



**Upham CE (Aided)  
Primary School**

**Friday 13 March**

Photos: Children at Thornden Theatre yesterday

YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6

Yesterday, children from Badgers class took part in a vocal festival with the other cluster schools, culminating in a concert to parents at Thornden Hall Theatre. The children sang amazing songs, all based around a theme of 'strength and courage'. This opportunity was initially offered to all Year 5s; giving the same opportunities to all being a key principle for our curriculum design, with spaces being made up by some Year 6s, especially those who missed out last year with illness. The experience of singing in a large choir is something we can't replicate here so a really important piece of musical learning – and they worked with musician and vocal coach Becky Griffin and a live backing band. The children have been learning the songs throughout the term with Mrs Miller and Mrs Ford who both accompanied the children and gave up their evenings to support them. This is a great example of how as staff we are committed to offering both sporting and arts experiences for all our children.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Mon**
- Thurs 19 March** – 4.30pm-7.30pm Parents Evening
- Wed 25 March** – 3pm Hedgehogs Listen2Me concert
- Fri 27 March** - 9am Easter Service, drop-off at Blessed Mary Church
- Fri 27 March** – pm FUS Easter Egg Hunt (timings nearer time)
- Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April** Easter Holidays
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April** – First Day Back of Summer Term

**Red Nose Day – Next Friday!**

It is Red Nose day next Friday so we'd like to support this charity. Children can wear their own clothes – something red and / or funny works! If children would like to do this a small donation would be gratefully received.

Of course they are also welcome to wear merchandise and red noses – these can be bought online from the red nose website, order by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to get delivered in time.



INSET Day left for 25/26  
• Fri 22 May

**New Community Library in Upham!**

Welcome to Upham Little Library! A new community Little Library is now open in the Church of The Blessed Mary, Upham. Everyone is welcome and can visit any time. There are both adults, young children and older children's books available to borrow.

The books will be regularly restocked and rotated to ensure there is always a plentiful and varied supply to choose from. The library will eventually feature recommendations and reviews, books around themes and book-related treats for children.

We have set up a Upham Little Library Facebook page for comments and to provide updates. If you have any questions, please contact us via our Facebook page or email [kate.bfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.bfc@hotmail.co.uk). Kate Dalton and Diana Fennell, Upham Little Library Stewards.

**Challenges for Lent**

The Lent Challenge for this week has been to be more generous – with time, thoughtful actions, giving more of yourself. Of course this theme also fits in with Mother's day at the weekend. Here is this week's sticker which your child might have awarded themselves with:



**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

**Tues** – Country dancing letter to Y1-Y6 parents, sign up on Arbor

**Emails:**

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### **Sports News**

You may remember a few weeks ago I described a Year 5/6 Netball tournament which we did rather well in. As a result, we qualified to a next stage, area tournament. The strongest schools from the Swanmore, Hedge End, West End, Hamble, Fair Oak and Burseldon areas all took part. Our team of 9 girls and boys did extremely well and matches were very close. We won games against Freegrounds, Wellstead, Fair Oak and Droxford and narrowly lost to St James and Botley. This meant we were placed an incredible 4<sup>th</sup> overall! We were by far the only small school there, most of the others having multi-class cohorts. This is an amazing achievement! More importantly, the children really enjoyed themselves and were polite and caring throughout – even mid game stopping to help an opposition knocked over!

Thanks to Mrs Miller who accompanied the children and made sure the children had this opportunity. Thanks to everyone who helped out with transport.

### **Mothering Sunday Service**

You might be interested in the Mothering Sunday Service at Blessed Mary this Sunday at 11am – an all-age service with posies for children to collect to give to mums/ dads/ grandparents/ carers.