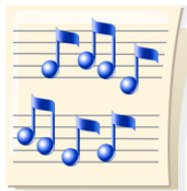
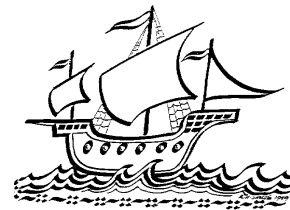


Upton Junior School



A Busy Spring for Upton Music! This term all our music groups at Upton are busy rehearsing and preparing for a variety of concerts and events. Twenty one members of the choir are preparing for the Thanet Festival of Song at the Winter Gardens, Margate on Thursday 22nd. This is an annual event with the majority of schools in Thanet taking part. This year the theme is 'Around the World', to tie in with the Olympic year.

The whole choir is rehearsing many of these songs in order to sing them at a new enterprise: The Upton Music and Arts Spring Concert. Following the success of our Christmas celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, we have planned to put on a Spring concert on Tuesday 27th March. Details and times are still to be finalised, but the concert will feature the Choir, String Group, Rock Band and the Drama Group. Watch this space and keep the diary clear! Entry will be free but a collection for Demelza, and to help towards music at Upton, will be taken.

Finally, the Rock Band will also be playing at the Thanet School's Prom on the 21st March at the Winter Gardens, Margate. Again, an annual event with many secondary and primary schools taking part!

I'm sure you'll agree, a busy but enjoyable Spring!

'Road Safety' A polite reminder - With the dark evenings and busy roads, please remember to respect our 'Road Safety' guidelines and refrain for parking on the zig-zag markings outside school. Please park with consideration to the other cars and the residents of Edge End Road. If you feel a car has parked in a way that could potentially put one of our pupils in danger please inform the school of the car registration and we will inform the Police. I also ask that you use Mrs Shaw, our Road Crossing Patrol, if you are crossing the extremely busy Broadstairs Road. Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to keep our children safe.



The start of the school day... School begins when the whistle blows at 8:50am. We ask that your child arrives in school just before this time. Staff are on duty ten minutes preceding the start of the school day (8:40am). Children should not arrive at school prior to this time. Children will be unsupervised and are under the care of their parents until a member of Upton staff commences their duty at 8:40am.

If working parents need to drop off their child to school before 8:40am then arrangements should be made for the child to attend Breakfast Club.

UPTON PTFA

Upper School DISCO - Friday 2nd March

Letters will be sent home tomorrow (Thursday 23rd February).

For further information please contact the school office or email the PTFA directly

PTFA@upton.kent.sch.uk

If you are able to volunteer to help at the upper school disco on Friday 2nd March please let the office know. Your support is much appreciated!

PTFA meeting: Tuesday 28th February 7:30pm: Please contact the School Office or email the PTFA on the above email address for information.



Upton Mini Bus Update: We are in the process of purchasing (FINALLY) our Upton School Mini-bus. Thank you for all your kind and generous support, without the fundraising efforts of the pupils and parents we would not be in a position to purchase our own mini-bus.

Our school motto: **'One Childhood One Chance'** - This powerful statement firmly establishes education as a key factor in ensuring every child has the 'best start' in life. For school to have the positive impact we need it to have on every child, we need to ensure home and school are working together to share the learning journey.

Parent Consultation Appointments are one way we share your child's learning journey.

Mid Year Consultation Appointments will take place week beginning 5th March 2012.

The key factor in a child reaching their full academic potential is the parent's interest and participation in their child's education. We are therefore holding Parent Consultation Evenings during the week beginning Monday 5th March 2012. Please note that school will finish at 1:15pm on Monday 5th March to allow more appointments on this day. Please collect your child from the school playground.

It is expected that every child is represented at these meetings so that we are able to discuss the results of your child's mid year assessments, share the targets for progress that the children have been set and allow you the opportunity to voice any concerns that you may have.

Parent Consultation Appointment letters were sent home during the last week of term. Please complete the return slip stating your preferred date and time. We will endeavour to meet your requests. If you haven't received a copy of the letter please contact the school office.

Year 6 Parents: Secondary school choice letters will be sent out on 1st March. Please take the opportunity of discussing the options available to you during our Parent Consultation appointments. If you have any worries or questions regarding transition to secondary school please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Year 6 team. **Year 6 SATs Meeting:** New date: Monday 27th February at 6:00pm in the school hall.

Maths Parents Information Evenings: We are holding a Maths Parents Information session which will allow the school to share with parents our 'Calculation Policy' and outline how we 'teach' Maths today. Many parents feel they are unable to fully support their child's maths homework as they are unsure of the methods taught in school today. Our Maths workshop will hopefully reassure parents and allow home and school to work together to support your child's learning journey! (It's building on the vital partnership again!!)

Meetings will be held separately for the Lower and Upper school. Dates of the meetings are:

Lower school: Monday 12th March 6pm in the school hall

Upper school: Monday 19th March 6pm in the school hall

Please show your support and attend these meetings.

Form Captains: We enter our fourth term of this school year - and so, democracy in full force - time for re-election of Form Captains...

Each class voted for two children to take this position of responsibility. Well done to our Term 4 Upton Form Captains. It is a position of responsibility and trust. We (staff and pupils) trust that our elected Form Captains will represent their class appropriately, follow our Golden Rules and uphold our Core Values. To have been elected, our Form Captains have shown themselves to be responsible citizens that will now act as role models for the pupils of Upton.

