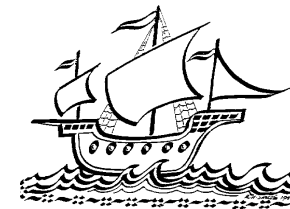


Upton Junior School



YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS REMINDER: If you have a child due to start in Year 3 in September 2012, your application needs to be completed electronically by the 14th January 2012, please speak with the Office for further information.

Please see the back of this newsletter the term 3 & 4 dates that will include class assemblies and other events that are taking place. I hope this is useful information to have (on your fridge door!) but please be aware that dates and times may alter. Reminders are sent home for all events using our text system - please ensure your contact details are up to date!

School Uniform: The children have come back into school looking smart and ready to learn. Our high standard in uniform is just another way of establishing the high expectations we have for your children in everything they do at Upton!

School Coats: I would ask that school coats are plain grey, navy or black with only discreet logos (if at all). If you have already purchased your child an alternative winter coat then please do not worry as the most important thing during such cold weather is that children should come to school with a suitably warm coat to wear at break times but if I can ask that the next school coat you purchase could meet with the revised uniform guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, capoules and fleeces available.

Peel 2 Save fundraising campaign - Peel 2 Save will continue until the end of January. Staff on the gate will have examples of the voucher cards on them to show parents or ask at the office to look at the 'Peel 2 Save' card and the discounts and offers available. Many of the staff have purchased and feel it is extremely worthwhile in terms of the savings available.

Snow or severe weather: The cold weather (fortunately) has missed Thanet so far. However, if snow or severe weather does descend upon us, the school will remain open during all weathers as long as the heating continues to work. If there should be a problem then we will contact parents through our text messaging service, (again it's vital your details up are to date with the Office) we will also inform BBC Radio Kent, KMFM and Heart FM of any news updates.

Communication: Please ensure the school Office has your up to date contact details and email address. Our text messaging service will send reminders to parents about activities taking place in school. We also have an (official) Upton Facebook page and Twitter account. Don't forget you can 'like' our 'Upton Junior School, Broadstairs—Official' Facebook page or follow us on our Twitter account '@uptonjuniors'.

UPTON PTFA

POND REFIT: Saturday 7th January from 8:30 am
WE NEED YOU!!!! Mrs Hart and members of our PTFA, along with Mrs Lord will be spending this Saturday morning smartening up our pond (situated at far end of playground). **VOLUNTEERS** would be most welcome to support the efforts to get our environmental area fit for purpose again. One hour of your time (or grandparents) would be so very greatly appreciated. Please come along and help. Thank you!

If you would like to contact the PTFA, would like to join or have fundraising ideas please email them: PTFA@upton.kent.sch.uk

Term 3 After school club newsletter will be sent home Friday 6th January 2012.

Term 3 & 4 Dates



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4th January 2012

Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new term. I hope that the Christmas holiday brought you most of what you wanted, but most of all that you enjoyed special times with your family. The New Year brings a huge amount of excitement, even in the current economic gloom. We have a number of events to look forward to across 2012, including two special celebrations with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June, as well as the build up to the once in a lifetime experience of the country hosting the Olympic Games. Our in-school commemoration of these momentous occasions have already begun and we will work hard to ensure that the children will remember these occasions for the rest of their lives, as well as using them to stimulate the children's interest and enthusiasm in their learning.

This is a time of the year when we try to make a fresh start and resolve to make changes to our lives that will make us better people, or at least feel better about ourselves. The current economic gloom, and the problems that it brings with unemployment and a general tightening of the country's belt, should stir us all to make a collective resolution for the new year. This will be to do as much as we can to ensure that our children receive the best possible education that we can provide, this in turn will allow them to make the very most of their potential, giving them the best possible life chances for the future. For children to do their best they need to know that we see education as the most valuable thing they can have, parents can support this by talking about and showing a real interest in what their children have done at school, supporting them in ensuring that all homework is finished to the best of their ability as well as finding ten minutes every day to read and discuss their learning. I realise that we live in a hectic world with so much to do - and too often not enough time, but surely we can offer the most precious thing we have in life, our children, a short period of our undivided attention. I am therefore setting the children a '**New Year's Resolution January Challenge**'. This could involve trying harder at some aspect of their school work, homework or it could be about doing a simple daily task in the home such as making their bed or keeping their bedroom tidy (always a favourite with adults and children alike!) Our assembly today followed the theme of 'Going For Goals' and the children (and staff) have been thinking about their January New Year Challenge!

The attached form needs to be filled in and kept by parents who can then sign it and return it at the end of January when the resolution has been kept. A small prize will be given to all children who show the required determination to achieve their goal, the bigger prize will be in their hearts, knowing that they have made the right choice!!! **GOOD LUCK!**

Date	Activity	Year/Class
12/01/12	5R Assembly	5R Parents invited
19/01/12	6R Assembly	6R Parents invited
20/01/12	Yr 5 Astrodome	Year 5
26/01/12	5Y Assembly	5Y Parents invited
28/01/12	Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country Race	Payment and entry form required. Please speak with the office for more details.
02/02/12	4Y Assembly	4Y Parents invited
06/02/12-10/02/12	Charles Dickens Celebration Week	Whole school
07/02/12	Safer Internet Day	Whole school
09/02/12	6B Assembly	6B Parents invited
10/02/12	End of Term 3. School closes at 3.15 pm	Whole school
20/02/12	INSET day. School closed to pupils	Whole school
21/02/12	Start of Term 4. School open to all pupils (Breakfast club 7.50 am and the rest of the school 8.50 am)	Whole school
27/02/12-03/03/12	Book Week-Titanic Theme	Whole school
28/02/12	Titanic Model in the hall (Parents can view this between 3.15 pm - 3.45 pm)	Whole school
01/03/12	5B Assembly	5B parents invited
01/03/12	PESE school offers posted to parents	Year 6
06/03/12	WWII Week	Year 6
08/02/12	4B Assembly	4B parents invited
14/03/12	Class photos	Whole school
15/03/12	3B Assembly	3B parents invited
19/03/12-23/03/12	Swattenden Residential Trip	Year 6
22/03/12	3Y Assembly	3Y parents invited
23/03/12	Sports Relief Day	Whole school
31/03/12	End of Term 4. School closes at 2.15 pm	Whole school