NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled well after half term and are enjoying their new history topics as part of 'My Place, My Time '. In Owls, the children have been working hard on their 'Talk for Writing' and have engaged in some fantastic storytelling. Autumn has been a key for Happy Hares. Swifts have been enjoying *The Day the Crayons Quit* and Falcons have been creating some very persuasive letters to help alleviate flooding in Upper Arley.



Thank you so much to those who have donated shoeboxes, they will certainly brighten up a child's life at Christmas. We are happy to collect any late ones, just send into school and Miss Lewis will send them on.



Our apples have been pressed into juice and will be available soon to buy. The children are going to design their own labels for the bottles. More details to follow soon.

Just recently, our KS2 children participated in Cross Country. Our U10 girls came first out of 14 small schools and our Year 6 boys came 4th. What an amazing achievement! Well done KS2!

Reading is a huge priority area for us at Upper Arley. Reading is such an important subject area and a tool that aids all areas of the curriculum. Please read with your child every day or at least three times a week. Feel free to write a few notes in your child's home/school book. We are introducing reading challenges in each class as an extra incentive. If you have any worries or need any support or advice regarding reading with your child at home, do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the senior Leadership Team.

Good attendance and punctuality is another key to success and we have a working party of Attendance Officers across the Trust analysing attendance data and updating our new policies and procedures for monitoring attendance across the school. We will be liaising with the Education Welfare Team in the Local Authority and introducing Attendance Support Plans for children with falling and poor attendance. Good attendance impacts positively on a child's emotional and social wellbeing as well as their academic progress. Please support us with improving our attendance at Upper Arley.

Please remember to send in a warm PE kit for your child, with the changing weather and remind them to wear their lovely warm Upper Arley coats, which look so smart.

This a short newsletter this time around to enable us to get some important dates out to you, so that you can put the dates in your diary. You will notice that we have booked the pantomime Aladdin at The Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for the whole school. School have paid for the tickets and The Friends are picking up the cost of the coach, so we shall have a real treat just before Christmas.

Kind regards

Louise Low

Mrs Louise Low
Headteacher



Important Dates for your Diary

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church 10.45am

Wednesday 16th November: Swifts Visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Wednesday 16th November: Reception/Nursery Open Morning

Please book: 01299 861260 office@upperarleycofeschool.org

Friday 25th November: Non-uniform day, bring in a bottle

Tuesday 29th November: Flu vaccine R -Yr6

Wednesday 30th November: Reception/Nursery Open Morning

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Friday 2nd December: Non-uniform day, bring in chocolate

Monday 12th December: Dress rehearsal for school play 9.30-11.30am

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Tuesday 13th December: School Play 9.30am

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Wednesday 14th December: Small group singing at the Arboretum

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 15th December: Christmas jumper day

Thursday 15th December: Christmas dinner

Thursday 15th December: Pantomime

Friday 16th December: Church Service at St Peter's

Friday 16th December: Christmas Party Day



Wednesday 7th December: Bewdley Museum – Owls and Happy Hares
This trip is waiting to be confirmed, so don't add the date yet!