

UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that we only have 5 weeks left until the end of this academic year and what an exciting 5 weeks we have planned. The diary is jam-packed with exciting events to inspire learning.

An important date for your diary and something the children are already very excited about is **Transition Day**. This will be on **Thursday 5th July**. Information regarding new classes and class teachers will be sent home on Wednesday 4th July as part of the newsletter. Our 'current' Years 3, 4 and 5 will spend the day in their new year group, with their new teacher, and we will welcome new faces to Year 3. Our Year 6 pupils will spend Transition Day at their new secondary school.



Next week children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will take their 'end of year assessments' in Reading, SPAG and Maths. Although they are 'formal' tests, the children are in a supportive environment to ease the pressure and anxiety testing can cause. These assessments generally take place three times a year - at the start, the middle and towards the end of the academic year and help to show what children can do independently and any areas in which they need support. If you have any questions regarding these tests, please speak with your child's teacher. The results of these tests inform teacher assessments, which will be shared with you as part of your child's end of year annual report.



Summer is always a fantastic time because it enables us to run large events on our school field. This coming Saturday sees the popular Upton Cross-Country, where we will welcome both children from Upton and other local schools. Let's hope the sun shines!

Colour Run.....

We are very excited to confirm that our first ever Colour Run will take place at Upton on Thursday 28th June at 1:20pm. We will be sending letters home shortly with full details about the event, information on how to book and pay for your places at the event, and the all-important consent slip. Please ensure that your child has returned a slip as only those children with parental consent will be permitted to take part. Parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members are all welcome to take part too!

Due to the Colour Run, there will be no Upton-run after school sporting clubs on 28th June 2018. This affects Tennis and Cricket. Elite Football, Gymnastics and String Group will run as normal, as will the Upton Ship After School Club. Children will need to change into appropriate (clean!) clothing before joining their club.

ITALIAN MENU COMPETITION

On Thursday 12th July, Caterlink will be serving up a special Italian menu to celebrate our language of the term. The Pupil Council have been working with Caterlink and have put together a mouth-watering menu for the day.

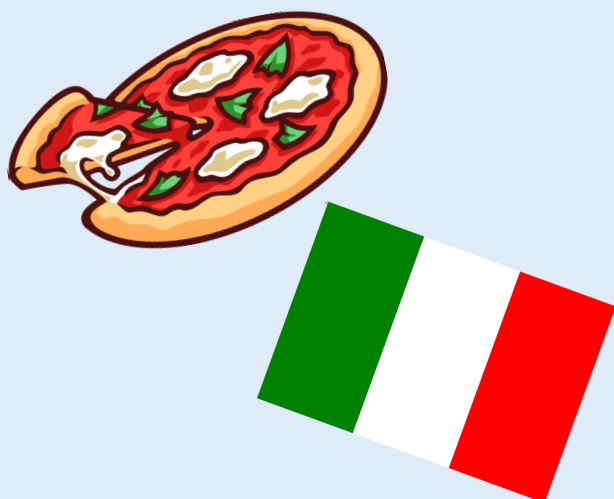
We need our children to design a poster to help us to advertise the Italian menu.

Pick up a blank copy of the menu sheet from Mrs Votta, which you can take home to decorate. Bring back your completed sheets - the deadline to return your finished menus to Mrs Votta is **Friday 22nd June**.

The Pupil Council will be judging the entries on **Monday 25th June**. There will be one winner for Upper School and one for Lower School.

Everyone who enters will receive a small prize and the two lucky overall winners will receive a gift voucher.

Buonissimo!



Principals Catering.....

From September we will have a new catering provider. Principals Catering will begin providing meals from the start of the new academic year.

Meals will cost £2.15 a day.

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

Our Attendance target is **97%**

Attendance for week ending.....

Class	Week ending 04/06/2018	Week ending 15/06/2018
3B		
3G		
3R		
3Y		
4B		
4G		
4R		
4Y		
5B		
5G		
5R		
5Y		
6B		
6G		
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6Y		

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!

Every Minute Counts

"DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES"

UPTON SPORTS days...

Year 6 - 2nd July 2018 - 9:30am

Year 4 - 3rd July 2018 - 1:30pm

Year 5 - 4th July 2018 - 1:30pm

Year 3 - 6th July 2018 - 1:30pm

Parents are warmly invited.



E-Safety

E-Safety is fundamental in our quest to keep children safe - at home and at school. Regular assemblies focus upon how children should use the internet safely and the risks if children have unrestricted access to sites that they are too young for. If a site has an age restriction, then it is there for the safety of all children. Most, including Instagram and Facebook, have an age restriction of 13+.

