

# Upham Newsletter

18 October 2019

## Dates For Your Diary

*Mondays – Swimming  
for Class 3*

*Fri 18 Oct – 3.30pm FUS  
Cake Sale*

*Tues 22 Oct – 3.40 –  
6pm Parents evenings*

*Fri 25 Oct – INSET day  
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov Half  
Term*

*Wed 6 Nov – School  
nurse Yr6 checks*

*Thurs 7 Nov – am Open  
Morning for prospective  
Year R Sept 2020  
parents*

*Tues 12 Nov – Individual  
School Photos*

*Fri 15 Nov – 3.30pm FUS  
Cake Sale*

*Sat 30 Nov – FUS  
Christmas Fair*

*Mon 2 Dec – Last C3  
swimming session*

*Thurs 12 Dec –  
Christmas Productions  
9.30 Class 1,  
10.45 Class 2,  
2.15 & 6.30 Classes 3&4*

*Fri 20 Dec – (Last Day)  
1.45pm Christmas  
Service, then home*

## Letters This Week:

*Thurs – Year 6 School  
Nurse letters*

*Fri – Year R School  
Nurse letters*



Photo: Class 1 enjoying a 'Yoga taster' session – here they are roaring lions!



## A few words from the headteacher ...

The wet weather has had an interesting effect this week, it has promoted growth of lots of mushrooms. In such a rural location, the changing ecology across the year is so visible to the children here and something we actively promote. In assembly, I talked to the children about being safe – avoiding touching potentially poisonous fungi but admiring their beauty and respecting and protecting this interesting life form. Yesterday at playtime, children were amazed at a huge growth of large parasol mushrooms in our den building area!



## Useful Guide – Does Your Child Play 'Fortnite'?

Attached to the email that sent this Newsletter, is an updated guide to the 'Fortnite' game for parents to help understand the safety implications. This, and many other, game guides are really useful and can be accessed free of charge from [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) and will explain to parents the implications of common games children access. Many have quite serious safety concerns which is why I have sent this guide out – the game itself is recommended to be played only by aged 13+ so none of our children should really be using it. Please also see the e-safety tab on our website to find out more.



## Yoga-Club taster for Class 1

As you may know, we have an after-school Yoga club which many of our youngest children enjoy. Now Class 1 children are starting to do full days, this might be a club they might like to attend. The teacher (who is also a qualified and experienced Year R teacher), Catherine Goodall, gave Class 1 children a taster session yesterday so they know what this is about (see header photo). If they might like to attend, they should have brought home an information letter yesterday, alternatively ask Mr Woolley for further information.

## Reminder Class 1

A reminder that Mrs Mason is holding a meeting for Class 1 parents at drop-off on Monday from 9am, if you are able to attend.

## Sports News

On Tuesday after school, children from Class 3 took part in a cross country tournament on a particularly wet and muddy course! They did really well to keep going and complete the course. Thanks to Mrs Bird for taking them and to all those parents who helped with transport.

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## Meet Our New School Councillors

Children have been voting in classes this week and have elected their new representatives for this academic year:  
Class 4: Cerys, Zac G-C, Ivy & Ben M  
Class 3: Rosie, Connor, Maia & Maddox  
Class 2: Eliza, Rufus, Joseph G & Hector  
Class 1: Nicole & Hugo

## Reminder

A reminder that next Friday is a school INSET closure day. A newsletter will be sent on Thursday.

## FUS – Christmas Cards

Just some warning that all children have produced their own design for a printed Christmas card order which FUS have organised. In a few weeks proofs will be sent home for you to order, if you would like.

## Welcome to our new Admin Officer

Many of you will already have met Sarah Bettridge in the office who is our new Admin Officer. Her hours are 8.30am-4.30pm so is the most likely person you will meet as you drop-off or collect. We are gradually bringing her up to speed with all of our systems but she will take a while to get to know everyone!

## Thanks to Mrs Armstrong

Thanks to Mrs Armstrong for helping Class 4 with their learning in RE about Islam by sharing her experiences with them.

## ..And thanks from Mrs Armstrong

Thanks to FUS for providing popcorn and drinks for the Film night a couple of weeks ago. We managed to raise £175 for 'Mind'.  
Sophie Armstrong



## Class 4 – learning about food sustainability



Class 4 have been learning about food in their 'Great Upham Bake Off' topic. This has involved plenty of cooking but also learning about food production, sourcing, transport and sustainability. To support this, Class 4 had a visitor on Wednesday called Davina who is promoting sustainable fishing. She brought with her a wide variety of fish and talked to the children about how they are caught and how sustainable this is. Many, such as the gurnard, were quite unfamiliar. She also got the children to shell large prawns to understand the realities of food production (see photo). Lots of strong, experiential learning!