which they then had the opportunity to recite in school either to their class, a small group or just to the teacher. A winner was chosen from each year group and then entered into the local school network competition which will be hosted by Woodfield. I am pleased to announce the year group winners as follows:

Year 3: William W
Year 4: Ruby H
Year 5: Abigail S
Year 6: Jasmine B

Year 4 children will lead Christmas assemblies on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th December: Class 4IM
Wednesday 6th December: Class 4OD
Thursday 7th December: Class 4GD
All begin at 9am

We have several pupils in school who have severe nut allergies. Please can we request that no products containing nuts be brought into school either as a snack or as part of a packed lunch-we are a nut free environment. We thank for your cooperation in this matter.

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Year 6 SATS 2024 are scheduled to take place in week beginning Monday 13th May-all pupils need to be present during the week so please avoid any holidays or medical appointments.

Parents' evenings for this term are as follows:

Monday 23rd Oct: Y5/6

Tuesday 24th October: Y3/4

Wednesday 25th October: Y5/6

Thursday 26th October: Y3/4

Appointments are needed to see the teacher

Myself and Mrs Walker are available on all 4 evenings.

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Times of the school day

Children may be dropped off at either front or back gate between **8:35am and 8:45am**. They will go straight into their classrooms. Please note that if you require your child to be in school earlier than 8:40am you will need to book a place in Breakfast club. Please do not gather at the back gate as there has been some crowding prior to the 8:35am opening.

Spelling in school

We have recently revised how we teach spellings in school as part of our continued focus on Writing. You should all have received a letter giving details. There will now be a variety of ways of checking spelling knowledge in school ranging from a traditional test, jumbled words, correcting a passage, cloze procedure and word quizzes and games.



Playtime snacks

Children may bring in a snack to eat at playtime. Please can you ensure that this is “healthy” such as fruit, salad vegetables, cereal bar (no nuts) and not sweets, chocolate, biscuits or crisps. Please may I remind you that we are a “nut free” school due to allergies. Children may also bring in water in a plastic bottle and can have access to this throughout the day.

Safeguarding at Uplands

The Safeguarding of our pupils is the highest priority at Uplands. Through this Newsletter I will give out information that you may find helpful in order for us to work together to keep children safe.

Designated Safeguarding lead

All schools have a named lead who takes responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection including online safety. Our lead is myself-**Mrs Webster-Smith** and my deputies are **Mrs Walker, Mrs Shakesheave and Mrs Roberts**. Together we make up the Safeguarding team and all children are taught this and reminded regularly. In addition **Mrs Devi** is our online safety coordinator. Although we have named leads it is the responsibility of **ALL staff** to Safeguard children and everyone is provided with regular training and updates in this area.

Every year the Government publish “Keeping children safe in education KCSIE” and this is the baseline for all of our work. A detailed policy is written every September using KCSIE and this has to be approved by our Governors. This can be found on our website along with a link to KCSIE 2023. Their definition of Safeguarding in KCSIE is:

- ⇒ protecting children from maltreatment
- ⇒ preventing the impairment of children’s mental and physical health or development
- ⇒ ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care,
- ⇒ taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

There is a section on our website called “Safeguarding” which is full of information and signposts

There is a dedicated Safeguarding area on our website

Junior Duke

We are delighted this year to be offering the opportunity for new Year 3 pupils to join the Junior Duke award. This is a life skills award which leads children through set challenges helping them to grow in independence, confidence and resilience. Year 3 parents/ carers should have received a letter about this with a consent form. Miss Richards our PE champion is leading on this and will be signing off pupils’ work over the year.



Attendance

3AS	99.3%	5HA	93.1%
3HW	97%	5FR	95%
3SW	99.8%	5RS	96%
4OD	97.5%	6NR	96.2%
4IM	97.3%	6SW	95.3%
4GD	97%	6FG	97.7%

Please note that school is not required to provide work for pupils when they are absent from school due to sickness or holidays. We will provide in National lockdowns, exceptional circumstances, polling days and snow days.

If your child arrives late for school they **must** report to the main school office so that they are put on to the register. Texts are sent out to parents of pupils not in school if we have not received notification of an absence.