3B: Harry D'Cruze
Holly Stevenson-Martin

3G: Jay Neale
Evie Anderson

3R: Archie Pradhan
Paige Sams

3Y: Jake Turner
Maisy Hembrow

4B: Mowgli Palmer
Daisy Doughty

4G: Adam Mitchell
Lucy Bygrave

4R: Ryan Kerry
Charlotte Burden

4Y: Louis Pardo
Lily Kemp

5B: Hughie Coleman
Eleen Newaz

5G: Connor Fennell
Megan Church

5R: Lewis Bowen
Kayleigh Marie Going

5Y: Cameron Manning
Ellenor Garrod

6B: Joshua Chivolo
Paige Dungan

6G: Stevan Vidojevic
Olivia Hornsey-Larn

6R: Gabriel Harrison
Hannah Ward

6Y: Harrison Armer
Charlyrae Bacon

Well done to all!

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I trust you have all been able to enjoy the half term holiday, filled with family fun and amusement. The weather certainly improved sufficiently to enable us to venture outdoors! We begin a new term afresh, term 4 - six weeks which will culminate in Easter celebrations. Please see the Term 4 dates that will accompany this newsletter. Dates will also be on our website, Facebook and Twitter. Key events will also be texted out to parents. Remember we need your up to date contact numbers!

Important Date: Staff INSET Day: Friday 16th March 2012. We have been fortunate to secure staff training on Teaching & Learning. School will be closed to children on this day. Please note this is a new INSET day.

Art & DT Projects: Mrs Walton and Mrs Blunden are leading two inter-school art and design projects across term 4. During Term 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in 3 exciting Art projects. A group of Year 6 students will be travelling to the Turner Contemporary in Margate to sketch and take photographs of 'The Kiss' sculpture by Rodin. They will then attempt to make an 'almost' life-size model using modroc. The second project will involve pupils from all year groups. We have been selected to take part in a competition set by Hornby and have been given a train and some track. Pupils will have 4 months to design and create different parts of the scenery the train will travel on. Finally the Year 6 Art Club have been given the job of making a banner for the choir when they will be representing the USA in a forthcoming performance for the Thanet Festival of Song.



'TITANIC' CENTENARY BOOK WEEK - February 27th - March 2nd: Our Book Week is linked to the Centenary of the 'Titanic' disaster. Apart from finding out about the unforgettable train of events which led to the sinking of the ship, your child will explore the fiction and non-fiction types of writing which have been inspired by the disaster. Here is a list of the activities taking place:

TIMETABLE FOR BOOK WEEK

MONDAY PM	Talk by Pitkin Guide Book editor on how their 'Titanic' book is made
TUESDAY AM	Talk by Bob Prior president of The Titanic Society - across-section model of the Titanic and real artefacts from wreck will be on show.
WEDNESDAY 3:15 - 5:00	FILMCLUB - 'A Night To Remember'
FRIDAY	Dressing up 'what you wore when the ship went down'. Donations to R.N.L.I Drama Club and strings group to perform.

Swattenden and Year 6 Activity Week: Is fast approaching! Swattenden Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 13th March at 7:00 pm in the school hall. Letters will be sent home on Monday 5th March. Your last minute questions and concerns will be answered by Mrs Ballen and Mr Ellis. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Mrs Ballen via the school office with your question and she will contact you directly.

Sainsbury's Vouchers..... you may have seen the poster hanging from the gates to show that we are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers this year. If you or anyone you know shops at Sainsbury's please donate your vouchers to the school via your child. We can then use them to purchase sports equipment for the school

Rugby club..... for Years 5 and 6 started yesterday for those who remembered their kits and continues each week on Tuesdays. If you child has handed in a permission slip then they are members of the club. Throughout the year we organise mini-festivals to ensure every child can play for the school

Skipping..... for those who practiced their skipping over half-term each class will be looking for their best skippers this week

National Finals.....for Upton Biathletes Laura Parrish and Jack Baker, who have qualified for the event at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on 25th March. Upton Pupils Josh Jones and Robyn Moon narrowly missed out on a place at the event.

Final Primary Schools Cross-Country.....is on the morning of Saturday 17th March at Palm Bay School. If you have not taken part in a race yet OR if you are one of our regulars please sign up when the letters come out next week. We are currently leading the league with one race to go but still need many runners in each year group to reclaim the title.

Other News

Winter School Uniform: Our pupils always look smart and follow our uniform guidelines. With colder weather here, I ask that children have appropriate layers of clothing, that they can remove if necessary inside the school building. Fleece can be worn instead of a school jumper or as well as if your child particularly feels the cold. The classrooms are however warm and children may be advised to remove additional layers to ensure they feel the benefit when the really need them - outside during playtimes.

Boots may be worn to school and (like trainers) changed into at break and lunchtime. We ask that school shoes are worn inside the building. I thank you for your cooperation in keeping to our school uniform. We do have high standard in uniform and feel this is just another way of establishing the high expectations we have for your children in everything they do at Upton!

Even during the cold weather we will be attempting to take the children outside for games lessons so please ensure that they have a PE kit that will keep them warm and comfortable outside. The School Uniform Shop, Margate has a range of Upton hats, cagoules and fleeces available.

Peel 2 Save fundraising campaign - Peel 2 Save will be finishing very soon - if you haven't already purchased your **PEEL 2 SAVE** card then do so quickly. There are HUGE discounts and savings to be made at local restaurants (Frankie & Benny's, Posillippos, Tamarind, Pizza Express, McDonalds, Burger King) as well as discounts on gym membership, dry cleaning, flowers and many other savings. ASK the office for more information. A card costs only £10.