

Newsletter No. 16
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Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week—our attendance has been much better with THREE classes ending the week on 100%, after the whole school being hit by a series of nasty bugs at the end of the Christmas term.

In assembly on Monday we looked at some pictures of different doors and talked about how sometimes we know what is behind a door and sometimes we're not sure—we reflected on what might be behind the 2020 door for each of us as the start of new decade certainly seems to be a good opportunity to think about personal targets and goals. We have lots of exciting things planned at school and look forward to seeing what the year has in store!

Please remember to follow your children's class Twitter account (see overleaf) so you can follow what we are up to!

Dates

15th—School nurses Y6 height and weight

16th—4CS First Access Brass Project starts

21st—Young Voices at LG Arena, Birmingham

29th—3GH Class Assembly

29th—Parent Drop-In 5.30pm

30th—Parent Drop-In 9am

Parent Survey

Back in October, we asked you to complete our annual parental survey. Having spent some time analysing the results of this, I would like to invite you to let us know what you would like from us in terms of keeping you informed about your child's progress throughout the school year.

Every school has a slightly different approach to how they do this and we are really interested to hear your views as it is an area we would like to improve following your feedback.

We currently offer the following:

September Update Meeting—myself and other Senior Leaders in the school presented a short series of key updates for this academic year

October—parents evening with the class teacher primarily to discuss settling in/any initial issues

January—Reception parents sessions for key updates

March—a second parents evening to provide more in depth discussion around progress

July—formal annual written report

A constant 'open door' policy to speak to both myself and class teachers

Termly review meetings with Mrs York for those children on our SEND register

In order to get your views, I will be holding informal parent drop-in sessions at the following times:

Wednesday 29th January at 5.30pm

Thursday 30th January at 9am

Alternatively, please email the office or send me a note to let me know your thoughts.

Attendance

5BM	100%
1LA	100%
2SB	100%
RLB	99.5%
6TG	99.2%
RKB	99.1%
4PW	99.1%
6GD	98.2%
2MM	96.7%
3JC	96.4%
3GH	96.1%
1LB	96%
4CS	95.7%
5AS	93.8%

Superstars

Well done to our first superstars of 2020—what a great way to start the new year!



Good Work Awards

We had some great work this morning—mainly in maths and writing, with some wonderful descriptive pieces.



Bronze Awards

Well done to these children, who managed to get to their 100 dojos this week and became our first bronze award winners of the new term!



Valuable Items

Lots of children have returned after the Christmas break with smart watches. We think this is great and are fully supportive of children being more aware of their activity levels and fitness. However, please be reminded that all valuables in school are brought in at your own risk and we can't be held responsible for any items that are damaged or go missing.

P.E. Kits

It is essential that ALL children have both their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school every day please.

School Twitter Accounts

Please make sure you are following your children's class accounts along with the other school accounts to help you keep up to date with all that we are doing—@UptonMeadows; @Searing_Upton; @uptonlibrary; @UptonPEandSport; @uptonthehive

Miss Bailey @uptonclassRLB

Mrs Kenyon-Bell@UptonclassRKB

Mrs Beshiri @uptonclass1LB

Miss Ash @uptonclass1LA

Mrs Mellett @uptonclass2MM

Mrs Barringham/Mrs Seymour @uptonclass2SB

Miss Hunt @uptonclass3GH

Miss Cullingford @UptonClass3JC

Mrs Palmer/Miss Whitlock @uptonclass4PW

Miss Stockwin @uptonclass4CS

Mrs Austin/Mrs Skiplorne @uptonclass5AS

Mr Moylan @uptonclass5BM

Mr Griffiths @uptonclass6TG

Miss Duffy @uptonclass6GD