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## Upwood School Newsletter December 2013



### PTA

The PTA Committee would like to thank all pupils, parents/carers, grandparents, staff, family and friends who helped to make the Christmas Fayre a resounding success. There was a wonderful festive atmosphere in the school hall and it was so wonderful to see so many members of our school community enjoying themselves. We raised an amazing amount - £931.56. If you would like to help at future PTA events, why not come to the next meeting to be held at school on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm. If you can't make the meeting, just leave your details at the Office for Mrs Howell (Chair). Once again thank you for your support which helps to make a difference.

### Christmas Performances

On behalf of the children and staff at Upwood Primary I would like to thank parents/carers for supporting our Christmas play, 'The Stars Come Out For Christmas,' by attending the performances and organising costumes. The performances were of a very high standard and we are extremely proud of the children's efforts. In particular, we would like to thank Miss Stroud and Year 6 for leading such a professional and entertaining Christmas Play. Thank you for your hard work.

### Christmas Service

This year, we have been invited to the Church in Upwood for our annual Christmas Service on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. All children and staff will be walking to and from the Church; we will be leaving School at 9.30am to arrive at the Church for 10.00am. We all enjoy participating in this event, which really brings our school community together, at this special time of year.

The Service will last approximately 45 minutes and will be led by Mrs Jean Place. Mrs Hart has organised the content of the service this year. Each class will perform a song or poem. This is an exciting opportunity as it develops closer links with the local community. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents/carers generally to the Service due to limited space in the Church.



### **Certificate Assembly**

The termly Certificate Assembly will be taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. There are new awards this year based on our RESPECT code:

Rreally listen,  
Encourage and praise each other,  
Smile,  
Put others before ourselves,  
Expect to give our best efforts,  
Create a friendly atmosphere,  
Think before we speak.

One child will be chosen from each class for demonstrating each part of the code. After the certificates, we will be presenting the Rotary Caring Shield to a deserving pupil. This will be presented by a member of the Rotary Club.

### **Fundraising Day**

Upwood Primary School pupils are fundraising for 'Smile,' as one of our chosen charities this year. This is an International Charity providing free surgery to repair cleft lips and palates for children. We would like children to come into school on the 20<sup>th</sup> December wearing something that would make others smile! This could be one funny or bright item worn with their school uniform or pupils may decide to wear an entire outfit. Please ensure outfits are appropriate for school. We would ask you to make a voluntary contribution to the charity of an amount of your choosing.

### **Upwood Small to Tall**

The Committee, staff and children of Upwood Small to Tall would like to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas and they look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

### **Catering Workshops**

**January 2014**

Upwood Primary School pupils will have the opportunity to develop their cookery skills after Christmas. Each year group, from Foundation to Year 6, will welcome Carole Youngman from Cambridgeshire Catering Service into their classes. The aim of the workshops will be to give the children a greater understanding of where food comes from and how to create a tasty dish using healthy ingredients. The children will make either a fruit crumble, bread or pizza. At the end of the session each child will be able to eat their cookery project. We predict this will be the children's favourite part of the workshops!

### **Football Tournament**

#### **Article Written by Mr Vincent**

'The School Football Team played their second round, Millennium Shield, match against Priory Junior School on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and despite a 4-0 loss played an excellent game. Upwood were really up against it from the start, playing against a school fielding a full Year 5 team. The Year 4 children representing Upwood worked hard and matched the opposition across the pitch. The whole team competed outstandingly and battled until the end. Well done Upwood Football Team, an impressive attitude and signs of some great players developing. We're looking forward to the next match!'

#### **Inset Days**

Please note the school is closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The children return to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

### **School Dinners**

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for a school dinner any day of the week; meals need to be booked and paid for by 9.15am at the latest via the Office Staff. Come and join us!