



# March Newsletter

*Upton Primary School Spring Term 2– March 2024*

This year seems to be flying by but we have been busy and the children are working hard and making good progress. We have been working hard to raise the profile of reading for pleasure in school and our World Book Day ideas reflect that, I do hope that you can join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 pm to share a story with your child or children. We have chosen not to dress up as book characters as although fun, it can be expensive and often distracts from the focus of the day which is reading for fun and to learn new things.



Reading continues to go well in school and children are making progress, however, we can see that some children have fallen back a little bit, where this has happened we are putting extra support in at school but it is essential that you spend 5 to 10 minutes per night listening to your child read, we know that it really helps your child to make faster progress, particularly with their fluency. Even if your child is reading longer books and likes to read independently, that 5 or 10 minutes to read together and talk about the book will improve their comprehension and vocabulary.

We will be having a parents' evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March where you can look at books and discuss your child's progress but as always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Our Parent Teacher Association are busy working on our Easter events and you have had a letter about this, if you have any time and would like to join the PTA, please contact one of our learning mentors to see when the next meeting is.

Mr Hamilton has been working hard updating our website and making it easier to navigate. We are adding more information about what your children are learning each half term and what our curriculum journey looks like as your children move from foundation stage to Year 6. If you feel that there is something in particular that you would like to have on our website, please don't hesitate to let us know.



We had an amazing afternoon and evening at Sheffield Arena on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February we took 49 children which was the highest number yet and we had a lovely time! The children represented school beautifully and as always, stood out as the most well behaved, well prepared choir in our section. Comments from other adults and schools were so positive. A huge thank you to parents for supporting and attending the concert and a huge thank you to all of the staff who worked hard to prepare for the event and gave up their Friday evening to ensure it could go ahead.

Please look carefully at the calendar which is with this letter, and is also on the website if you have any issues with SchoolPing. We are trying hard to cut down costs for paper and our impact on the environment so we use SchoolPing as our main communication. Please get in touch with the office if you are unable to access newsletters etc and they will support you to get ping on your phones/devices



*Liane Williams*

## Message from the Governors

At Upton primary school you have a wonderful school building which is an ideal learning environment, this is further enhanced by a team of dedicated professional teaching and support staff who are committed to your child's education. Please do take advantage of this and send your child to school regularly, it will enhance your child's learning and improve the school attendance figures.

## Learning Mentors' Telephone numbers

Our Family mentor, Mrs Chadwick is available to support you with family matters and both Ms Shipley and Mrs Farmer are available if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or general well-being.

**Mrs Chadwick: 07393761062 Mrs Farmer: 07771387187 Ms Knowles: 07393761069**

# Upton Primary School - Events Calendar Spring Term



DATE	EVENT	TIME/NOTES
07.03.24	World Book Day	Children to bring pyjamas to school.
08.03.24	INSET day	School Closed to all children
13.03.24	Year 4 Murton Park	Please return the reply slip
13.03.24	Parents' Evening	Appointments available on SchoolPing
14.03.24	Year 1 Phonics INSPIRE	For parents who were unable to attend the last one.
15.03.24	Science Day	More information to follow
19.03.24	Easter Disco	UF/KS1 3:10pm– 4:15pm KS2 4:30pm– 5:45pm Tickets- £2 (available from the school office)
25.03.24 -05.04.24	Easter Half Term	All children to return on 08.04.24

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/24

Bank Holiday

Holidays

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