



Unsworth
Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome Back! We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for another busy term. The children have settled back in to their classes and are working hard.

Mrs Darby has now started her maternity leave and has given birth to a baby boy! We send our congratulations and very best wishes. In her absence we welcome Mrs Cobb who will be in school every Monday and Wednesday, working in Year 6 and Year 5.

Could I be a Composer?

Our latest whole school enquiry themed all around composition has started this week and the children will work together within their classrooms to create their own musical compositions. We look forward to sharing their end results with you through Twitter and our website.



Sports News



We have new clubs in karate, basketball, American football and athletics starting this half term to go with the ones currently on offer. This month, as well as the usual football and netball competitions, the Year 5 & 6 children will be competing in indoor sports hall athletics and basketball against other schools. We wish them the best of luck!

Safer Internet Day 2018

Our e-warrior group have started work on preparing for our annual e-safety day, which will take place on the 6th February with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect" and will be celebrated globally. The aim of the day is to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all have in helping to create a better online community. If you want to know more then visit our e-safety webpage for the latest information.

Class News

Reception are starting the New Year with a topic called 'Let's Create.' Our focus is deconstructed play which means that the children take the lead in their play. This topic will provide lots of opportunities for the children to express themselves in a variety of ways and we are looking forward to supporting and enhancing this learning. All observations will be added to Tapestry so please take a look. Miss Ashton.

In **Year 1** this half term as part of our History enquiry we will become 'Unsworth Explorers.' We will compare two famous explorers, Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. In Science we are thinking about materials and their properties. Don't forget our class assembly on 8th February. We hope to see you there. Miss Dooley.



Year 2 will be recapping place value before moving onto fractions and money in Maths. In English we will be learning about information texts and riddles, before trying to write our own. Our Geography topic is mapping and we will be learning about routes. In Science we will be looking at health and how we can lead a healthy lifestyle. Our new PE days are Thursday and Friday, when we will be taking part in invasion games and gymnastics. Miss Robinson.

Year 3 are starting the New Year learning all about life during the Stone Age. We will be creating some paintings, making our own Stone Age tools and writing information texts about life during this time. In Science we will be focussing on the formation of rocks and fossils and will be investigating the different properties of rocks. In PE we will be learning the different strategies and skills needed to play a variety of invasion games. Please encourage your child to keep on practising times tables and learn the 50 key words on their spelling sheet. Mrs McLoughlin.



Year 4 are learning about the Titanic in their History lessons and electricity (circuits) in Science. We will be focussing on fractions in the first few weeks in Maths. In PE the children will be doing gymnastics on Wednesdays and swimming on Fridays, led by swimming coaches at Total Fitness. The children were excited to go last week and we were really impressed by their efforts. Mr Garside

Year 5 have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready for learning. We have started our new enquiries; in Science we will be looking at different animal life cycles and in History we will be finding out about how Unsworth has changed. If you have any old photographs of Unsworth they would be much appreciated. Mrs Ali.

Year 6 will be creating winter compositions in art and music this half term. We will also be creating quest stories in literacy as well as beginning our fractions, decimals and percentages unit in our maths lessons. There will also be a coach to teach gymnastics in our PE lessons this half term. Miss Sinclair.

Charity Collections

We raised £170 for Children in Need by wearing something spotty. The charity collections at our Christmas plays raised £270 which has been split equally between our chosen charities which are Childline and the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Thank you so much for your generosity.

PTA News

Thank you for your support in purchasing Christmas cards, calendars, DVDs and photos in December. We will let you know via the PTA blog on the website how much has been raised. PTA funds are used for the benefit of all our children and we appreciate your support.



Our next event is the Family Disco on Saturday 10th February. Tickets will be on sale soon, we hope to see you there! If you are available to help on the night or with organisation of the event please let Mrs Hayward know or contact the school office.

Parent Hub

We now have 68% of our parents registered and using the Parent Hub app which is great news, however we do need the remaining parents to register as soon as possible as the existing text messaging service will soon be discontinued. Parent Hub is a free app that keeps you up to date with what's going on at school. We can send messages, pictures, documents and newsletters and they will all be stored within the app.

To register simply download the app from your app store (iPhone or Android), create yourself an account then choose 'Add a School' and enter the school handle which is @UnsworthPrimary. The next stage is to select 'parent verification.' You will be asked for your mobile number which will be checked against the school database to confirm you are a parent at this school. Please make sure you accept push notifications for this app so that you will get a notification whenever a message is sent. Once you are registered you can choose which channels you want to follow. For example there is a channel for each class and channels for various other groups. Just choose the channels that relate to your child.

If you have any problems with downloading the app or any other issues with Parent Hub please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
18th January	Year 3 class assembly	9.10am in the school hall
7th February	Rainbow coffee morning	9.15am
8th February	Year 1 class assembly	9.10am in the school hall
10th February	PTA Family Disco	6pm—8pm
16th February	School closes for half term	3.30pm (after school club will be on as usual)
26th February	School opens	9am