

Upham Newsletter

18 March 2022

Dates For Your Diary

Fri 18 March – 3.30pm
FUS cake sale
Tues 22 March – 3.40-
6pm Parents Evening
Tues 5 April – Year 5
Vocal Festival (arrive
as normal) Afternoon at
Thornden Hall 6.30pm
concert to parents
Thurs 7 April – 4.30-
7.30pm Parents
Evening
Fri 8 Apr – 9am Easter
Service & Last Day
Mon 11-Fri 22 Apr
Easter Holidays
Mon 25 Apr – First Day
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Photo: Hampshire Cricket Club coach with Class 4

A few words from the headteacher...

We enjoyed having a cricket coach visit from Hampshire Cricket Club yesterday. He worked with each class and set up some cricket activities to develop skills required for the game. Everyone enjoyed this, not least because it was such a wonderful sunny day. We try to use specialist sports coaches wherever we can to support delivering specific skill teaching but also because it raises interest for children to get involved and have a go.

E-Safety- Dealing with upsetting content

Attached with the parentmail today is a guide (from www.onlinesafety.com) you may find useful about how to support children if they find upsetting content online. With the terrible situation in Ukraine, news reports often feature some horrible images and children can easily stumble across similar things online.



Sports News

Boys and girls from Class 4 participated in an indoor athletics competition last Friday afternoon. The children competed as a team together with some strong individual performances in some events. Miss Olver was particularly impressed by how well they supported each other, regardless of if they came first or last! Thanks to Miss Olver for organising and to everyone who helped with transport.

Red Nose Day

Many thanks for all of the donations this morning for Red Nose day. We raised £175.00.



Class 1 NSPCC 'Talk Pants'



Class 1 children looked at some of the NSPCC 'Talk Pants' resources this week (and will do so over coming weeks). As part of their RSHE learning about appropriate names of body parts, they talked about the need to keep private areas private. An A4 'Pant-a-saurus' poster of these messages was sent home in book bags today for Class 1 – have a chat with your child about it and see what they can tell you. It's so important that children understand these messages that help to keep them safe.



5 x INSET Days for the year:

- Thursday 2 September
- Monday 1 November
- Tuesday 4 January
- Monday 28 February
- Summer 1 tbc

Communication This Week:

Thurs – C1 & 2 re changes in phonics and home readers
Thurs – Yr6 link to recording of SATs info meeting sent
Fri – Class 1 NSPCC 'Talk Pants' poster

Lent Challenge Stickers – Week 1. Sharing

Each week I will set a challenge for the following weeks during Lent, to try to show an action or attribute, based on a theme. School council have planned the area we will look at, this week we looked at sharing. Most people think this is simple but sharing is more than just cooperating with lots of resources but actively giving something up for someone else. We read the story 'The Bear Who Shared' and realised the bear in the story shared a fruit but got friendship and happiness back! If children

feel that they have met this challenge, they can award themselves a sticker – some will want to wear this, others to collect on a sticker chart which they can choose.



Ukraine Support

I have mentioned on the Newsletter over the last few weeks how we have talked about the Ukraine crisis but not how we might offer charitable help, I know this is something many of you would like to get behind. It's hard to know the best way to offer help, some agencies are already saying they have enough supplies whilst other flag up new problems. We hope to explore this a bit next week with a view to planning something this side of Easter. If you have any thoughts or charitable connections that might help, please let us know.

