

School News – Friday 6th September 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the long summer break. The children have all come back to school well rested and full of enthusiasm. There has been a wonderful atmosphere in school this week as the children settle into their new classes. Friendships have been rekindled and new topics have sparked the children's excitement for their learning. I am really looking forward to a fantastic term of learning!

I am starting the term off with a few reminders and some school admin. Please take the time to read through as there are some very important messages that help the school day run smoothly for everyone.

Best wishes

J. Exton

Mrs J. Exton

Office Opening Hours

The school office is open from 8.45 – 12.15 and from 1.15 – 4.00 every day. You can always leave a message on our answerphone or email if you need to contact us outside of these hours.

Start of school

Please remember that school starts at 9am. We wish children to be prompt for the start of the day but please do not arrive at school any earlier than 8.45am. If it is particularly wet we may open the doors early at 8.50am but this is dependent on availability of staff in classrooms.



Coats

At the moment the weather is lovely and warm, but it will be getting colder and I am sure much wetter! Please make sure your child has a warm and waterproof coat for the winter. We aim to get the children out whatever the weather at playtimes and lunchtimes and they need to be appropriately dressed to ensure that they enjoy their time outside!

Reporting Absence

If your child is poorly and going to be absent from school please make sure you let the school office know before 9.30. We need to know the reason for absence, such as sickness, as we have to record why children are absent from school. You can email uppinghamoffice@rltschools.com or phone. If it is before 8.45 you can leave a message on the answer phone. If you do not let us know we will begin our safeguarding procedures to ensure that your child is safe and well.



Class Dojo

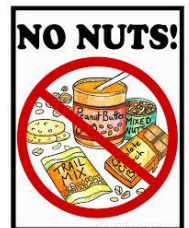


Class Dojo is a great way for us to share the exciting activities that take place during the school day and for you to share your comments. Over the weekend please can you check that your log in still works and you can see you child in the correct class! This will ensure you receive the correct information.

If you have a concern or a query regarding your child please can you speak directly to the class teacher in the morning or after school or contact the school office in person or by email.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school as we have a number of children with serious allergies requiring EpiPens. If you are sending food into school please check the packaging carefully.



Tuck Shop

Every Friday we run a Tuck Shop at morning break time. A selection of health snacks e.g. dried fruit, fruit bars, rice cakes and breadsticks are available to purchase for a small charge of 10p or 20p. If you wish your child to buy a snack then please send them in with the correct amount of money.

Water Bottles

Every child must bring a water bottle to school every day. Children have access to their water bottles during the day because keeping hydrated is really important for learning. If you do not have water bottle to send them to school with then please send them in with £1 and they can buy one from the school office, we'll even put their name on it!



Parking around school

As we all arrive and leave school we wish everyone to be able to do this in a safe way. If you do have to drive to school, then please ensure you park in a considerate place that is safe and not blocking anyones driveway and dropped kerbs. It is an offence to park across dropped kerbs and we will be working with the local police and our community to ensure the safety of the roads around our school.

CLUBS and MUSIC LESSONS

After School Club

We are very lucky to have wrap around care at school and in the mornings and after school the children have lots of activities to keep them busy and relax. If you are interested in booking your child in then please contact Andrea Dean, Manager, on 01572 821879 or steppingstonesoffice@uppingham.rutland.sch.uk

Lego Club

Keep an eye out for a new club starting on Saturday 14th September in the afternoon. We have lots of Lego sets available for children and adults to build together. More details will be sent home in a flyer soon!

After School Clubs

We are delighted to welcome Jess back to our school. She is an experienced Dance teacher, specialising in Street Dance, who has great skills engaging the children and creating fun and enthusiastic dances. She will be teaching in school on Wednesday afternoons and will be running a new Dance Club after school.

Please note that Football Club is now delivered by Premier Sport. Please complete the form below but you must also book and pay direct to Premier via their website www.premier-education.com

Please complete the form for all clubs that you wish your child to attend. Payment must be made promptly otherwise your place will be at risk.

Club	Day and Time	Provider	Cost	Club begins
KS1 Football Club	Monday 3.35 – 4.30	Premier Sport	Details online	Monday 9 th September
(Y4,5,6) Dodgeball	Tuesday 3.35 – 4.30	Mr Heyworth	FREE	Tuesday 24 th September
Dance	Wednesday 3.35 – 4.30	Jess from the Core Dance Company	FREE FIRST SESSION	Wednesday 11 th September come and try Dance Club for a free first session.
KS2 Football Club	Thursday 3.35 – 4.30	Premier Sport	Details online	Wednesday 12 th September
Eco Club – find out more about caring for our planet through Eco crafts!	Tuesday 3.35 – 4.30	Miss Hickman	FREE	Tuesday 17 th September

Lunchtime Clubs – begin week beginning 16th September

The following clubs will take place at lunchtime. To join one of the clubs please return the attached slip. Numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If your child is successful then a letter will be sent home confirming their place.

Club	Open for ...	Day	Staff
Comic Club – come and read comics or create your own!	KS1 and KS2	Monday	Mrs Wright
Calm Club – quiet activities to relax and unwind	Everyone	Wednesday	Mrs Keegan
Reading Café – come and find a great book	Everyone	Thursday	Mrs Adams
Puzzle Club – a variety of puzzles to make you think	Everyone	Friday	Mrs Gilchrist

Music lessons

We have the following music lessons available from peripatetic music teachers who come to school and deliver music lessons during school time.

Instrument	Provider	Cost	Contact
Saxophone	Miss Elaine Jones	£10 for 15 minutes £15 for 20 minutes	07531 290321 missjonesmusic@mail.com Miss Jones is happy to have joint lessons if two friends want to share – would have to be a 20 min lesson
Recorder (Y3-Y6)	Mr Smart	£30 for 10 lessons	Book through school
Rock Band	Rocksteady	£31.25 per month	Online booking @ www.rocksteadymusic.com

Return slip – Clubs

Once your child's application has been processed the facility to pay online will be set up for you (recorder and dance lessons only)

All children will receive a letter confirming their place at a club if they are on the register. If clubs are oversubscribed we will keep a waiting list.

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