

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We are delighted to be operating on a much more “normal” basis than this time last year and thrilled to see “bubbles” gone. Due to high case numbers in Wolverhampton we have been asked to continue to operate with caution. You will find details on our website under Parent tab and then News/ Updates. We are planning to hold a “restricted” parents evening this term, details of which will come out to you in a letter-it will be wonderful for myself and Mrs Walker to be able to welcome you into school. We look forward to working together this academic year.

Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Ms J. Hawkins and Mrs H. Cartwright to our teaching staff. They will be supporting “catch –up” as we continue the recovery from Covid closure. We hope they will be happy working as part of the Uplands team.

Both Mrs Beasley and Mrs Wilson have returned in full time teaching roles now rather than as a job share-both are working in Year 5.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Graham is leaving school on September 17th after 7 years of working with us. He is starting out on a new venture as he progresses in his career. We are delighted for him, wish him well and thank him for all his work for the pupils of Uplands.

Our school has policies on Behaviour, Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying. If you wish to see these or receive a paper copy please ask at the school office. They are all available on our website.

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 thank for your cooperation in this matter.

Year 6 SATS 2022 are currently scheduled to take place in week beginning **Monday 9th May**-all pupils need to be present during the week so please avoid any holidays or medical appointments.

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School breaks up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October and will re-open on Monday 1st November. E-mails will not be checked during this period. You should all have received a wallet sized card showing the term dates/ holidays for this academic year. They are also on our website.

Year 4 multiplication checks will take place in 2022 as directed by the Government. This will be over a 3 week period starting June 6th.



Autumn-
Term 2021

Edition 1

Times of the school day

Children may be dropped off at either front or back gate between **8:40am and 8:50am**. 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.

End of the day times:
Years 3 and 4 3:10pm
Years 5 and 6 3:15pm

Jubilee Bank holiday

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Additional Bank Holiday in 2022
West Midlands Term Dates
Group – Joint Statement

Following the recent announcement that an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday 3rd June 2022, and as the majority of West Midlands schools are already on Whitsun half term holiday on this day, it is agreed that the additional one-day holiday will therefore be taken elsewhere. The WM Group had previously discussed the options available, and it was agreed that they would suggest to all schools that the additional day should be taken on **Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term ends on Thursday 21st July 2022.**

Homework

You will see that your child is bringing home their first piece of homework in their purple homework book. Our system seeks to be engaging and encourages creativity. This year pupils will also be given the option of completing some homework pieces on Google classrooms so that we continue to make use of this remote platform. Spellings are also all going to be posted on here. We have planned a timetable of activities over the year which encompasses all subjects of the curriculum. You should find the Autumn term schedule on the inside cover of your child's homework book. Homework will go out and be returned on the same day in every year group. In addition to their purple book homework children will bring home spellings and reading books and all children have log-ins for Sum dog, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars to use as much as they wish. Homework is shared, celebrated and discussed in class amongst your child's peers. The new Ofsted framework stresses the importance of the whole curriculum and not just a focus on Maths and English and our style of homework supports this.

If any of your child's medical conditions or needs change during the year can you please ensure that you inform us so that we may update our records. Thank you.

In the next few weeks we will be holding a fire evacuation drill and we will be discussing what to do in the event of an emergency as detailed in our Lockdown policy.

Assembly arrangements

We have made the decision not to go back to whole school assemblies as yet. For those of you who know our building you will be aware that our hall is quite enclosed and we have no doors leading directly outside for ventilation. For this reason we are going to operate year group assemblies in the hall space for the first few weeks and review the situation.

We are delighted that singing can return to the school curriculum and after 19 months we welcome back Mr Kidson our pianist. For the reasons outlined above we will initially have just one class singing at a time in the hall space.

Respect For All

If you are eligible to claim Free School Meals please don't forget to register as school receives additional money to support pupils.

A reminder that we have both a Breakfast club 8:00-8:40 and an After School Club child care facility from 3:10-6:00 each day. If you are interested then please contact the school office. Both of them are Covid-safe and operate alongside Government guidance

Children may bring a snack into school for morning break time. This must be a healthy snack such as fruit, salad/vegetable sticks, cereal bars etc. Chocolate, sweets and crisps must not be brought into school.

