

Newsletter 2 Term 1
15th September 2023



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Welcome to our Reception Class of '23!

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception Cohort into school this week looking very smart and smiley!! It is always such a privilege to share our Reception children's first days at school, a special and proud moment for all – we have loved watching them settle in and they have all had a fantastic week, including staying for lunch these last two days. Just a couple reminders for the first few weeks:

- Please remember we do not monitor private messages on class dojo
- Please ensure your child has a school blue book bag to fit in their drawers
- Please also ensure everything is named and children are bringing water bottles with only water in each day!

We look forward to having them with us full-time from Monday!



Dates

September

19th KS2 Hotshots Basketball Taster Sessions in school

27th EYFS Coffee Morning 9-9.45am

October

2nd-6th Y6 Longtown Residential

3rd Reception 2024/5 Tour 9am

4th Year 1 Parents Coffee Morning 9-9.45am

18th Parents Evening 4-7pm

19th Parents Evening 4-7pm

20th Reception 2024/5 Tour 9am

20th End of Term

New Staff

We are very happy to welcome a few new members of staff to Upton Meadows this term.

Mrs Grundy has joined us as a HLTA and will be working across the school, Ms Alhamad, Miss Addis and Mrs Green who have joined us as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Followell and Mrs Dunkley who have joined our Lunchtime team.

HELLO
-A-N-D-
Welcome

Leadership Team Contact Details

From time to time, you may have issues that you wish to raise with the school. We would always encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, but if you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please be reminded below of our structure in school. Teachers and leaders will always endeavour to reply to emails within 2 working days – if you need to speak to someone urgently, please call or pop in and ask to see one of us.

Reception, Y1 & Y2 Phase Leader – Mrs Jenny Freund (formally Miss Cullingford!) - jennifer.freund@uptonmeadows.org

Y3 & Y4 Phase Leader – Mrs Lois Beshiri - lois.beshiri@uptonmeadows.org

Y5 & Y6 Phase Leader – Mrs Vicky Palmer - victoria.palmer@uptonmeadows.org

You will be aware the Mrs York has now left the school and we are currently recruiting for a new SENCO – during this interim period, please contact Ms Searing in the first instance – SEND enquiries should be emailed to sen-co@uptonmeadows.org

Super Stars

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week and demonstrated lots of our school values!

1AH: Talia for showing great school values and always trying her best.

2MF: Lucas B for consistently displaying Upton's school rules and values.

3EB: Albert well done for a fantastic start to Year 3 and has already produced some amazing writing in English!

4NC: Megan for trying her best in all lessons and always being so polite and respectful.

5AK: Marysia for having an amazing start to life in 5AK and a positive mindset towards Maths and English.

6LW: Savannah for a spectacular start to Year 6!

1KB: Maliah for having a fabulous attitude to her learning and our school values.

2FJ: Meghan for super effort during lessons and being such a helpful member of the class.

3IH: Mila for getting herself much more settled into Year 3 this week and coming up with some amazing ideas in her writing (especially colour adjectives!).

4SL: Isla for making an excellent start to Year 4. She is always ready and respectful. Keep it up!

5GD: Lucas D for demonstrating high expectations within the classroom all week!

6GH: James for great contributions during our class discussions.

Harvest Donations

We will once again be collecting donations for The Hope Centre as our Harvest project – they will accept any non-perishable items (pasta and rice, tins, packets) as well as toiletries (shower gel, toothpaste etc) and baby goods (nappies, wipes etc). Please send any donations to school from Monday 25th-Friday 29th September.



Year 3

Please check your emails regarding an opportunity for year 3 pupils to sign up to an external Recorder Club run by the music school, NMPAT.



Showcase Dates

Following seven really successful year group showcases last year, we are delighted to continue with this format this year. Please see below dates for this year – all showcases start at 9am and run for approx. 45 mins. The only exception to this may be the Y4 event as it is dependent on fitting with their Brass Project Concert, which is determined by NMPAT – we will let Y4 parents know the date and time for this as soon as we are able, but it will not be before Christmas and will most likely be in late June.

Year 6 - 17th January 2024

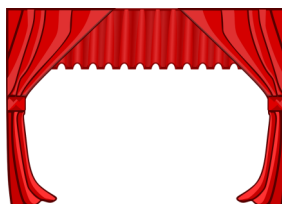
Year 5 - 14th February 2024

Year 4 – TBC to link with Brass Project Concert

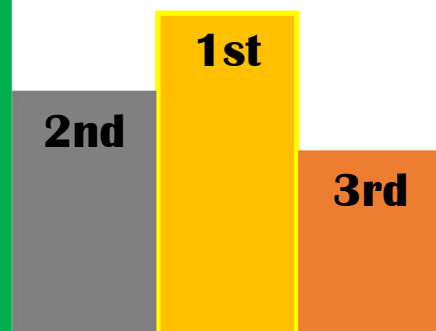
Year 3 – 6th March 2024

Year 2 – 24th April 2024

Year 1 – 8th May 2024



Attendance



Twitter

Please see our new class Twitter handles where you will find information and class updates.

CLASS	TWITTER HANDLE
RKC	@uptonclassRKC
RJF	@uptonclassRJF
1KB	@Uptonclass1KB
1AH	@Uptonclass1AH
2MF	@Uptonclass2MF
2FJ	@uptonclass2FJ
3EB	@uptonclass3EB
3IH	@uptonclass3IH
4SL	@uptonclass4SL
4NC	@UptonClass4NC
5AK	@uptonclass5AK
5GD	@uptonclass5GD
6GH	@uptonclass6GH
6LW	@uptonclass6LW
PE	@UptonPEandSport

Library Books

Borrowing from the library has now started again, with every class visiting the library once a week. Each child is allowed ONE book at a time. If they do not return it on time, you will get an email notification to say it is late. To avoid this, please ensure your child always brings their book to school every day (library slots sometimes get changed), preferably in a bag/wallet separate to their drink and food, to avoid spillages. A child who has lost a previous loan may be told to keep their book in school at all times. If the book is wanted for longer than the usual loan period, this is possible; children can ask Mrs Rew.

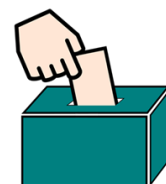
Children's bookmarks give details of how to access our library system online, where loan info can be checked, the catalogue searched and books reserved. Do take a look. Happy reading everyone!

Thank you
Mrs Rew



UMPS Election Week

Earlier this week, you would have received information if your child is in Y1-Y6 about our UMPS election week – please take the time to read it so you can support your child if they want to take part.



Please see attached document with how you can support your child's learning at home.

