



# UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Transition Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is a special newsletter to share class organisation for the next academic year. It is important you are aware of this information because tomorrow (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July) is **Transition Day** across Thanet schools.



Our current Year 6 pupils will spend the day in their new secondary school, each of the secondary schools would have communicated information with parents and new pupils.

Our school day will **follow usual timings for pupils who are currently in Year 3, 4 and 5**. They will spend the day in their 'new' year group with their 'new' teachers.

**Our 'new' Year 3 children will arrive at 9:15am and depart at 2:45pm.**

Any questions please speak to the school office.

Please find detailed below class arrangements for Academic Year 2017-18

<b>Year 3: September 2017</b>		<b>Head of Year: Miss Hare-Winton</b>	
<b>3B:</b> Miss Hare-Winton (Miss Hare-Winton will become Mrs Pellett during the summer!)	<b>3G:</b> Miss Watmough	<b>3R:</b> Miss Reed	<b>3Y:</b> Mrs Cooke
<b>Year 4: September 2017</b>		<b>Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Blunden</b>	
<b>4B:</b> Miss Lewis	<b>4G:</b> Mr Price	<b>4R:</b> Mrs Blunden	<b>4Y:</b> Mr Stevens
<b>Year 5: September 2017</b>		<b>Head of Year: Mrs Sedgewick</b>	
<b>5B:</b> Mrs Ballen	<b>5G:</b> Mr Coleman	<b>5R:</b> Miss Hayes	<b>5Y:</b> Mrs Sedgewick
<b>Year 6: September 2017</b>		<b>Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Egan and Mrs Walton</b>	
<b>6B:</b> Mr White	<b>6G:</b> Mrs Walton/Mrs Denby	<b>6R:</b> Miss Papa-Adams	<b>6Y:</b> Miss Povey

Transition Day will allow our pupils and staff to spend the day getting to know each other. It is important for the children to have a clear idea of the expectations and routines across the new academic year. Please speak with your child this evening about their new teacher and share with us if they have any concerns or worries. Transition Day should alleviate these anxieties but if they persist please speak with either their current or new teacher, or Mrs Turner or Ms Danson - our Learning Mentors.

Remember face-to-face conversations would be the preferred way to communicate but time pressures on you may not allow that. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to telephone or email (all email addresses for staff are listed on the school website - along with photographs of staff, in case you can't quite put a face to a name yet!).

**'Welcome and Goodbye'...** As you would have noticed from next year's class lists, we are welcoming new teachers to our Upton team. A new school year always brings change and this year is no exception.

**Departing the 'Good Ship Upton'...**When we say our 'goodbye' to our 132 Year 6 children on the last day of the school year, we will also be saying a fond farewell to a number of staff as well.

Four teachers that have been fabulous members of 'TEAM UPTON' are leaving us for exciting new adventures. Although we say 'GOODBYE' to all four, I am sure they will not forget their time at Upton.

**Mrs Lord** has been a stalwart of Upton for 28 years! With a true perspicacity for literacy - both written and spoken - Mrs Lord has championed English across the school with passion and verve. She is, without doubt, a true Uptonian, and leaves us now for new adventures. We wish her every success and thank her roundly for her commitment and service to the school. Mrs Lord will be thoroughly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.

**Miss Kemp** is also moving on. Miss Kemp has been given a very well deserved promotion to a Head of Year position at another local school. Miss Kemp has been a fabulous asset to Upton over the past five years. Her teaching and organisation talents will be missed by both the staff and children alike.

**Miss Rees-Boughton** has been with us for two years now, but isn't leaving us completely. She is moving across the Viking Academy Trust to follow her passion for becoming an infant teacher. Her incredible work ethic and enthusiasm will be very much missed at Upton but we wish her every success teaching the 'little ones'.

**Mrs Cutts** has only recently joined us, having moved down from London, but has made the decision that she wants to spend more time with her young family. Her son is just about to start school and, as any parent knows, this is a golden time of discovery and excitement - not to be missed if possible.

