



Photos: Snowdrops starting to appear around school

**Upham CE (Aided)
Primary School**

Friday 30 January



YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6

We started using our new iPads this week. They were delivered a while ago and our IT provider has completed the system set-up required and fitted all the protective cases. Some classes have started to use them over the last few days and everyone else is likely to next week. We have gone for full sized iPads rather than minis so that the screen size is bigger and clearer. Thanks again to FUS for all of their fundraising last and this academic year to raise these funds – and of course to everyone who has supported the events!

Don't Forget
A reminder to parents of **Year 5** children involved in the **Vocal Festival** that tickets go on sale on Monday 2nd via Thornden Hall only

Year 6

What a fabulous start to the term Year 6 children have made. They have been attending SATs club which is where we start to help them understand the skills of completing tests as a sensible step to help them feel confident for when they take their SATs tests in May. They have all demonstrated the best learning attitudes; being really focussed, offering lots of responses and positively engaging in everything. We are so proud of how hard they are working already so we wanted to share with you!

Dates for your Diary:

- Mon 2 Feb** – Tickets release for Yr 5 vocal festival
- Tues 10 Feb** – Yr R and 6 Height, weight and vision checks for those not opted out
- Fri 13 Feb** – PM playtime FUS pancakes
- Mon 16 – Fri 20 Half Term**
- Mon 23 Feb** – INSET Closure Day



INSET Days left for 25/26

- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

Reminder – Mortimer's Lane from Monday

A reminder that planned works for Mortimer's Lane are due to start on Monday 2nd February.

The steep hill section between Knowle Lane and Fair Oak will be affected – the plan is to close the carriageway so that access is only from Fair Oak towards Lower Upham. To go the other way you will need to go via Fisher's Pond or Durley.

This will of course cause many of you, staff included, inconvenience and extra time. My main concern is that lots of other traffic will start to divert up Upham Street as a cut through. We had a taste of this on Tuesday after school when the congestion was partly caused by a particularly belligerent 'stranger' who just refused to move. We may all need a little more patience and need to be a little more mindful of time and keeping speeds low rather than rushing!

Lots of you have mentioned my 'keeping passing places clear' guidance map last week which seems to have been helpful – thanks to those of you who have acted upon this. Please could you ensure grandparents and other family who collect also know as they wouldn't have received the newsletter!

Check you haven't missed these communications this week:

Mon 26 – Yr R & 6 reminder email re NHS Health reviews

Mon 26 – Yr 5 Bikeability email with parent consent required

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