



A Message from Mrs Fawkes

It has been a very busy start to 2019 and the weeks are flying past. Thank you for all your support last year - we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2019. Last week we had a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectorate. Thank you to all the parents/carers who took time to complete the questionnaires. It is much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please discuss these in the first instance with his/her class teacher (contact should be made through the school office). Senior staff are also happy to talk with you or meet with you.

As Headteacher I greatly value the support of parents in all aspects of the life of our school. We will be holding our next biscuits and blether session on Friday 1st March at 11.30am and will be looking at our Positive Relationship Policy. All parents/carers are welcome to come along and join the chat.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available in school from 8:30-4:30pm each day.

Best wishes
Mrs Fawkes



Here to help



Staffing

Miss Fenton has joined us from East Lothian and has taken full time responsibility for the P4C class replacing Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Galloway. Mrs Sutherland will resume her full time role as Support for Learning Teacher and Mrs Galloway has gone off on maternity leave.

Miss Swift joined us on 14th January and has taken over responsibility for the P2M class. Miss Mack has moved to P4S as Mrs Sinclair is also on maternity leave.

Following Mrs Creaney's departure Miss McGonigle has been appointed as our new full time Acting Principal Teacher. She will take up her post at Uphall on 28th January.

Mrs Kinnear has recently taken up an Acting Principal Teacher's post here at Uphall.

We are delighted to welcome these new members of staff to the Uphall team and wish Mrs Kinnear all the best in her new post.

- Remember to avoid parking in front of garages, double yellow/zig zag lines and driveways. Please don't park near the entrance to the car park as delivery lorries and emergency services are unable to enter. If there is a risk for our pupils crossing the road you may be asked to move your vehicle. The community police are aware of the ongoing issues at drop off and pick up times.
- Please could you check your child's hair for head lice regularly so we can avoid the spread across the class.
- Remember Fruity Tuesdays and Thursdays!
- Please remember to encourage your child to only have water for drinking in class.
- For health and safety reasons we would encourage that children do not arrive at school until 8.40am unless attending breakfast club. On very wet days we will allow children into the school building from 8.40am.
- Please notify the school of any medical needs or changes in contact details for your child as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th February	Holiday
Tuesday 19th February	Staff In-Service Day (school and nursery closed to children)
Thursday 21st February	Pupils Burns Competition Final
Friday 22nd February	P2B Assembly & Showcase of Learning Thinking Day—wear Guiding or Scout uniform to school if you attend any of these organisations
Wednesday 27th February	Nursery Stay & Play
Friday 1st March	P6B Assembly Parent/Carer Biscuits & Blether 11.30 Dress Down Day—bring a donation
Thursday 7th March	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
Friday 15th March	P7S Assembly Red Nose Day



Achievements



Congratulations to:

Daniel Borthwick who won a bronze medal at a Judo competition involving competitors from all over Scotland.

Kasey park who received a medal for taking part in the Clarion Santa Cycling Cross. She also won a bronze medal.

Ella Whyte who was presented with a trophy from Hearts Football Club. She now plays for Hibs.

Oskari Tapninaho who received a medal for Judo

Callum Mclean who plays football for Broxburn Colts and won 4 medals at a recent West Lothian Tournament.

Athena Pearce for representing the school at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships Final and for her swimming club awards and achievements. Superstar!!

Daniel Hay who won a gold medal in the LDD Gala for 50 metre freestyle.

Communication

We continue to work hard to make sure we communicate and share the work of the school and to support you with your child's learning. We share a lot of information on our school blog and Twitter which you can now access through our school website if you do not use twitter or blogs at the following web address:

<https://uphallprimary.westlothian.org.uk>



We had a wonderful number of parents come along to our P5 and P6H showcase events. These events were very successful in sharing the learning and skills which your child is developing and we look forward to organising more events for you to join with your child in their learning.

Parent Council

We would like to thank the parent council for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. They organise a wide range of successful fundraising events which help to raise money to support the school in many ways.

One of the ways in which they have supported us is to pay for the buses for school trips which saves parents approximately £8-10 ahead depending on the size of the class.

They have also supported the school by organising discos and tea and coffee at a wide variety of events.

If you are able to help at events or come along to the parent council your support to make a difference to our school community would be much appreciated. Their next meeting is the 2nd April at 6.30pm in the school.



Social Media

I would like to gently remind parents/carers to please be mindful of comments that are put on social media regarding the school and staff, particularly the Parent Community Facebook page. This page and Twitter are for sharing the work of the school and the parent council activities and events.

If any parent has a concern or question regarding school or their child we would appreciate that you approach the school directly so that we can

support you as quickly as possible. I appreciate your support in making sure that we promote the best of our school and community.



Church Community News

Activities for young people—Strathbrock Church Hall in Ecclesmachan Road

The Girls' Brigade for girls from P1 upwards meeting on Monday's at 6.45pm. Bring your friends along to games, crafts, baking, emergency services, outings etc.

The Boys' Brigade meet on a Thursday at 6.30pm for boys from 5 years and older. They enjoy camp, games, competitions, craft, lego, outings etc. Come along and bring your friends.

Messy Church is once a month from 12.00-2.00pm. Next meeting 10th March.

Other Events:

Thrift Shop on the first Friday of every month from 10.00am—12.00noon in Strathbrock Church Hall. This includes the sale of clothes, household goods, books, cd's and refreshments.

Destash sale is on the 23rd March from 10.00am—1.00pm. This includes the sale of card, material and crafting goods. Come for a look around and also a café with hot rolls.

Murder Mystery Night on the 28th April at 7.30pm in the Strathbrock Church Hall.

Phone the church hall between 9.00am—11.00am or email church office for further details: Strathbrock@tiscali.co.uk



P6 and P7 Trip to York

At the start of February our P6 and P7 pupils embarked on a fantastic trip by bus, train and walking to the beautiful city of York. They had cosy coloured hats which helped us to keep them safe and were commented on by many other tourists.

This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our children where they learned about the Roman's in York and developed their investigation skills to use in future learning.



The children stayed at the YHA York who helped us explore they city and made the excursion relevant and enjoyable for all involved.

We look forward to taking the current P5 pupils next year when they are in P6. Look out for the initial letter which will be coming home in bags over the next few weeks.

