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**Upwood School Newsletter**  
**June 2014**

**Farewell**

It is always with much sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to members of our school community at the end of each year. Miss Stroud has decided to leave Upwood Primary, at the end of this academic year. She has enjoyed her time with us immensely, but wanted to find a school closer to her home. She has guided our last two Year 6 classes through their final year, including directing the Christmas and Leavers' Performances and leading the children through their end of Key Stage 2 Assessment Tests. We thank Miss Stroud enormously for her dedication and enthusiasm. Miss Stroud will be greatly missed by all staff and pupils.

**Hello!**

We have begun to plan staffing arrangements for next academic year. From September, we will be joined by Miss Sarah Bloomfield. Many parents and carers will already be familiar with Miss Bloomfield as she has worked in Year 1 as a trainee teacher, alongside Mrs Scarrow. We offer Miss Bloomfield a very warm welcome to the Upwood Primary Team. Further details will follow regarding a coffee morning for parents/carers of pupils who will be in Miss Bloomfield's class from September.

**Class Structure**

The Class Structure for September 2014, will be as follows:

**Key Stage 1**

Foundation Miss L Mee  
Year 1 Mrs C Wilkinson  
Year 2 Mrs A Hart

**Key Stage 2**

Year 3 Miss S Bloomfield  
Year 4 Mr D Vincent  
Year 5 Mrs S Myles-Gardiner  
Year 6 Miss L Clarke

**Open Evening**

Come and see what we have been doing at the Open Evening on Wednesday 9th July, 3.30pm – 4.15pm.  
We hope to see you there, including new Foundation parents/carers for September 2014.

**Year 6 Leavers' Concert**

The Year 6 Performance will be on Wednesday 23rd July at 10am – refreshments and cakes will be served afterwards.

**Term Dates**

Please remember that Wednesday 23rd July is the last day of term.



**PTA News Article**  
**Written by Mrs Howell**

Our on-going schemes continue to bring in a steady income. These include Bags to School, School Clothing Labels, Easy Search, The Weather Lottery and the Prize Bingo which is kindly run by Mrs Whybrow every fortnight. We are currently planning our Summer Fayre which will be held on the school field on Saturday 5th July. The theme this year is 'The World Cup and Sport'. We will have refreshments on sale, plus lots of games and activities for the whole family to get involved with. Additionally, we will be holding a Sport themed 'Great British Bake Off' competition. We would like to ask for your help in donating a prize for the raffle or helping to set up on the morning of the Fayre. Perhaps you could run a stall or help us tidy away after the Fayre. If you would like to help in any of these ways, please leave your contact details with the School Office. Following the success of our first 'Pop & Popcorn Night', we will be holding another event on Friday 20th June. The PTA will be serving refreshments during Sports Day. We will also be providing all pupils with an ice lolly at the end of the day after all their hard work. Please remember to look in school bags for the Summer Fayre raffle tickets, as there are already some fantastic prizes to be won this year and also look out for the Summer Fayre Tombola donation request slips. The year group collecting the most tombola items will once again win a prize! The PTA committee would like to thank all members of our school community who support our events in so many ways.

**PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

20th June – Pop and Popcorn night  
5th July – Summer Fayre: 12pm to 2pm  
8th July – Sports Day Refreshments  
11th July – Non-Uniform Day  
11th July – End of Year Disco

**Individual Pupil Reports**  
**2013 – 2014**

Individual pupil reports for the academic year 2013 – 14 will be handed out on Friday 4th July. There is not a designated time for Parents' Evening this term; if you would like to discuss your child's report please contact your child's class teacher. Enclosed with your child's report will be a parent/carer feedback comment sheet. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's progress. Please do take the time to feedback as your comments will be read by your child's class teacher and myself. There are four office forms which will be included in your child's class report: data collection sheet, emergency permission slip, annual reply slip and our new Parentmail registration form. Please can these be completed and returned to the School Office as soon as possible; ideally by Tuesday 8th July.

It is a statutory requirement for schools to report authorised and unauthorised absence figures for children in Years 1 – 6. I thought it would be helpful to explain what these figures mean when they appear on your child's report. The absence figure reported is for the period 4th September – 23rd May; a half-day is classed as one session. Unauthorised absence covers lateness to school after 9.15am, unexplained absence or holiday absence during term time which has not been authorised. Please note that lateness after 9.15am does not include medical reasons, e.g., visiting the doctor, or educational reasons such as musical instrument exams etc. If you are unsure why your child has unauthorised absence on their report, please contact Mrs Damant, School Secretary.

If you are not already registered with Parentmail, we would recommend you sign up as this is the main way in which we communicate with parents/carers. For more information visit the website [www.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.parentmail.co.uk) and click on 'Parents Help' – this will answer any questions you may have.

**Upwood Small to Tall**  
**Article Written by Mrs Dean**

Children in Upwood Small to Tall will be enjoying the great outdoors during the summer months and hope for some more warm weather! Children have been working very hard on a project to raise money for some new equipment. They are now enjoying using their new giant construction set, well done children, we are so proud of your achievements.

We are currently registering children for September so if you would like to sign your child into pre-school, breakfast or after school club for next term (September 2014), now is

the time to do it. Once registered you have the option of using the breakfast and after school club on a regular basis or as an ad-hoc user. As an ad-hoc user you can contact us each time you want to use the club. This is great for extended shopping trips or last minute appointments! To obtain a Registration Form please contact the School Office, Angie Dean or Mrs Sykes. You can also contact us via email:

[manager@upwoodsmalltall.co.uk](mailto:manager@upwoodsmalltall.co.uk)

Current users will receive a new booking and registration form to fill in and return before the end of this term.

Yours sincerely

*S Whitelaw*

Mrs S Whitelaw

**Uniform**

Uniform orders and payments can be made via Agora or via the School Office. If you need to place an order for September, please can these be made no later than Friday 27th June to allow us time to process the orders for the end of term. Please note that orders received after 27th June may not be able to be processed until after 15th September. Please ensure that all new uniform is named, including book bags and PE bags, thank you.