We have a school Facebook page with over 600 followers. We use this regularly to showcase what is happening in school and to celebrate all that is good about Uplands. If you haven't done so already please "like" us and follow us. We are aware that not everyone uses Facebook and so it is not the only way we communicate key information. Our website is well used and updated with dates and information. We also use our texting service and produce a monthly Newsletter.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17th October: Half of Y6 to Black Country Museum
Thursday 19th October: Other half of Y6 to BCM
Friday 27th October: INSET day-school closed to pupils.
Wb Monday 6th November: Return from half term break
Tuesday 7th November: Y6 Computing workshop (funded by school)
Thursday 9th November: Y5 class assemblies on theme of "Remembrance" 9am/10:30am/2pm
Friday 10th November: Diwali lunch menu
Friday 10th November: Cultural dress up for Diwali for those who wish to
Monday 13th November: Anti bullying week across school and Assessment week
Monday 20th November: Cultural week across school linked to "Take one picture" art project
Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November: Year 4 trip to Enginuity-DT focus-half of year group on each day
Thursday 30th November: Year 5 WW2 workshop
Wb 4th December: Christmas fundraising shop in school (more details will follow)
Tuesday 5th December: Class 4IM assembly 9am
Wednesday 6th December: Class 4OD assembly 9am
Thursday 7th December: Class 4GD assembly 9am
Wb 11th December: Year 4 Christmas carol assemblies (more details will follow)
Wednesday 13th December: Christmas lunch day (Christmas jumpers can be worn)
Wednesday 20th December: Christmas party afternoon across school (pm). A letter will follow with details
Thursday 21st December: Christmas film afternoon (Christmas jumpers can be worn and a snack brought in)

**Children break up for Christmas at 3:15pm on Thursday 21st December
School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8:45am**

INSET days: School will be closed to pupils
Friday 27th October
Friday 22nd December
Friday 24th May 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Dates for
the Diary:

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Staff areas of responsibility at Uplands

Please see below for the areas of responsibility for teaching staff at Uplands. Staff have been listed in their year group order.

Mrs Webster– Smith: Headteacher and whole school strategic lead

Mrs Walker: Deputy Headteacher and Writing champion

Miss N Handscomb: SEND coordinator

Ms Watton: Trick Box champion

Mrs A Shakesheave: Assistant Headteacher and Reading champion

Ms S Ward: Art champion

Mrs R Dattani: History and Geography champion

Mrs R Gaunt: Educational visit leader

Mrs O Devi: Online safety champion

Miss I Mustafa: Design and Technology champion

Miss F Rahim: Computing champion

Miss L Richards: PE champion

Mr D Squire: Music champion

Mrs S Wilson: Science champion

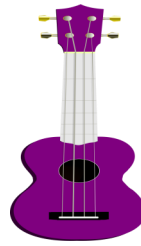
Mrs N Roberts: Assistant Headteacher and Maths champion

Ms F Gilbert: PSHE Champion

Mrs S Lane: RE and Rights Respecting champion

Mrs J Marshall: MFL (French) champion

Whole class instrument teaching (WCIT)



We are delighted to once again be offering Whole class instrument teaching to all **Year 4** classes as their Music curriculum. This involves all pupils learning how to play the ukulele and learning all of their music skills through this. Pupils will loan an instrument from Wolverhampton music school which they will be able to bring home and then there will be a weekly class lesson. This is all fully funded for the pupils. Next Summer there will then be a musical showcase so they can share their learning with you. Years 3, 5 and 6 will be using Kapow Music for their music curriculum lessons.

Why does Uplands choose to be part of the Rights Respecting School award?

Over 1.6 million children in the UK go to a Rights Respecting School and Uplands has reached Gold level of the award-the only Wolverhampton school to have this. Research has shown that as a result of participation in the Rights Respecting School award, children at schools who have progressed through the award

- ◆ Can exercise their rights
- ◆ Feel valued
- ◆ Can recognise the rights of others

The award supports whole school communities in the following areas:

- ◇ Children have a shared understanding about everyone's rights and a commitment to respect these
- ◇ There is a culture of Respect in a rights respecting school
- ◇ There is a sense of engagement with a shared sense of community and belonging
- ◇ There is a culture where pupil voices are heard and valued
- ◇ Global citizenship whereby children believe they can make positive changes to the world
- ◇ Children develop self-esteem and value themselves as well as others
- ◇ A school environment where children feel safe and cared for

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