We discuss this with our children in school regularly, but the more access a child has to social networking sites the greater the chance that conversations between children can become unregulated. Children can send each other inappropriate pictures and links that parents may have no knowledge of.

It is not a school's position to tell parents how to raise their children, however we are obliged to advise and share concerns that we may have. The internet has so many positives but it can also open the door to a potentially dangerous world that our children should be protected from.

If you would like further information regarding keeping your children safe on the internet please visit: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Staying safe is a key outcome for our children at Upton

How you can help staff keep children safe...

If your child arrives or leaves school unaccompanied, we at Upton need to know because the safety of your child is our highest priority. We have procedures in place for children who are independent in their travel to and from school. Please see below for an outline of our procedures:

Walking/cycling to school unaccompanied : Parents use their discretion when and if they allow their child to walk or cycle to school on their own. If you allow your child to walk / cycle to school independently we ask you to complete a form at the school office. The school will then be alerted to a possible problem if your child doesn't arrive at school for registration, and a member of staff will call you at the start of the school day.

Leaving school unaccompanied: Since October 2014 all pupils leaving the school gates on their own have a credit card-sized permit which they need to show to the staff members who man the gates at home-time, so that we know the children have your permission to leave. If your child leaves the school premises alone (even if they are meeting you just outside the school gates) please spare five minutes to complete our 'Leaving School Unaccompanied' form which can be found on the carousels in Reception.

After-school club arrangements: We hold registers for every Upton-run after school club. At 3:15 pm we take registers and if your child hasn't arrived when we are expecting them to, we will contact you to ask where they are. Please let the office know if your child will not attend a club and we can mark that on the club register.

Home-time arrangements after a club: The end of day permits only work at 3:15 pm. If your child attends an after-school club at Upton the club leaders will follow the home-time arrangements information you provided at the point of the completion of your online form. If your child leaves school unaccompanied after a club, they will need an orange pass which lets club leaders know that they have permission to walk home alone.

Sending Children Home: If your child is going home with a friend, another family member or anyone different from their normal collection person please let their class teacher or the school office know. It can save a lot of difficulties as staff can only let children leave the school with named contacts.

Entrances in to school: We are now fortunate to have a pedestrian gate on Broadstairs Road. Our RCP, Mr Callanan, is positioned by the zebra crossing on Broadstairs Road and we encourage families to use this entrance in to school if travelling to school from this direction.

Members of staff supervise the two pedestrian gates on Edge End Road and monitor the pathway leading from the Broadstairs Road gated entrance.

A reminder that school does not commence until **8:50am**, with doors opened at 8:40am. Staff are on duty from 8:40am, therefore any child arriving at school unaccompanied or dropped off prior to 8:40am is unsupervised. Parents must be aware that the school strongly advises parents to use our Breakfast Club provision if childcare is required prior to 8:40am as children left on site before this time remain the responsibility of the parents.

Parking

Edge End Road and the surrounding streets continue to be a hazardous place for children as parking can become so congested at drop off and collection times. We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe. Please take the time to use the 'drop-off zone' if you drive your child to school in the morning. You then have the assurance that your child has arrived on school premises safely. Please park responsibly!

May we also remind parents to stay courteous to each other at all times. Mornings can be stressful times we know but you are setting an example to not only your own children but others around you when on school premises. Please act accordingly.



End of Year 'Whole School Picnic'

Friday 20th July 2018 at 12:15pm



We would like to invite parents and carers to our annual picnic to celebrate the end of term. Bring your picnic hampers to share with your child on the school field (weather permitting!).

Dates for the Diary



Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		21 *Year 6 Jive WWII - 6Y at 9:30am & 6R at 10:55am	22 *Year 5 Howletts Trip	23 *Upton Cross Country Event— first race 9am	24
25 *September Intake information Evening—6:00pm	26 *Year 6 Trip to Wattignies, France *Maths Workshop - please return slips ASAP 1:25pm or 2:30pm	27	28 *Colour Run— letter to follow	29 * INSET DAY— School Closed to all Pupils *Annual Girls Football Event	30 1

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

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!

A big well done and congratulations to.....

Maya S 6Y....recently took her Grade 2 Tap Dance exam and received a Distinction! Well done Maya.

Eden W-V 6R.... has been awarded Thanet Wanderers Coaches' Player of the Year. Congratulations Eden!

Sports News

Kwik Cricket Tournaments

The last two weeks have been extremely busy with Cricket tournaments. The Year 3 and 4 girls team and Year 5 and 6 mixed teams were all in action.

