



# Upton Junior School



The foundations of our school are based on mutual respect, we will deal with each other in the way that we would like to be treated ourselves. Our rules are simple and can be remembered (and followed) by all sections of our community: children, staff, parents and friends and if we all stick to them then we will achieve our ultimate goal, for every child to achieve their full potential in school life.

**Our Golden Rules are as follows:**

- Everyone is special and important
- Treat everyone as you would like to be treated
- Listen when others are talking
- Try your best always
- Take care of people and property
- Use the school responsibly

**Core Values:** Our Upton 'Core Values' are those values which I see as being at the heart of our school.

**Respect = Value yourself and others**

**Excellence = Strive to always do your best**

**Community = Take part and do your share**

**Resilience = Never give up, even when it's hard**

**Enjoyment = Make it fun**

**Compassion = Kindness and friendship**

Our 'Core Values' and Golden Rules will be revisited regularly during our assemblies and although they aren't the only things which are important, they would be implicit and explicit to daily life at Upton.

**School Uniform:** It is lovely to see all the children return looking refreshed, tanned and beautifully dressed, ready for the new school year. I have made no secret of my drive to lead Upton to 'outstanding' status and this can only be achieved with the support of the parents. Therefore I look to you to help us by ensuring the following things:

- Children will attend school as regularly as is possible
- Every child will arrive at school on time
- Every child will wear the correct uniform every day
- Every child will complete their homework

Our parent handbook contains up to date information about school uniform but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to the ladies in the Office, the classteacher or a member of the Leadership Team.

**Hair Styles:** For parents new to Upton you will note in our Handbook that children with hair longer than their shoulders must wear it tied back. This rule is for boys and girls. I thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Welcome: New Staff Members:** I would like to welcome five new members of staff who have joined our team this academic year; Mr Russell, who has joined our Year 5 teaching staff, Mrs Moynan and Miss Papa-Adams are new additions to our Teaching Assistant Team and Mr Coot and Mr Filmer have joined us as part of a new 'Apprenticeship Scheme' and will be supporting the pupils in the lower school. Welcome to you all and I am sure you will quickly become fabulous assets to Upton!

**Communicating with Upton Staff:** Teachers are on the playground to dismiss their class at the end of every day. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher a quick chat at the end of the day may suffice but there may be occasions when this isn't appropriate and an appointment may be needed. Please arrange directly with the teacher or via the Office. Our Office is open from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

# INFORMATION PAGE



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## Newsletter

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7th September 2011

**Road Safety:** You cannot have failed to miss the new addition to the Upton landscape—our brightly coloured fencing. I hope you agree the fence enhances the childrens' safety and is part of our continued programme to improve **Road Safety** measures. To follow shortly will be white lines marking pedestrian zone; zebra crossing (linking pathways) and improved signage. Please follow the 'new' pathways to lead in and out of school—it will very soon become habit. Parents please start the year as we mean to go on with regard to parking safely (not on zig zag lines) and showing respect for the residents of Edge End Road. I thank you for your cooperation with this extremely important matter.

**Year 3:** Our Year 3 pupils have made a fabulous start to life on board the good ship Upton! They have shown courage and confidence as they have taken the first brave steps to life in a Junior School. Well done to the children but also a big 'well done' to the parents and grandparents that have shown equal courage (and probably higher levels of anxiety) dropping off their children every morning! As of tomorrow (Thursday 8th) we ask that parents drop their children at the gates at the beginning of the school day. Teachers will be on duty to supervise the playground from 8:40 am. At the end of the school day parents are welcome to stand on the bottom playground (Year 5 & 6 playground behind the yellow line) and wait for the teacher to bring their child's class out at 3:15 pm.

### SCHOOL TIMES:

SCHOOL STARTS: **8.50 AM** & FINISHES: **3:15 PM**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES ON TIME TO START THEIR DAILY LEARNING JOURNEY!

**Extended School Information:** An up-to-date club list will be sent home on Friday. It will give you an overview of all clubs taking place across this term, both during and after school; as well as information regarding Breakfast and After-School Club. If you have any questions regarding clubs please ask at the Office.