Each have been a magnificent member of 'TEAM UPTON' and have given over and above what is expected of a teacher. They have done this because they truly are terrific teachers that want to provide an outstanding education for every child and all three understand and embrace our 'One Childhood One Chance' philosophy.

The children of Upton have certainly benefited enormously having had them here as part of our dedicated staff. On behalf of the Upton community, we wish each of you a very successful future and know that wherever you go and teach - there will always be part of you that will be forever Upton!



**GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK**

## Upton 'End of Year Celebration Picnic' and Summer Fayre!

To give the whole school community the opportunity to bid farewell to our staff departing Upton shores (as well as a final farewell picnic for our Year 6 pupils) we invite parents to join the school for a very special '**FAREWELL PICNIC**' at the end of term.

We will host the picnic for the entire school on the penultimate day of the year - **Thursday 20th July**. Families are welcome to join us from 12:15 on the school field. Families can feast together (sorry folks, you need to provide the food) and we will provide the entertainment. Following the picnic, families will be invited to stay for the afternoon for our **SUMMER FAYRE**. Let's hope the sun shines!!!!

**SAVE THE DATE** on your calendars now...

Please see separate letter included in this newsletter with further details.



## 'All aboard...'

*Joining the 'good ship' Upton in September we welcome...*



Now for the fun part... the excitement of welcoming new faces to join our hugely talented teaching team!

Mrs Egan, Mr White and Mrs Edwards will be joining us as new teachers. Mrs Egan joins us to become an Assistant Headteacher and will lead the Year 6 Team. Upton isn't new to her at all; her son was a pupil here recently so she is already familiar with our high expectations. Mr White also has an Upton connection, having attended the school as a pupil many years ago. Mr White will be part of our Year 6 Team in September. Mrs Edwards is another very experienced teacher, who will work in Year 5 teaching English and Maths.

All our new teachers are in school to lead their new class tomorrow for 'Transition Day' and will be around school for you to 'put a face to a name' in the remaining days of this school year.

We are so fortunate to have appointed three teachers that come to us with glowing references and are confident they will become huge assets to our staff team. *Welcome and good luck to you all!*

I am also delighted that **Miss Lewis**, who has been working in Year 6 this year with Mrs Blunden, has completed her teaching qualifications and will be taking her very own class in September in Year 4. Nothing is more memorable for a teacher than their very first class!

We also see changes of role for **Mrs Denby** and **Mr Maclaurin**, who have worked and volunteered as support staff respectively. Both begin their School Direct placements with us in September and we are proud to be able to support them as they begin their transition to become qualified teachers.

## Ronnie's Fundraising Appeal....

Ronnie in Year 6 is raising money for the Ray of Sunshine charity. Once Ronnie's target has been reached on Just Giving he will have his haircut and donate it to the Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs.

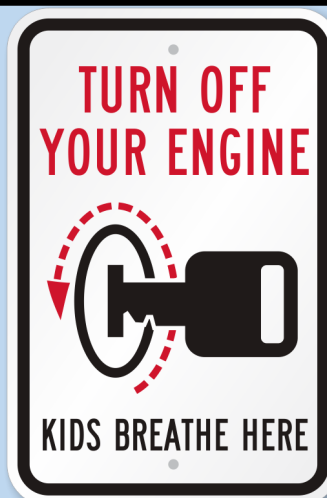
If you would like to support Ronnie please copy and paste the if viewing online or type the address below into your web browser:

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share](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joanne-de-ville?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Joanne-De-Ville&utm_campaign=pf-share)

## Switch Off Your Engine

We are asking parents to switch off their engines when parked.

Turning off engines when stationary for more than a minute creates a host of positive benefits, from reducing wear and tear on your car to potentially reducing health problems in your family e.g. Asthma.



## Sports Day Photographs....

To view/buy any photographs from Sports Day please look on the DE Photo website.

[www.dephoto.biz](http://www.dephoto.biz)

## Sports News..

Huge congratulations to all children who have taken part in the Kent Final's over the last 2 weeks. Once we have confirmed placings we will update everyone on the final news letter.

