

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to those parents that attended the 'Meet the School' event yesterday evening. We received some fantastic feedback and will endeavour to put in place the suggestions made to continue to improve the school. One of the items discussed was communication and the parents were informed that as of today the school will be trialling a fortnightly newsletter. The main communication stream will continue to be text messages.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Please find attached the latest school attendance information for parents and carers. The leaflet that explains the GCC's attendance approach. This is in line with the national drive to improve school attendance, please ensure that your child/ren attend school regularly.

Thank you

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/fkchhrh4/gcc-attendance-leaflet-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

UPLANDS PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be taking place next
Thursday 26th September at 4:00pm
in school.

We hope you can all join us to look at
the year ahead and agree some
activities and dates for fundraising.
Thank you for your support.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an Administration Assistant working in the school office Monday-Tuesday mornings, term time only. For further information and an application form, please visit the school website:

www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk

Thank you.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATION

We would like to say a huge thank you to Stuart Dunn, a local resident that has very kindly donated lots of sports equipment to Uplands School. This will make a huge impact on the sports lessons provided by staff.

**UPLANDS SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS...
UPLANDS AUTUMN
NATURE TRAIL into
HAWKWOOD**

Maps From Uplands Primary School
Saturday 12th October
10am - 2pm
Exploring British wildlife in
the beautiful setting of
Hawkwood



BBQ* & Refreshments
*Weather dependant
Unsuitable for
wheelchairs/pushchairs

INFORMATION

Please can we remind everyone to visit the Blogging link under the children section on our school website to find out what your child has been learning and for important dates, please remember to visit the school website, News and Events/calendar.

Thank you.

NoSH FOOD DONATION BIN

During the autumn term, we will be hosting a NoSH food donation bin. The bin is located by the front door and they accept donations of cans, and non-perishable items.

For more information see link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/NoSHStroud>

Thank you!



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NOSHSTROUD
NOSHSTROUD@GMAIL.COM
07947 207077

Harvest Collection



WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD. WE RECOMMEND SAUCES, SOUPS, BEANS, HONEY, PASTA, FLOUR, LONG LIFE MILK AND NOODLES. TINNED MEATS AND PROTEINS ARE ALSO VERY HELPFUL.

STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT

During today's assembly we celebrated the children's exceptional learning and they were presented with a Star Award that will be a reminder of their achievement.

This week's winners are:

Owls: Oto, Rowan

Kestrels: Indy, Andriana,

Eagles: Vinnie, Freddie



Congratulations Everyone!
Keep Up the Good Work!

A RECORD NUMBER OF PUPILS IDENTIFIED FOR DISPLAYING THE CORE VALUES OF THE SCHOOL – COMMUNITY, UNIQUENESS AND KINDNESS

Well Done Everyone!

Atti, Rafe, Minnie, Izzy, Freddie, Emilia, Max, Poppy, Jack, Tiggi, Ophelia, Isaac, Ted, Dylan, Alfie B, Aubrey, Jasmine-Rose, Maggie, Jayden, Indy, Shana, Letty, Maud, Lily J, Phoebe K, Andriana, James, Aidan Max M.



CONGRATULATIONS!

*The Attendance Cup for this week is awarded to
Merlins.*



Team Points awarded to Folly.

Congratulations Everyone!

HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!



Yours sincerely,

JPowell

Mr James Powell
Head Teacher

What happens if the legal process goes to Court?

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Magistrates can impose a Parenting Order, which means that parents must attend a counselling and guidance program, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be occasions where absences are authorised by the school. If you are concerned about your child, contact the school in the first instance and arrange a meeting to discuss the needs of your child.

If your child is unwell, you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Wherever possible, you should make routine appointments e.g., dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you feel you must take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school and refer to the school's attendance policy for guidance. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information, please contact the Education Inclusion Service:

Telephone: 01452 427274

Email: attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning



Information for Parents and Carers

Updated August 2024



Why is good attendance important?

Good school attendance is vital for children's success in the future. Being in school every day that it is open is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

If children do not attend school regularly, they may:

- struggle to keep up with schoolwork
- have few opportunities to catch up on missed learning
- miss out on the social side of school life
- miss opportunities to make and keep friendships

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- more likely to become involved in or be a victim of crime and antisocial behaviour
- more likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results
- less likely to achieve 5 good GCSE's (grades 9-5) compared with those with fewer than eight days' absence
- more likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine
- more likely to have reduced self-esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on important information.