**School Fund:** If you haven't sent in a school fund donation of £5 for your child could I please ask that you do so as soon as possible.

**Swimming Fees:** For those classes swimming this term please ensure you pay your child's fees. Please see letters which have gone home with the children.

Dear Parents,

A very big welcome to our school for all those of you who are new to Upton and welcome back to all the 'old hands'. I welcome families old and new into our 'Upton Community' and look forward to continuing to build upon the positive home / school relationships that Upton is immensely proud of. The most simple and effective way to do this will be through regular communication and there are many ways open for parents to communicate with staff and vice versa.

The newsletter is the main means of communication between home and school. It provides me with a regular platform to share with you my vision and values for Upton. It also allows me to reinforce my expectations upon parents and pupils and most importantly celebrate the variety of talents the children of Upton undoubtedly have! It contains news and updates regarding upcoming events in the school and it will be sent out fortnightly on a Wednesday. So have a look in your child's book bag if you think that they haven't received a Newsletter! Newsletters can also be sent to you electronically (not only does this help in our bid to become 'Upton Eco Warriors' it also means important school information and dates aren't found festering at the bottom of a school bag!) Please complete the email contact details overleaf to receive your newsletter electronically. The newsletter can also be found on our school website along with other relevant information a letters: [www.upton.kent.sch.uk](http://www.upton.kent.sch.uk). I use my email address (see above) on a daily basis and will respond to any requests or questions as soon as I am able, equally; Mrs McGinley, Mrs Gunn, Mrs Crine and myself are on the school gates daily in order to answer any questions parents may have—or just for a friendly chat!!!



# UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL



## UPTON MUSIC NEWS

Welcome to a new musical year at Upton, one with many changes! Firstly, joining the choir will follow a different structure to last year. In order to join, a student must give a small audition. The audition only needs the student to sing a verse and chorus of a song they know well, (unaccompanied), and a quick aural test. This will also include all existing choir members. Another change will be that the choir will now be open to all year groups. David Lammler, and Parker the guide dog, will once again return to accompany us and we have brand new choir shirts!



If your child would like to sing in a group but does not feel ready for an audition, then a new lunchtime singing club will be starting in a few weeks. This will be a twenty minute, fun singing club, for all year groups and would be a great preparation for the choir.

Rock Band auditions will be held in the last week of the first term, before October half-term, (more details will follow).



A new before-school brass club will hopefully be starting soon, led by Andrew Deacon from Kent Music School. It will take place on Wednesday mornings at about 8:30 am, (details to be confirmed), free of charge and open to beginners and experienced players, (the school has a stock of instruments for children to borrow).

String club should start in the second week of term on Thursdays 3:15-4:30 pm, led by Heather Nunn from Kent Music. All existing members need to see Mr Langridge in order to confirm whether they wish to continue this year. Students wishing to join also need to see Mr L!

Finally! Year 4 should be studying a new instrument in their music lessons this year, the ukulele! So be prepared for renditions of "When I'm cleaning windows". Year 3 will be studying the recorder, Year 5 violin and Year 6 the keyboard.

Have a great year, if you have any queries please make an appointment to see me, or email! [Peter.Langridge@upton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Peter.Langridge@upton.kent.sch.uk)

## SCHOOL DINNERS



Would you like your child to have a school meal? Principals Catering can provide your child with a hot, healthy nutritious meal for just £2.10 a day. A packed lunch service can also be provided for the same price. School dinners must be paid for on the first day of each week and monies should sent in in a named, sealed envelope with your child's class and 'dinner money' on the front. Cheques must be made payable to Principals Catering. Your child should hand their dinner money envelope directly to the class teacher, alternatively you may post the envelope in the post box situated on the wall in the school reception foyer. Menus are available from the information carousel also located in reception. If you would like to contact the kitchen directly please do so on: 608494. Their opening hours are 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and whilst Principals are happy to take your call they ask politely that you refrain from calling between the busy lunch period of 12:15 to 1:15 pm.



Please return to Upton Junior School Office

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_