



**Unsworth**  
Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break and are ready for another busy term ahead. The children have settled back into their routines and are working hard. We welcome back Mrs Darby from her maternity leave this term. Mrs Darby will be in school on Mondays and Wednesdays working across various classes. We also welcome Mr Hamer who will be working in Year 5 and Miss Woods who will be working in Year 3 and Year 5.



## Safer Internet Day

This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. The campaign's slogan, "Together for a better internet", is a call to action to join together and all play our part in creating a better internet for everyone, and especially our younger users. Our Digital Leaders will be working with Mr Rhodes to lead an assembly and also to plan/deliver activities within their own classes.

## School Council

Our respect token system has been running for a few weeks now and the school council have met this week with Mr Rhodes to think about what the reward could be for the first stage winners. Children can earn respect tokens from all the additional adults around school, such as the midday supervisors and the admin staff, for being respectful and polite. In addition Mr Rhodes and Mrs Reynolds can give respect stars to pupils that stand out for their respectful behaviour and attitude. Each star earns 20 respect tokens and so far 4 pupils have been given a respect star.



The tokens are then collected in the colour coded tubes in the hall according to the house colour. There are markers on the tubes and when they get to their first marker each house will win the reward of a half hour activity. The school council have discussed ideas for the activities and come up with a top 3 which they will now discuss with their classes. They will decide on what the rewards will be at their next meeting.

## Reminders

Please could we ask that payments for dinner money and school club are made each Monday or in advance. We are finding that our admin team are spending an increasing amount of time every week chasing late payments and sending reminders. If you wish to pay online, please contact the school office and we will send you the relevant information.

## Class News

**Reception** have had a 'Super' start to the new year as our role play area has been turned into Superheroes headquarters and we have enjoyed designing and creating masks, capes and superhero badges. We will also be focusing on winter and will be looking out for signs in our garden and local environment as well as talking about the changes taking place. Our 'winter' challenge is for the children to spot signs of winter and take photos so that we can add them to our display. Miss Ashton.



**Year 1** have started their new enquiry 'Unsworth Explorers' where we are learning about the explorers Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. Alongside this we are reading a range of fantasy world stories and will be creating our own versions of them. Communitree will take place on a Monday morning. Don't forget our class assembly is on 7th February. Miss Dooley.

**Year 2** have had a great start to the new year. We have been very excited to start our new geography enquiry. We are learning all about maps. We are having fun doing multi-skills with the sports coach. In literacy we have started to look at information texts. We are finishing off our weaving in art before moving on to something new. Miss Garvin.

This week **Year 3** have begun working on multiplication and division in maths. We will be working on improving our 3 and 4 times tables this half term. PE sessions will now take place on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. We are also working on creating instructional texts and will begin our new geography topic soon about the Orkney Islands. Miss Sinclair.



**Year 4** will be having their forest school sessions this term on Monday afternoons. It is a great opportunity for the children to develop skills in many areas. In P.E. lessons we will be learning invasion games which will be on Thursdays each week. In geography, the children will be working on the topic of Europe. In science, we will be learning about circuits and electricity. Please continue to work on the times tables at home as well as reading and spellings. Mr Garside.

**Year 5** have made a great start to the new year and have thrown themselves into the new enquiries with real enthusiasm. In history we are finding out about how Unsworth has changed over time so if you have any old photographs or memories that could be useful please send them in to school so we can share them in class. In science we are looking at animal life cycles and later on in this term we will be getting a special delivery to help us with our learning, so stay posted! Mrs Ali.

**Year 6** have returned from the Christmas holidays with both enthusiasm and a readiness to learn. This term the children will be learning about mountain ranges across Canada and will complete their learning and understanding of adaptation and evolution in science. In PE they will be developing and applying the relevant skills needed to play a variety of invasion games including netball, basketball and football. In literacy the children will be learning how to structure a well balanced newspaper report. Finally in maths the children will continue to secure their understanding of fraction, percentage and decimal equivalencies. Mrs McLoughlin.

## Sports News

We are looking forward to entering more competitions this term including: netball, football, girls football, 5 a side football, indoor athletics, swimming and basketball. Please encourage your children to attend the lunchtime or after school clubs when they are offered.



## Winter Illnesses

At this time of year we tend to have increased risk of absence due to winter type illnesses i.e. coughs and colds, in school. Children are also prone to tummy bugs or vomiting. If your child should suffer from sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept off school until symptom free for 24 hours (sickness) or 48 hours (diarrhoea). If your child has a rash please do not send them in to school unless it has been checked by a doctor who has confirmed that it is not contagious.

Please can we remind parents to advise the school office before 10am if your child will not be in school for any reason. Parents should telephone the school each morning that the child is absent unless otherwise advised.

## PTA News

Well what a success our Unsworth Christmas market was on the last week of term! The children made some beautiful Christmas crafts as part of their D&T enquiry which were sold at the market and together with our various PTA stalls we raised an amazing £700! Thank you for your support!



Thank you also to everyone who purchased DVD's, photos and calendars in December. The DVDs will be arriving very soon.

Don't forget that every penny raised goes towards funding events and activities for the benefit of all our children so it really does make a difference.

Our next event is the Valentines Family Disco on Saturday 9th February and tickets will be on sale soon.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
17th January	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
17th January	Brunch themed lunch	Order via the school office
5th February	Safer Internet Day	
6th February	Year 3 Communitree day	
7th February	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
9th February	PTA Family Disco	6-8pm
14th February	School closes for half term	3.30pm (after school club will run as usual)
25th February	School opens	9am