### Girls Passport Cup—Football...


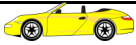
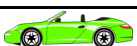

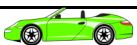



Congratulations to the Girl's Football teams who took part last Friday in the annual Passport Cup. All 3 teams performed superbly and Upton ran out as overall winners with a 1–0 win over Newington.



## 'One Childhood One Chance' – Every Lesson Counts! Racing to the finish line!

Our Attendance target is **97%**!

Attendance for weeks ending.....

Class	Week ending 09/06/17	Week ending 16/06/17
3B		
3G		
3R		
3Y		
4B		
4G		
4R		
4Y		
5B		
5G		
5R		
5Y		
6B		
6G		
6R		
6Y		

## Every Minute Counts

### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

**Danger:** As few as 19 days missed over the school year reduces your child's chance of success. Your child's progress could drop across ALL subjects!

Your child will be missing learning opportunities if they are not in school or are late to school. We work closely with our School Liaison Officer and unauthorised absences could result in **FIXED PENALTY FINES!**

Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.





# SUMMER FAIR

THURSDAY 20th JULY  
1:30pm - 3:00pm

## CLASS STALLS ON THE FIELD

Refreshments..... from the stage area on the field.

Ice Creams and lollies for sale!

Bouncy Castle - Games to Play — Tombola

You can bring in items for the Summer Fair  
in the week of the fair. We need lots of things  
to make our Fair a success!



ENTRANCE FREE: Donations welcome!



### 'UPTON CAMP OUT'

Our Upton Family 'Camp Out' takes place  
this coming **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Booking  
is now closed. A final information letter  
to all campers will be sent out later this  
week.



**Special Achievements:** We  
have an extremely talented  
group of children at Upton.  
Many of our pupils are able to  
develop their talents through  
the wide variety of clubs we  
have on offer in school. Lots  
of our children are fortunate  
to participate in a range of  
clubs and activities outside of  
school.

We want to be able to share your child's talents and  
successes - whatever they may be! In order for us to  
celebrate success we need to know about it! Don't  
be shy - be proud and let us know. Email your  
celebrations to: [office@uptonjunior.com](mailto:office@uptonjunior.com)

We have a 'Celebration Assembly' every Friday and  
encourage children to bring in their certificates,  
trophies and medals and receive congratulations  
from the whole school community.

We also have a 'Special Achievement' display board  
and welcome photographs and newspaper articles  
celebrating the many talents and successes of the  
children of Upton!

*Congratulations and Well Done to...*

All those who took part in the Upton Cross Country!!!  
Well done to you all!



Next Newsletter out:

Wednesday 19th July

Thank you for reading!

# Upton Junior School

We are super excited to announce our  
'End of Year Celebration Picnic' which will be  
followed by our Summer Fair'.....

**Thursday 20th July 2017**

**'End of Year Picnic'**

**12:15pm — 1:15pm**

**Summer Fair**

**1:30pm—3:00pm**

Upton invites all Parents / Carers / Grandparents to come along to mark the  
end of our academic year in style!

If your child usually has a school dinner on that day they will be provided with a  
grab-bag lunch consisting of a sandwich style lunch bag, please complete and return  
the form below by Friday 14th July 2017 if you require a grab-bag for your child.

If your child doesn't have a school dinner please bring along enough food for you  
each to share!

Please bring along your picnic blanket, a hamper of food you'd like to eat and come  
along and enjoy the (we hope!!) sunny weather with your child!

On the day, we ask that you enter the field via the double gates by the mound at the low-  
er car park. We ask that you arrive promptly at 12:30pm.

***Please bring along some sunshine!***

To: Upton Junior School

## Grab Bag Lunch....

If your child requires a grab bag lunch for the 'End of Year Celebration Picnic', please complete the form  
and return to the school office. Please return this slip must by **Friday 14th July 2017**

Ham Sandwich

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Cheese Sandwich

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