

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break. As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to welcome you all back to our school community. The start of a new school year is always a time filled with excitement, anticipation, and endless possibilities.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us this year. We are thrilled to have you as part of our school family.

This year, our whole school theme is trees and the children have been busy creative collaborative pieces of artwork and thinking about why trees are so important. There are so many links with learning and our school values. This term we will also be focusing on the value of hope.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and awards this week.
Well done Chew House for winning the most house points this week.



Diary Dates

Term 1

28th September – individual photographs (pre-school siblings if wanted)

9th October – Open day

20th October – INSET day

2nd November – Fox Class to Wells Festival

17th November – INSET day

22nd November 2023 – Flu immunisations, all classes (further info will follow)

30th October - swimming for years 3 & 4 (7 weeks)

7th December – whole school to pantomime

24th – 28th June 2024 – Years 5 & 6 to residential camp (Kilve Court)

Children in Otter Class will be having swimming lessons on 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November and 4th and 11th of December (further information to follow)

Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on Monday 9th October to welcome any prospective parents who would like to look round. Please spread the word to any family or friends who will be looking at schools for their children to start next September. Drop-in sessions are 10am until 11am and 1pm until 2pm. We always welcome visits on other days if this date is inconvenient, please contact the school office to arrange.



Clubs

Club information has been sent out this week, please email the school office to request a place.

Numbers are low for choir, football and gardening, there are minimum numbers needed for the club to run.

Safeguarding Children

If any parent or carer is concerned about a child's welfare or wellbeing, please contact Mr Harvey or Mrs Brown, who are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders.

Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

Please follow this link for the attendance policy

<https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf>

Term Dates	Academic Year 2023-24
Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024 – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

Reminders

Please ensure that whilst we have very hot weather your child comes to school with a sun hat/cap, water bottle and that you have applied sun screen.

Please can you name all your child's items of clothing, lunch box and water bottle, it is easier to find the owner when misplaced!