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Transition Newsletter 21

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 7th 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 2016 - 2017:

| <u>Year 3: September 2016</u> | | Head of Year: Miss Hare-Winton | |
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| 3B: Miss Hare-Winton | 3G: Miss Kemp | 3R: Miss Reed | 3Y: Miss Rees-Boughton |
| <u>Year 4: September 2016</u> | | Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Lord | |
| 4B: Mr Stevens | 4G: Mr Price | 4R: Miss Watmough | 4Y: Mrs Clifford |
| <u>Year 5: September 2016</u> | | Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Walton | |
| 5B: Mr Coleman | 5G: Miss Hayes | 5R: Mrs Ballen | 5Y: Mrs Walton/Mrs Macey |
| <u>Year 6: September 2016</u> | | Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Blunden | |
| 6B: Mrs Blunden/Miss Lewis | 6G: Miss Povey | 6R: Miss Papa-Adams | 6Y: Mrs Sedgewick |

Upton NEWS

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 131 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.

Three teachers that have been fabulous members of 'TEAM UPTON' are leaving us for exciting new adventures. Although we say 'GOODBYE' to all three; their departure will still see them connected to Upton in their own way...

Mrs Mannings will be joining our 'sister school', the Ramsgate Free School, to work alongside Head of School, Mr Budge in developing the Arts Curriculum. The school is a specialist Arts school and Mrs Mannings will lead the Drama and Dance programme. For those of you that know Mrs Mannings, this is truly her ideal, dream job. She will be amazing and the Ramsgate Free School are so lucky to have her join their team.

Mrs Ash has decided to step out of school based teaching and focus upon her real passion - which is supporting children with specific learning issues. Mrs Ash has established an independent company that intends to support children and families; ensuring those children that really need extra support with their learning are able to receive help from her. Again, for those of you that have had Mrs Ash teach your children - know that she will be doing something she is immensely good at and her efforts will be so very much appreciated.

Finally, we say 'Goodbye' to **Mrs Bedingfield**. Mrs Bedingfield is departing Upton for an entirely different reason, and that is because she is expecting her third child. The baby is due in October

They have each 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.

Words cannot express sufficiently the high esteem in which I hold these teachers. It has been my privilege as Headteacher to lead these teachers at the start of their teaching careers. (Mrs Ash and I go back 11 years as she was my 'maternity cover' teacher when I stepped out of teaching to have my daughter!).

The children of Upton have certainly benefited enormously having had them here as part of our dedicated staff. On behalf of the Upton community, I 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 21st July**. Families are welcome to join us from 12:30 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 letters sent home 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!

Mr Coleman and Mr Price have been part of the Upton family as a parent (Mr Coleman) and student Teacher (Mr Price). This week they commenced life with us in a professional capacity and will be leading classes in Year 5 and Year 4 respectively. They will spend the remainder of Term 6 with us, familiarising themselves with our routines and high expectations. They are therefore in school to lead their new class tomorrow for 'Transition Day' and will be in 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 two teachers that come to us with glowing references. I am confident they will become huge assets to our staff team. *Welcome and good luck to you both!*

Miss Lewis (no relation!) changes her role with us as of 1st September 2016. She joins the Year 6 teaching team as she undertakes her School Direct placement with us. Miss Lewis has been a member of our support staff for two years and we are proud to be able to support her as she begins her transition to become a qualified teacher.

Final Transition Day Reminder...

Children that will be in **'new' Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**: school starts and finishes at usual times 8:50am and 3:15pm. Children that will be joining us for the very first time, our **'new' Year 3** - school starts at 9:15am and will finish at 2:45am.

If you have any questions regarding **TRANSITION DAY** arrangements for tomorrow, please contact the school office.

I look forward to sharing an extremely successful Transition 2016 with you all and welcoming new faces to **TEAM UPTON!**

Best wishes

Mrs Lewis

Upton Junior School

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

Thursday 21st July 2016

'End of Year Picnic'

12:30pm — 1:30pm

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. 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 lower car park.

We ask that you arrive promptly at 12:30pm.

Please bring along some sunshine!

.....then you can continue onto our Summer Fair

I do hope you'll join us!

'UPTON CAMP OUT'

Our Upton Family 'Camp Out' takes place this coming **Saturday 9th July**. Booking closes this Wednesday 6th July at 4.30pm and Mr Walker will send out a final letter to all campers on Thursday 7th July.



SUMMER

FAIR

THURSDAY 21st 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 from now onwards. We need lots of things to make our Fair a success!

ENTRANCE FREE for a donation to the SOS pool Fund

Next Newsletter out:

Wednesday 20th July

Thank you for reading!