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**Upwood School Newsletter  
November 2014**

**Christmas Tickets – Reminder**

The children and staff are working very hard towards the Christmas performances which will involve a Year 6 play and items of entertainment from each class. The dates of the performances are Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December, 6.00pm – 7.00pm; **please note the start time.**

Children are allowed on site from 5.30pm onwards and need to be taken to their key stage entrance; your child only will enter the entrance and will proceed to their classroom where they will be supervised by their class teacher and a member of the support staff. If you are staying for the performance you must have a ticket for the night you are attending. Entrance will be via the main school entrance and doors will open from 5.30pm where two members of staff will be present to collect tickets. Tickets will be sent out to parents/carers the week beginning 2nd December.

All families will be issued with 2 tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance. Unfortunately, we cannot issue more than 2 tickets per family. If there are spare tickets available, an extra ticket will be offered to Year 6 parents/carers as their last Christmas performance. If you plan not to use both tickets, please do not hand your ticket to another family; please return the ticket to the School Office for us to redistribute. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Christmas Fayre**

The Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 6th December, 12pm – 2pm. The PTA will need lots of volunteers to set up, run stalls and tidy away at the end of the Fayre. If you are interested in supporting this special event, please see the PTA Chair, Mrs Cornthwaite. We look forward to seeing as many members of the school community at this special festive event.

**Inset Days**

Please note the school is closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The children return to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.



### **Upwood Small to Tall (Article Written by Mrs Dean)**

Autumnal activities and Christmas will feature heavily in our provision over the coming weeks. The pre-school children will be practising for our Christmas party/performance which takes place on Thursday 18th December in the USTT building. Party day will be on the afternoon of 17<sup>th</sup> December and will include a very special visitor! All pre-school children are invited to these sessions and parents/carers can also stay and join in the celebrations if they wish.

The after school club will also be celebrating with a party on 19<sup>th</sup> December but are currently busy making decorations for a themed tree which will be on display at the village church. The staff and Committee of USTT are looking forward to a busy and exciting time in the run up to Christmas and hope that the children enjoy the coming weeks with us.

There is no registration fee and we welcome ad-hoc users so if you would like to take a few extra hours to go Christmas shopping one evening, please collect a registration form and let us take care of the children for you! We are open until 6pm each day.

### **Certificate Assembly**

The termly Certificate Assembly will be taking place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be chosen from each class for demonstrating each part of the behaviour 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.

### **Adverse Weather Important Information**

The forecast for this winter may include freezing temperatures and snowfall so we need to be prepared for the winter ahead. Local radio stations are again, this year, willing to broadcast information on emergency school closures. The following radio stations will be contacted by the school if we need to close due to heavy snowfall:

**BBC Radio Cambridgeshire,  
Heart 103 and Heart 102.7,  
Star 107 FM Radio.**

Please can all parents/carers listen to one of the radio stations above if bad weather is predicted starting from the first week back after half-term. We have a procedure in place for contacting all members of staff as several members travel long distances to get to Upwood Primary.

### **Spring Term Dates 2015**

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Panto at School – 'Beauty and the Beast'

Week Beginning 2nd March – Bikeability Training

6th March – Non-Uniform Day and PTA disco

10<sup>th</sup> March – Bags 2 Schools Collection

12th March – Parents' Evening 6-8pm

17th March – Parents' Evening 4-6pm

24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Lunch – Parents/Carers welcome

27<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Tuck Shop and Pop and Popcorn Night

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher

### **Christmas Lunch**

Please return reply slips for the **Christmas School Lunch by 17th November** at the latest because food needs to be ordered for delivery by the kitchen staff. Unfortunately, late requests cannot be accommodated.

Thank you.