

Uplands Update



Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

A community that lives, learns and laughs together.

Sept 2017



Dates For Your Diary

**Tuesday 10th and
Wednesday 11th October**
Parent Consultation Evenings

**Monday 16th October -
Friday 20th October**
Autumn Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October
School Open

Y3 Open Classroom Session

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came to visit their child's classroom on September 6th. It was great to meet so many of you and have a chat about school in general and about how your child was settling in at their new school. Due to the success of this we will be repeating this opportunity at the beginning of each academic year for our newly arrived year 3 pupils and parents. Thanks for your continued support.

Term Time Absence

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a huge amount of requests from parents and carers to take their children out of school during term time. It is essential to your child's future that they attend school on a regular basis and time off during term time is only for exceptional circumstances. As a consequence of this parents and carers will no longer be issued with a leave of absence form unless they make an appointment to meet with the Headteacher to discuss the reasons for the request. A more detailed letter will be sent out outlining the impact that taking your child out of school during term time can have on their education.

Building Update

We were busy during the summer holidays updating and upgrading areas within the school. The staff toilets were completely refurbished and we had new carpets fitted to the Y5 classrooms. We will be having a new carpet fitted to the corridor as you enter the school over the coming weeks. We also plan to have more visually stimulating boards displayed around the school, particularly upstairs which looks a little neglected compared with the downstairs corridors.

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory and plays a major role in setting a positive ethos for the school. Please ensure that your child wears their school uniform when attending school.

School Sport

Our school football team have been in action recently winning one game, drawing one and losing one. They still have a lot of fixtures to play and they are training hard each week to make sure they are primed and ready for the next set of games. Well done to the team and thanks to the members of staff who give up their valuable time to allow the children to take part in the league.



New Staff

Five new members of staff have joined us this year and they are making a great contribution to the life of the school. The new members of staff are as follows:

Year 3	Year 4
Miss Kullar	Miss Kaur
Miss Millsop	Miss Walters
	Mr Cronin

I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all a very happy and successful time at our school.

Community Governor

We still have a vacancy for a Community Governor even after several recruitment campaigns. If you know somebody that would be interested in joining our Governing Body in this capacity, then please let me know so I can invite them into school for a chat.

Dates for Your Diary

We will be holding parent consultation evenings on October 10th and 11th. You should have already received a letter asking you to book a slot for one of those days. If you haven't then please contact the school office who will gladly provide you with a letter.

We break up for half term on Friday October 13th. Children return to school on Monday 23rd October.

Punctuality

The punctuality of the children is much improved on this time last year. Well done everybody! We open the school gates at 8.30 and the class teachers are also in class from 8.30 onwards. There are lots of learning opportunities on offer in the classrooms at this time and the children who arrive early are the children who are most settled and ready for learning when registration takes place at 8.50. Don't forget we also run a free breakfast club from 8.00 – 8.20 and all children are welcome.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

School begins at 8:50am but gates and classrooms are open from 8.30am. Please help your child to be punctual.



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