Diary dates:

Wb Monday 13th September: Sports clubs re-start-details sent in letter

Wb Monday 11th October: Bag2School—bags and information given to pupils
Please leave any bags by the trees at the top of the driveway into school.

Friday 15th October: Year 3 Egyptian workshop in school (details to follow)

Monday 18th October: Year 6 Parents' evening

Tuesday 19th October: Year 3 Parents' evening

Wednesday 20th October: Year 4 Parents' evening

Thursday 21st October: Year 5 Parents' evening

Friday 22nd October: Year 6 visit to the Black Country Museum

Pupils break up for half term

Monday 1st November: Pupils return to school

Year 5/6 Bikeability sessions begin –details to follow

Monday 15th November: Bag2School donations to be collected

Tuesday 7th December: Year 3-6 Flu nasal spray-details to follow

Thursday 16th December: Pupils break up for the Christmas holidays

Friday 17th December: **INSET day-school closed to all pupils**

Tuesday 4th January: Spring term begins

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged for safety reasons. Ear-rings must be small studs and these are to be removed for PE lessons or covered with a plaster/ear-tape.

We have a school Facebook page with over 500 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.



CGP Homework book packs

Last year we offered all parents the opportunity to purchase the CGP homework books at a much reduced school bundle price. We are going to be doing the same again for those who wish to purchase for their child's new school year group. We will be fully funding these packs for pupils who receive Free School Meals from the additional money I receive into the budget for these children. The books can be used at home or brought into school for Homework club which will be re-starting on Friday lunchtimes. This is open to anyone who needs support, time or space to get homework completed.

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 lead

Mrs Walker: Deputy Headteacher and Writing lead

Miss N Handscomb: SEND coordinator

Mrs R Dattani: History and Geography coordinator

Mrs R Gaunt: Educational visit leader

Ms S Ward: Art coordinator

Mrs A Shakesheave: Assistant Headteacher and Reading coordinator

Mrs O Devi: E-safety coordinator

Miss F Rahim: Design Technology coordinator

Ms J Hawkins: Support for SEND and “catch-up”

Mrs N Hudson: Science coordinator

Mrs S Beasley: Computing coordinator

Mrs S Wilson: Music coordinator

Mrs N Roberts: Assistant Headteacher and Maths coordinator

Mrs L Richards: PE and Sport coordinator

Ms F Gilbert: PSHE Coordinator

Mrs S Lane: RE and Rights Respecting coordinatr

Mrs J Marshall: MFL (French) coordinator

On each Newsletter starting in October I will feature an article about a subject and how we are developing this at Uplands over the coming academic year.

Operation Encompass

Our school works in partnership with West Midlands Police on a project by the name of Operation Encompass. This project involves the reporting to schools when a child has been exposed to or involved in any Domestic violence incidents. As a school we have a duty to support your child with any sensitive issues that may arise. A Police Officer will share information in confidence with the Safeguarding and Deputy Safeguarding lead (Mrs Webster-Smith and Mrs Walker). Our school will offer support and advice as a whole family approach.

Well Done Bella.

“At the start of July, I decided that I wanted to donate some of my waist length hair to make a wig for children who lost their hair through illness. I didn't think it was fair that I had so much and they didn't, so I wanted to share. When you donate hair to The Little Princess Trust, they ask for a monetary donation as well to help wit the cost of making the wig. Each wig costs them £550 to make! We set up a fundraising page and set the target to hopefully raise £150. But because of generous family and friends I raised £340 plus gift aid. I was nervous to cut my hair but as soon as it was done, I loved it”.

Article written by Bella H (Year 5)

The Curriculum section of our website is now fully up to date giving details and information about all that your child will learn in each subject during each year they are at Uplands. There are also Knowledge organisers for every Topic that give you the essential knowledge that children must learn.

On our website you will also find all of the term and holiday dates for this academic year, essential information regarding Safeguarding which is central to our school and a new section on Mental health and well being and how this is part of the Uplands' ethos.

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