



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School Parents' Newsletter July 2024



Message from Ms Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the last newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'THANK YOU' for everything you have done for Upton Westlea this year. We have had another eventful year - Your children are incredible and you should be proud of each and every one of them.

We say 'Farewell' to our wonderful Year 6. They have worked so hard and we wish every one of them 'GOOD LUCK' for the future.

Information for September 2024

Don't forget the new school times from September:

Gates open at 8.30a.m. and will close promptly at 8.40a.m. Morning sessions will begin at 8.40a.m.

School finishes at 3.10p.m.

Parent Meetings for Years 1 to 6 will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 1
Thursday 5th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 2
Friday 6th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 3
Monday 9th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 4
Tuesday 10th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 5
Thursday 12th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 6

All meetings will take place in the school hall – please arrive promptly. If you are unable to attend class teachers will put the information on their website page.

IMPORTANT

From September 2024 new policies and procedures related to Attendance are being implemented. As a result, **NO** holidays will be authorised and **ALL** holidays 5 days or more taken during term time **WILL** be fined. The fine is £80 per child, per parent. This is a Government directive.

Class News:

Nursery: We've had a very busy end to the year in Blossom Class. We completed our Under the Sea topic with our final story focus – 'What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside'. We created some beautiful art pieces for the exhibition which you will be able to see next week. We enjoyed some continental snacks on French day and used our blocks to make our own versions of some famous French landmarks. Last week, we even found time for some fox hunting! Preparations are well under way for our graduation ceremony for the children who will be moving into Reception in September. We are hoping for some fine weather to end the school year so that we can enjoy our Nursery garden before we finish for the summer.

Reception: This term Apple Class have been learning all about fairies and dragons. We have read lots of fairy stories, we have made our own junk model dragons and we even made some fairy cakes. As it is the final few weeks, the class are getting ready to go into Year 1.

Year 1: Willow Class have had a fantastic July, they kicked it off with an outstanding assembly to the school all about kindness. They spoke clearly and sang beautifully sharing the message of colour the world in kindness with the whole school. We have enjoyed our arts on sculpting and created some amazing pieces applying all the techniques we had learnt.

Year 2: We can not believe it is the final month! The children have worked so hard all year and I can really see their hard work paying off! This month has seen us finish off our History unit on nurses from the past where we learnt all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children really enjoyed finding out about how nursing was different in the past and how these two nurses changed nursing and hospitals. We also completed our final write in our English unit where we had to re-write the story using our own characters. July also saw our rescheduled sports day, French Day, transition morning and much more!

Year 3: Year 3 have enjoyed their final month as Hazel Class. We have worked hard on our leaflets about Jardin des Plantes and even published these on Microsoft Publisher. We have also been exceptionally brave on French Day where we tried lots of different French food. Brie, anyone??? We have also learnt all about Gustave Eiffel in our art days where we applied our computing knowledge to produce leaflets of our research. Well done Year 3 and best of luck in Year 4!

Year 4: This month, Birch class have been working very hard. We finished our English book 'Blue John' by writing letters as cave experts. We have also had Art and DT days. In Art, the children made their own printing blocks and printed their designs using repeated patterns. In DT, the children designed and made their own food packaging and evaluated how successful they would be in a supermarket.

Year 5: Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for a brilliant year. We have seen lots of progression in all subjects and the children have worked really hard. As a class we have looked at lots of different topics and the children have been engaged and shown me that they are willing to learn. The children have grown and matured lots this year and this has shown in their day to day life in school. I would like to wish every child all the best going into year 6 and look forward to seeing them progress even more! Have a wonderful break and stay safe! Mr Rimmer

Year 6: Oak Class had a fantastic afternoon last Tuesday taking part in water games and a water fight for their final forest school. Great fun and glad to see the adults getting soaked too!

We were also immensely proud of how well the children performed in their Leavers' Assembly and presentation evening - a wonderful night filled with yet more memories. We are all very sad to see you go year 6!

Eden: Eden have been busy this month preparing for our Art exhibition and have used various skills to create some fantastic art work to share with our families. Our Mini and Mighty Oak children have taken inspiration from our class text 'The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe and The Seedlings and Little Acorn children have taken inspiration from their under the sea theme. Our Year 6 boys had their final horse riding session and received rosettes for the amazing progress they have made. The boys celebrated their Eden graduation ceremony where they all received awards for their achievements whilst in Eden. The celebration for them and their families was a special way to end their time with us and we wish them huge success in their next settings. We will be looking forward to the next academic year in Eden full of new opportunities.

School News:

Thank you to all our Year 6 relatives and friends who attended the **Year 6 Presentation Evening** – I'm sure you'll agree they are all absolute superstars 😊

English Award – Lola

Maths Award – Yannie

Sportsperson of the Year – **Freddie**, Scarlett, Zhyar

Outstanding Achievement – **Rory**, Bobby, Mikey

Pupil of the Year – **Amelie**, Maruf, Ailand

AmaSing

On Tuesday 9th July, our school choir represented Upton Westlea at the annual AmaSing performance 'Back through the decades' at Chester Cathedral. The children performed a medley of songs and danced with many other schools and were truly fantastic. The children made us so proud with how they conducted themselves throughout the day and when 'show time' came and all the friends and families arrived, they performed their socks off. Well done Upton Westlea Choir!

September Diary Dates so far:

Date	Class	Event
2 nd September		INSET DAY – Staff only
3 rd September	Whole School	Children Begin
3 rd September	Willow Class (Year 1)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
5 th September	Ash Class (Year 2)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
6 th September	Hazel Class (Year 3)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
9 th September	Birch Class (Year 4)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
10 th September	Holly Class (Year 5)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
12 th 19 th 26 th September	Birch Class (Year 4)	Working with Storyhouse Practitioner
12 th September	Oak Class (Year 6)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
16 th September	KS1 & KS2 classes	Clubs begin
20 th September	Whole School	Jeans for Genes Day
24 th September	15 Representatives from Y3/4	Passion for Learning Sports Festival
26 th September	Whole School	European Day of Languages
27 th September	10 Representatives fro Y5/6	European School Sports Day

REMINDER – As from September 2024 the timings for school are changing. School will begin at 8.40a.m. (Gates will open at 8.30a.m. and close at 8.40a.m.) School finishes at 3.10p.m.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful Summer break 😊

K Carruthers

PS Don't forget about the Reading Challenge at Upton Library:

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Marvellous Makers



4-12s receive a free collector's pack, stickers, events (like animal handling and fun science) and, if they read at least six books, a certificate and medal. And Under 4s can join their very own Mini Challenge!

Join at your local library from Saturday 6 July,
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