

Uplands Update



Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

A community that lives, learns and laughs together.

Nov 2017



Dates For Your Diary

**Tuesday 19th December
11.00-12.00**

Green Dot Raffle at the Highfields Community Centre

**Thursday 21st December-
Monday 8th January 2018**

Christmas & New Year Holiday

Tuesday 9th January 2018
School Open

Term Time Holiday Requests Hit a Record High

We have had an incredible 25 requests from families to take their children out of school during term time both before and after the Christmas holiday. This totals 270 days all together, although some of those days will be during the Christmas holiday period. This is a staggering amount of requests and will impact greatly on the education of the children and the school's attendance records. Children are required to be in school for 190 days each year which gives parents and carers ample time to take their children on holiday out of term time.

Please support the education of your children and the school by not taking your children out of school during term time. Please be aware that if you do so you could be subject to a fixed penalty notice of £60 per parent per child. The greatest gift you can give your child outside of your love is an education! Thanks in anticipation of your support in improving our attendance in school.

Rock Steady Visit Uplands Junior LEAD Academy

The Rock Steady Music School visited us on Wednesday 28th November for a demonstration of how they inspire children to create their own rock bands in school. The children had a fantastic time and even the staff got involved with singing and playing some of the instruments. They would like to work with the school to develop music further by setting up rock bands for the children whose parents are prepared to pay for the lessons. Look out for more information coming out soon that will signpost you to getting involved with this exciting initiative.



Ant-Bullying Week

The week beginning the 13th November was National Anti-Bullying week. The school provided all the children with an Anti-Bullying wristband that highlighted the theme for this year which was 'Help Stop Bullying and Choose Kindness'.

Mrs Gatherum delivered an Anti-Bullying assembly to all the children and she was supported by the children who are part of the school's Safeguarding Team. Well done to everybody!

School Council Survey and Update

This half term the school council conducted a survey based on school dinners.

The children were asked what they thought of their meals on a particular day. Out of the 176 that took part in the survey, 67 said they were happy with their meal, 72 were neither happy nor unhappy, and 37 were unhappy. The top three favourite meals were: pizza, fish and cheese flan. Some suggestions for meals were samosas, tacos, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, soup, Yorkshire puddings, and wraps. Overall, it was a very positive survey!

Next term, the School Council will be taking part in something very exciting. They will be helping package food for the Food Bank at the Highfields Community Centre. We, as a school, will also be doing a collection of food items which will be donated to the centre. More information on this to follow soon.



Health & Safety Tour

The new Safeguarding Team recently met to carry out a health and safety tour of the school. They toured the school and Mr walker pointed out things that are in place to make sure we are safe in school. We were very impressed with their general knowledge about health and safety in school. We plan to follow up the tour with a short assembly that the children will deliver to the upper and lower school children to make them aware of health and safety issues in school. The Safeguarding Team is made up of five members of staff and one pupil from each year group.

Attendance Leader board For November

Class	Attendance (%)
4TW	98.7
3LM	98.6
4MC	98.6
6YA	98.4
4AK	98.3
3SK	98.2
3ZA	97.7
5AP	97.7
6CR	97.7
5KC	97.7
3IM	97.6
4MM	97.5
5SR	97.4
6BM	96.8
6RG	95.9
5LG	95.8

WELL DONE 4TW!



**ARRIVING 5 MINUTES
LATE EVERY DAY
ADDS UP TO OVER
3 DAYS LOST
EACH YEAR!**