What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school, you are responsible for making sure they attend regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend school regularly or if they miss school without you knowing, the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

School will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and work with you and your child to improve it. They may meet with you to agree an Attendance Contract. If attendance continues to require improvement, then the school will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the beginning of the legal process. It is important that you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed, and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made, then targets will be considered met or adjusted until attendance is satisfactory. If progress is not made, then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You risk being issued with a Notice to Improve, Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court.

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2024	
Thursday 26 th September	PTA AGM 4pm
Tuesday 1 st October	Eagles Trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol
Wednesday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 12 th October	PTA - Uplands Autumn Nature Trail
Thursday 24 th October	Whole School/Siblings Photos
Friday 25 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29th October – Friday 1st November	Half Term Break
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 13 November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto, Stroud Sub Rooms- 1.30pm Hood
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school



KICK-IT

SESSION RETURNS!!

THURSDAY- 5-7 YEAR OLDS 5TH SEPT
FRIDAY- 8-11 YEAR OLDS 6TH SEPT
BOTH 5PM TO 6PM

RETURNING AND NEW PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.
 ARCHWAY SPORT CENTRE, GREAT TO DEVELOP AND INCREASE ABILITY, NO BOOKING REQUIRED!
£4 PER PLAYER, £7 FOR TWO SIBLINGS

S THE SUB ROOMS **PD PRODUCTIONS**

From the same team that brought you the wonderful Snow White Pantomime

Robin Hood
THE LEGEND OF SHERWOOD

20th DECEMBER to 5th JANUARY

The Sub Rooms | Tickets from £18 | thesubrooms.co.uk | 01453 796880

Trinity Rooms GL5 2HZ
 Community Pantry, Cafe & Foodbank
Mon: 9am - 11am (Pantry)
Tues: 12 - 1pm (Foodbank)
Thurs: 1pm - 2pm (Foodbank)
Fri: 9am - 4pm (Cafe)
 1pm - 2pm (Foodbank)
Sat: 3pm - 3.30pm (Pantry)
 hello@stroudtrinityrooms.org



Top of Town GL5 1NL
 Parliament Children's Centre
 Foodhub, Cafe, Social Activities
Tues: 10.30am - 12.30pm & 4pm - 6pm (Chop and Chat)
Sat: 10am - 12pm
 07437609150

Meet your neighbours and eat with friends! At these Stroud Foodhubs you pay what you can or not at all - our hubs are for everyone!

Paganhill Community Group GL5 4BX
 Foodhub, Cafe, Social Activities
Weds: 1pm - 4.30pm (Cafe)
 1pm - 2pm (Foodbank) 2.30pm - 4.30pm (Foodhub)
Friday: 10am - 12pm (Foodhub)
 hello@paganhill.org.uk

Middle of the Hill Community Group GL5 1PX
 Nouncells Cross Stroud Foodhub and Cafe
Tues: 11am - 1pm
Weds: 5pm - 7pm
Thurs: 11am - 1pm
 contactmhcg@gmail.com

Uplands Community Hub
 Cafe, Book Swap and Digi Drop-in
Grange View GL5 1GR
2nd Wed every month: 3.30pm - 5pm
 uplandscommunitygroup@gmail.com

COME & TRY HOCKEY WITH STROUD HOCKEY CLUB

HOCKEY FOR ALL
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
WE HAVE STICKS TO BORROW
JUST BRING SHIN PADS & A GUM SHIELD!

FIRST 3 SESSIONS FREE!

MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS & MATCHES

BOYS & GIRLS U8S (Y2 & Y3)	BOYS U12S (Y6 & Y7)	GIRLS U12S (Y6 & Y7)
BOYS & GIRLS U10S (Y4 & Y5)	BOYS U14S (Y8 & Y9)	GIRLS U14S (Y8 & Y9)
6PM TO 7PM MONDAY	6PM TO 7:15PM TUESDAY	6PM TO 7:15PM WEDNESDAY
WYCLIFFE SCHOOL ASTROTURF	STRATFORD PARK LEISURE CENTRE	WYCLIFFE SCHOOL ASTROTURF

TO SECURE A PLACE CONTACT US VIA THE WEBSITE:

stroudhockeyclub.com stroudhockeyclub