



UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upwood School Newsletter May 2014

Summer Term Dates 2014

Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May: Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 16th May - Non-Uniform Day

Friday 16th May - PTA Disco

Thursday 22nd May - School Photographs for Groups

Friday 23rd May - PTA Tuck Shop

Friday 23rd May - Last Day of Term

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May: Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Monday 9th June - Years 5 and 6 Singing Day

Tuesday 10th June – Year 5 Woburn Safari Park Trip

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th June: Years 3 and 4 Grafham Water Residential

Thursday 12th June Year 6 Burwell House Trip

Saturday 14th June - Upwood School Ball

Wednesday 18th June - Year 2 Singing Morning

Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June: Years 5 and 6 Isle of Wight Residential

Saturday 5th July - PTA Summer Fayre

Tuesday 8th July - Sports Day: KS2 (morning) and KS1 (afternoon)

Wednesday 9th July – Open Evening 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 10th July - Sports Day Back-Up

Friday 11th July – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 11th July - PTA Disco

Wednesday 23rd July - PTA Tuck Shop and Last Day of Term



Statutory Assessment Tests

Children are assessed in each year of their schooling at Upwood Primary in order to monitor their progress, celebrate achievement and target areas for development.

During the month of May, children in Years 2 and 6 undertake Statutory Assessment Tests, commonly known as 'SATs'. Year 6 testing will be completed during the week beginning 12th May. We would ask Year 6 parents/carers to encourage your child(ren) to:

- have early nights;
- eat a good breakfast before school;
- ensure they have several drinks to bring to school;
- provide them with opportunities to relax after school.

Year 5 will be taught in the hall during this time. Year 2 assessments are spread over a longer period of time, but many are completed during the month of May.

Each and every pupil has given their best effort over the last year, working hard to achieve their best across the curriculum. We hope that every child has the opportunity to shine and reap the rewards of all their hard work.

Open Afternoon

Our annual 'Open Afternoon' will be taking place on Wednesday 9th July, 3.30pm to 4.15pm. This will be an opportunity for all parents/carers and pupils to visit their current class and see children's work from throughout the year. It is also a fantastic chance for the children to visit other classrooms and see the types of tasks and projects that are completed in other year groups. We hope many parents/carers will be able to attend, including new Foundation parents for September 2014.

Annual Reports to Parents/Carers

All annual pupil reports will be sent home with the children on Friday 4th July; please check book bags.

School Trips

The staff have planned many exciting school trips throughout this academic year which support the National Curriculum. These trips would not be able to take place without contributions from parents/carers. The cost of school trips is an actual calculation of the cost on a per child basis; no parents'/carers' contributions fund the excursion for anyone other than their own child. The staff appreciate this support, we do not have enough reserves in our school budget to subsidise a shortfall.

May Day Celebrations

On 1st May, we held our annual May Day festivities, which are meant to celebrate the arrival of finer weather! Unfortunately, due to the amount of rain we received on May Day, the festivities were relocated indoors. Many parents and carers helped to move the chairs, which was much appreciated. This year, Upwood pupils performed 'Dances From Around the World' to family and friends, including dances from India, Ireland and France. Year 6 pupils had the biggest challenge of all – the traditional Maypole Dance! The children always show great enthusiasm for this annual event and we also hope that members of the audience enjoyed the new style of dances shown.

Upwood Small to Tall

Article Written by Mrs Dean

Upwood Small to Tall has started a busy half-term but there are still some vacancies at each of the clubs: pre-school, breakfast and after school. Please feel free to enquire at the School Office and they will gladly pass on your details. Thanks to everyone who supported our Easter fundraiser it was a huge success! The children in all clubs have worked hard to raise funds for some equipment chosen by them. They are now in a position to purchase their new giant construction kit - Well done children, we are very proud of you! Please remember you can call through to us directly now if you would like to book/cancel a space. 01487 802086 or you can email: manager@upwoodsmalltall.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Whitelaw
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. Please come and join us!