



A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary School.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Newman, Miss Erskine, Mr Moss and Mrs Cochrane to our Westlea team. They are already proving an asset to our wonderful team. I'd also like to congratulate Miss Woods on her appointment as Year 5 teacher for the next year.

### A message from our Chair of Governors, Dr Adrian Thorp:

"I hope you all had a wonderful Summer even though the weather was not great, but a warm welcome back to all, including our new parents. Since the start of term the Governing Body has already been working hard back in school as within the next five months we are likely to have our next Ofsted inspection.

You will be glad to hear that we completed all our targets within our sub-committees and now have additional targets to again improve the school and the education of the children.

Additionally, I would like to welcome to the Governing Body, Simon Eardley who is now our LA Governor. Some of you may know him as he sits on the Parish Council for Upton and therefore is ideally suited to join us at Upton Westlea. Simon has already been involved in meetings at the start of the term and has taken over as Governing Lead for History, P.E. and PSHE within the school."

### Pupil Voice

At Upton Westlea we take the views of the pupils seriously. To ensure the pupils have a voice we have five groups. They are the 'School Council', 'Eco-Council', 'E-Safety Council', the 'Behaviour Champions' and the 'Learning Champions'. All five groups meet regularly with an adult representative and through these meetings they make decisions that affect the rest of the school. The chosen pupils for this year are:

**School Council** – Preston Craig, Issy Wheeler, Sienna McCluskey, Nathaniel Koshy, Ava Leslie, Ayyub Uddin, Reece Dunne, Olivia Boothman, Bridget Mercer, Honey Carline, Thomas Wright, Sarah Williams.

**Behaviour Champions** –Brendan Mercer, Chloe Mendes, Abida Rashid, George Clarke, Corey Cain, Sophie Turner, Kira Smith, Freya Pinna-Chapman, Macie Wakeling, Riley Wilson.

**Learning Champions** – Ben Turner, Caitlin Sproston, Olivia Ashford, William Mendes, James Armstrong, Evaeh Thomas, Alicia Houghton, Donte Somers, Nikita Koshy, Jayden Liu

**Eco-Council** – TJ Broster, Sienna Houghton, Fariha Chowdhury, Sonnie Webb, Connor Richards, Georgina Cain-Kelly, Maisie Wright, Josie Davies, Adam Barraclough, Sundas Maqsood, Florence Baldock, Grace Gibbons.

**E-Safety** – Alice Cerutti, Zach Conway, Nelson Oyekan, Shannon Unwin, Jay Graham, Rowan Barraclough, Tyller Spencer, Joe Axon Reeves

### Test and assessment results

#### KS2 Tests and Assessments 2017

	Achieved the expected standard	Working at Greater Depth (Teacher Assessment)
Reading	71% (National 71%)	13%
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	68% (National 76%)	13%
English – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	77% (National 77%)	32%
Maths	74% (National 75%)	29%
Reading, Writing & Maths	55% (National 61%)	13%

#### KS1 Tests and Assessments 2017

	Achieving the expected level (teacher assessments supported by tests)	Working at Greater Depth of understanding (Teacher Assessment)
Reading	56% (National 76%)	11% (National 25%)

Writing	59% (National 68%)	7% (National 16%)
English – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	N/A	N/A
Maths	59% (National 75%)	15% (National 20%)

### Menus

Edsential provide the catering for school and run a three weekly cycle maintaining their meat, vegetarian and vegan options. At the end of the summer term the children were asked to vote for their favourite menus whilst in school. The menus can now be found on our school website.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will be having an 'Around the World' lunch and encourage all children to try a school dinner. The children will be able to have a Hot Diggety Dog (Butcher's Sausage in a Bun) or Burger in Bun (Vegetarian & Vegan option available) served with Fries or Loaded Skins (Cheese or Cheese & Bacon). All the children will have the opportunity to have Corn on the Cob, BBQ Beans, Coleslaw and Fresh Salad. To finish off the children can have a delicious American Style Cookie or choose from our Fresh Fruit Platter. To drink, the children will have an option of milkshake, juice or water. We are also using this opportunity to invite our Year 2 parents to join us for lunch. Parents from other classes will be invited throughout the year.

### Friends of Upton Westlea

The 'Friends of Upton Westlea' is a charity run by parents and staff from the school. Their purpose is to raise funds for additional resources and activities for the children of our school. They organise, and run, fun events for all the children and families, whilst actually having fun themselves. We have some fabulous volunteers who give time and energy to the Friends of Upton Westlea, but always welcome new volunteers and ideas. Please come and join. Meetings are advertised on the 'Friends of Upton Westlea' noticeboard (found on the wall as you walk into the main playground) and via letters and texts. Fun events last year included 'Upton Westlea's Got Talent, Halloween Disco, Christmas and summer fairs plus much, much more! If you can spare some time Mrs Lisa McCluskey (Chair) would love to hear from you.

## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Holly Class visit to Conway

On Wednesday 13th September, 18 children in Year 5 went to Anglesey for their residential. They had a fun filled few days on and in water (mostly trying to avoid falling in) as well as flying through the air on a zip wire. The children worked so hard together to build their rafts although unfortunately Miss Woods' team 'The Mackems' came last-boo! The staff are so proud of how well Holly class encouraged each other through the activities. On the last night we had a Conway's Got Talent and I must say we do have a talented bunch in Year 5! The children made the school and their parents proud the whole time and learnt some catchy new songs (oopsie)! Those who stayed in school made some delicious biscuits apprentice style with Mrs Wellings- save us some next time please!

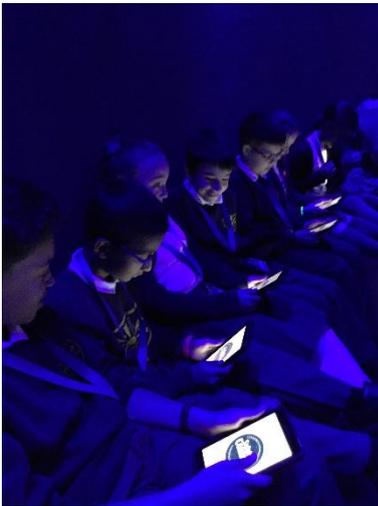


### Holly Class visit Safety Central in Lymm

Holly class had a fantastic day out in Safety Central in Lymm. They all learnt how to put somebody into the recovery position and presented a news report about a dog annoying cows!

The interactive day caught all of the children's attention as well as a life size village

complete with a train station, house and Tesco. The children learnt all about how to stay safe when they are out and about as well as at home and how to keep their bodies fit and healthy.



### Hazel Class spend the day in Chester

Hazel Class had an amazing Roman adventure in Chester. They explored Roman artefacts in the museum and took part in a workshop where they were able to prepare a Roman cuisine, sort through archaeological finds and create Roman mosaics. To top it all, they dressed as a Roman army and completed a series of army formations as they marched through the streets of Chester to the amphitheatre.



### Birch Class join with Chester Football Club to talk about Anti-Social Behaviour



For the last two weeks members of Chester FC have worked with Year 4 focusing on recognising and tackling anti-social behaviour. The children have presented work and role play to show their understanding of what anti-social behaviour means to them. The sessions convey the message that anti-

sociable behaviour is unacceptable whilst allowing children to express themselves at the same time.

### Jeans for Genes



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September saw children and adults come to school in something denim to show their support for 'Jeans for Genes' day. This is a national charity that helps children with genetic disorders. I am delighted to say the children had an enjoyable day, they felt proud and privileged to be able to help others and we raised a super £117.00.

### Reception Children start full time.

Our fantastic Reception children started full time on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. They have settled into full time education very well and, as such, are a credit to their families. Praise however, must be given to Mrs Clements and Mrs Davies and their staff in the Reception class who are doing an absolutely first class job in moulding the children into kind, caring and thoughtful learners.

### E-Safety Course



Our two Year 6 E-safety officers, Lucas and Leilani attended their training at Police HQ in Winsford on 26<sup>th</sup> September. They had a fun time learning about how to keep safe online and using different apps and have some excellent ideas on how they can share these with the rest of the school. Well done Alice on winning the cup art competition while we were there.

### Football Tournament



Our Year 5 and 6 footballers will be taking part in a tournament at the University of Chester on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It will be their first tournament of the season and the players are keen to get started – 2017-18 is going to be a very busy season!!

## COMING UP IN OCTOBER

### Oak Class are participating in a Mayan Workshop

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Oak Class are being visited by a Mayan Archaeologist, Diane Davies. As part of the History curriculum in KS2 the children are expected to learn about a non-European society that provides contrast with British History. As a result, Oak Class are going to learn about the ancient Maya Civilisation around AD 900. They will learn about the Maya perspective of time, the calendar system, writing, maths and the environment. In doing so they should see the stark contrast between their own history and that of the Maya.



### Oak Class visit Safety Quest, Lymm

Oak Class were due to visit Safety Quest in September but unfortunately they had a water leak and the trip had to be postponed. It has been re-arranged for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Safety Central is Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's safety and lifeskills education centre. It has been specially designed to be stimulating and totally immersive. Safety Central comprises of four interactive learning zones – including a personal safety area, a full-sized house, an urban street-scene and a country lane – the children should have an amazing time!!



### Harvest Festivals

School will be holding two Harvest assemblies in October. They will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00p.m. and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October both at 9.30am.

### Halloween Disco

The 'Friends of Upton Westlea' Halloween disco will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The infant disco runs from 5.00pm. to 6.00pm. The junior disco starts at 6.15pm and finishes at 7.15pm. There will be prizes for the best Halloween costume.



REMINDER:

INSET day on the 27<sup>th</sup> October – School is closed for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

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