

Upham Newsletter

28 January 2022

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 21- Fri 25 Feb – Half Term
 Mon 28 Feb – INSET Closure Day
 Tues 1 March – First Day Back & Pancake Day
 Wed 2 March – Ash Wednesday; 1st Day of Lent
 Thurs 3 March – World Book Day
 Fri 18 March – Red Nose Day
 Fri 8 Apr – 9am Easter Service & Last Day
 Mon 11-Fri 22 Apr Easter Holidays
 Mon 25 Apr – First Day Back



Photo: Outside learning, Class 4 scientific investigations

A few words from the headteacher...

We are so lucky with our outside space at Upham and try to use the grounds for learning as well as active play and sport. On Wednesday in the sunshine, Class 4 conducted a science investigation to explore how well their shoes created frictional forces and therefore grip, on different surfaces. The picture above shows them taking some measurements using force meters. Whilst Class 4 were investigating the Astro-turf surface, Class 1 were also using the benches on the field to make some bird feeders.

E-Safety – How do your children use YouTube?

I receive weekly updates from 'National Online Safety', an organisation who promote resources to help parents promote e-safety. This week's caught my eye – a guide about YouTube. YouTube is one of those generational or, dare I say, age things. I use it as a useful resource to search for specific things, for example it helped me re-plumb a new kitchen sink at home! However, many children use it as entertainment; as something to browse in and follow suggested content, links or popular choices. This has huge potential to link to more dubious or concerning content.

Do you know how your child watches YouTube?

I have attached this guide to the parentmail that accompanies this Newsletter for you to have a look at. For further information, go to their website: www.nationalonlinesafety.com



Communication This Week:

None

Cases & Bubbles Update

The number of new COVID cases has dramatically slowed this week but it is still spreading so bubbles will continue into next week. We have noticed a few families where a sibling has come down with COVID but after a considerable time, such as 5 to 7 days. Please be really vigilant with siblings and consider any illness a possible indicator. I heard a TV doctor say 'A cold is guilty until proved innocent' which I think is a good way to think about it.

The majority of cases or concerns are currently in Class 2 so please be mindful if your child seems unwell.

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