The Year 5 and 6 mixed team played extremely well, coming through their group unbeaten to face a strong St Joseph's team in the final. After a good display of batting and some tight bowling, Upton were unlucky to lose by just 8 runs.

The Year 3 and 4 team showed true skill in their tournament, taking over 12 catches throughout the day, 25 wickets and scoring well over 150 runs. They came through the tournament unbeaten and will now represent Thanet at the Kent Finals.



Waterloo Cross Country

What a fantastic morning of running we had last Saturday. Upton played host to local schools to compete in the 800m relays.

As the races got going it was very clear that some of the best local runners were competing, as the pace was quick and the change-overs were clean.

After the dust had settled and the results were in, Upton had won all four trophies and secured a few 2nd and 3rd spots as well.

Well done to all the children who have represented Upton over the last few weeks and a huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to ensure the children got the very best from all the events.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Upton Cross Country this Saturday.

Music News

Hello Folks!

Choir finishes on Tuesday 26th June with our annual choir party (children are asked to bring sweet or savoury nibbles to share - drinks provided). Choir Member of the Year will be announced at this practice.

Rock Band - Wednesday 11th July - last day - the Rock Band will be performing at the Summer Fayre on Friday 20th July.

We invite parents in to watch our open rehearsals. The children look forward to these and I hope you can join us:

Recorder Club - Monday 9th July - Open rehearsal for Parents - 3.45-4.30pm

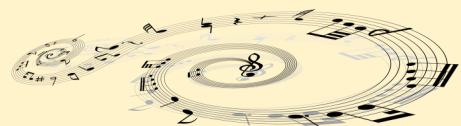
String Group - Thursday 12th July - Open rehearsal for Parents - 3.45-4.30pm

Ukulele Club - Friday 13th July - Open rehearsal for Parents - 3.45-4.30pm

Finally, Choir News and Dates:

Tuesday 26th June - 5:00pm - 6.10pm - The choir are opening the Thanet Sports Awards Presentation at the Winter Gardens.

That's all folks,
Mr Langridge!



Thanet Primary Schools Swimming Gala Report

19 Years on top!

On Saturday 19th May, Upton entered a team of 32 swimmers in the Thanet Primary Schools Swimming competition.

Lower school got off to a very positive start by making the final of the first event the 4x1 Medley Team relay and this set the tone for how the rest of the session would go, with lower school qualifying in the final for every race except one. This including Year 3 student Rosie Daniel who qualified second in the Girls lower School 25m Backstroke. Rosie has only just recently finished her Swimming Lessons and has progressed massively during her swimming lessons within school.

Another highlight from the first session was Rosie Pope, Year 4 student, who won the final of the Girls Lower School 100IM event by over a whole length of the swimming Pool.

In total Lower School made 14 finals and won 2 bronze medals, 1 silver medal and 3 gold medals out of 16 races! This led to Upton winning the Lower School overall trophy for the first time in 3 years by just 1 point!

Also at the end of the first session, Upton entered the parent's teacher's race. Mr Honour (Sports & Swim Coach), Mr Maclaurin (Teaching assistant & Sports Coach), Mrs Pinder (Parent and Kitchen Staff) and Mr Noble (Swimming Coach) all took on St Lawrence College teachers/parents in a Relay event. Mr Honour did what he does best and left the other team way behind on the first leg of the race, Mr Maclaurin held on to the lead but St Lawrence were catching. The College team had to release their secret weapon to not only cut our lead down but also take the lead for the first time in the race. Mrs Pinder touched the wall and off went Mr Noble starting slightly behind the St Lawrence College swimmer, pool side was going crazy with not only Upton children cheering but most of the other schools willing Mr Noble on. He slipped through the water like a torpedo as his hand touched the wall, it was official, Upton had won the Teacher's/Parent's race by 1 second. Well done all.

The upper school started the second session with their 'War face paint' on. The upper school qualified for every individual final and all relays, in addition to this, we also had our second teams qualify for the finals. In total, upper school qualified for 14 finals out of 14 races, which resulted in 4 bronzes, 7 silvers and 3 gold medals! This meant that Upton had won the Upper school trophy.

A highlight from this was Ivy Haggerty winning the Girls 25m Backstroke race, that was very close the whole race with Ivy just getting her hand to the wall first!

For the overall competition, Upton scored 110 points with second place scoring 88.5 points. Upton are the first school in the history of the competition to score over 100 points in the overall competition.

This win takes Upton's winning streak to a formidable 19 years, an achievement that is unheard of in any other sporting competition.

A huge congratulations must go to every single swimmer who competed in the gala for Upton. The gala is one event in which the whole squad must perform to achieve the win. This just shows the team spirit and commitment to each other that these young athletes have.

