



26th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to reflect on the last half term and update you on the exciting activities we have planned for the rest of the summer term!

Reflection

This has been another busy, hardworking and fun packed half term for UPAW. Some of the children have enjoyed a school visit. Years 3 went to Wedgewood in Stoke on Trent and were commended on their impeccable behaviour and smart appearance! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about their current topic. Reception has had the very important role of welcoming baby chickens to our school and caring for them each day! We've introduced our new "Celebration Assembly" which we invite you to weekly followed by a tour of the school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their "Exciting Writing" project... make sure you pop into the entrance area to see the children's spectacular writing!

Year 2 and Year 6 have worked particularly hard in completing their SAT tests. We are very proud of the children and their enthusiasm towards the tests – I am extremely proud of them all for working so hard.

We have seen a few staffing changes, but we have ensured that we have found fabulous teachers to teach your children. We will be welcoming Mr Thorley to work alongside Mrs Thornhill in Year 2 for the remaining of the summer term. Mr Smith is now teaching full time in Year 5... it looks like they are all having a great time together!

What's still to come?

The rest of the summer term is packed full of exciting events for us to share together. Please see the attached overview of events; I will also update you weekly through the newsletter about upcoming events. In the next half term we will be sharing your child's school report with you and informing you of your child's teacher for the next academic year. There will be an opportunity for you to come and meet your child's new teacher and the children will have plenty of opportunities to work with their new teacher ready for the change in September.

Week commencing 19th June will be our "Health & Fitness" week in school. During this week we will have sporting events for you to join in with too! Children will be asked to come to school in their PE kit during this week.

Reception will be visiting the Blue Planet Aquarium and Year 6 will be going on their residential to Conway too!

We have a "Maths Wizardry Day" planned where the children will be taking part in a range of exciting maths activities which will really challenge their mathematical thinking skills!!



Additionally, we are launching a brand new reading initiative called “Premier League Reading Stars”.

Premier League Reading Stars uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Premier League Reading Stars (PLRS) gives children the opportunity to practise their reading skills, including reading for enjoyment, comprehension and inference, using football-related resources and texts.

The programme improves:

- Reading attainment
- Enjoyment of reading
- Knowledge of own reading preferences
- Reading confidence
- Attitudes towards reading
- Reading frequency

The children will receive exciting rewards and challenges to provide them with purpose to improve their reading. You will be receiving a letter about this in more detail the first day after the holiday.

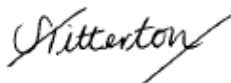
We will also be celebrating attendance and behaviour as well as treating you to your own production of “MATILDA”.

FOUPAW are supporting the school in organising an exciting summer fayre and a fabulous BBQ for the Year 6 children too!

Thank you as always for your continued support to our school. I have worked closely with a number of you over the recent weeks and have been really pleased to support in ensuring we found the best possible solution to any concerns together. If you have any concerns or worries we want to ensure we can resolve these for you. Please raise any initial questions you may have with the class teacher. If you need any additional support please make an appointment to see me or email me: headofschool@upaweaverham.org

I hope that you all thoroughly enjoy family time together over the half term break (let’s hope the sun keeps shining!). I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School