

**Newsletter No. 4**

**27th September 2019**



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## Attendance

We were thrilled with our final attendance figures last year and are keen to build on that this year. We were above national average across the board and had also seen improvements on our figures from 2017-2018. This year we will be rewarding 100% attendance on a term by term basis, with children who have achieved this receiving a small reward at the beginning of the following term. If a child has had time off for whatever reason, this will still obviously be included in their reportable absence figure, but will not stop them from achieving the 100% during following terms and therefore receiving the reward. We will also celebrate the class with the best attendance each week in celebration assembly.

Our Pastoral team will continue to apply our Pupil Attendance Policy (available on our school website) and letters will be sent to inform you if your child's attendance has dropped below 96% - we appreciate that children get ill and clearly don't want you to send them in if they are poorly, however it is still important that we make you aware of the impact of this on their attendance figure.

We hope that we can all work together on this to ensure everyone is in school every day and on-time!

## Dates

### October

**2nd** 6GD Class Assembly 9am

**4th** Harvest Celebration Assembly followed by Family Harvest Workshops in Y1&2

**8th-11th** Y6 Kingswood Residential

**16th** 5BM Class Assembly 9am

**22nd** Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

**23rd** 6TG Class Assembly 9am

**23rd** Parents Evening 4-6.30pm

**25th** End of Term

## Attendance

2MM	99.33%
1LA	98.62%
3GH	98.52%
2SB	97.96%
5BM	96.9%
5AS	96.75%
1LB	95%
6TG	94.63%
4PW	93.57%
3JC	93.57%
4CS	89.29%
6TG	88.16%

## Book Author Visit

We are pleased to be hosting an author visit on Monday 7th October. Ralph Timberlake will be talking about his book *Blast Off to the Moon!* If you would like to buy a signed copy, please return the order form with payment by Wednesday 3rd October.



## Young Voices 2020

This year we will be taking part in a massed choir event called Young Voices in Birmingham on 21st January 2020. **This will replace the trip to Voice in a Million that we have done in previous years.**

If your child is in Year 4,5,6 and would be interested in taking part please contact the school office or Miss Cullingford.



## Superstars

A huge well done to all the children who have worked so hard and shown lots of our school values his week.



## Good Work Awards

The children have produced some fabulous work this week and were rewarded for their super effort in maths, phonics, descriptive writing, amazing art, super homework and full commitment to First Aid training.



## Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

The Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team competed in their first tournament on Wednesday, in the Northampton School Sport Partnership Tag Event, held at Franklins Gardens. Only losing and drawing two of their matches, they finished an outstanding third place overall in their group, unfortunately not progressing to the next round. But this did not dampen their spirits as they had a fantastic time and even got to meet first team Saints player, Samson Ma'asi!



## Year 5 Rainforest Trip

The children had a great time and the centre staff were impressed with their knowledge of rainforests. They learnt about some fantastic rainforest plants and saw some rainforest animals. Unfortunately, the two toed sloth was being rather shy and was not spotted by any of us!



## School Council

We had our first School Council meeting this week and have already started putting together some wonderful ideas for this year!



## Harvest Donations

Please remember your harvest donations next week!



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## Ralph Timberlake from the British Interplanetary Society is coming to Upton Meadows Primary School

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Ralph's book *Blast Off to the Moon!* is packed with exclusive documents and pictures from the original moon landings from the NASA and BIS archives.

Ralph will be talking about the amazing first moon missions and many interesting space facts. What do astronauts eat in space? How do they go to the loo? What happens when things go wrong?

To ensure that you get a signed copy of the book please pre-order below and return to the school office by Wednesday 3rd October 2019.

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