

Hello everyone

Apologies for the mix up with last week's Round Up. When I sent it out the first time, the links were not working due to how it had been set it up. I now know how to rectify this and so fingers crossed this shouldn't happen in future! So here we are in December, with only 22 days until Christmas. Our 12 Days of Christmas Calendar begins next week with so many fun activities to take part in. I'd like to thank members of our Parent Council who are helping to organise the Scavenger Hunt, Santa Dash and our Carols and Shortbread on the last day – more details of these will follow as we get closer to when these will be taking place.

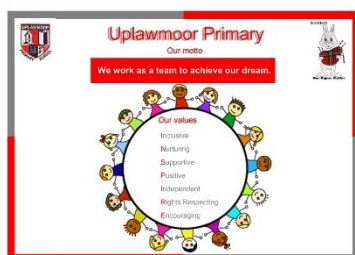
PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATIONS:

Thank you to the 9 parents who have completed the consultation so far and to those who have telephoned me with their feedback. We really do value your feedback as this helps ensure we continue to make improvements in how we report your child's progress to you. Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation [here](#).

BUDGET CONSULTATION

Can I again remind you that, East Renfrewshire residents are being urged to take part in a budget consultation to help shape the Council's future priorities for 2022/23? The consultation - which will run for seven weeks - gives residents the chance to have their say on how the Council should refocus its efforts to best support the people of East Renfrewshire. The consultation opened on Monday 25 October and closes on Sunday 12 December.

Six key areas have been outlined within the survey, and the feedback received will be crucial in shaping future decisions on how best to utilise the Council's resources. You can take part in the consultation by clicking on the image opposite.



CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

I have explained to the children, that I am looking to invite children, who are demonstrating our School Values, to join me for Hot Chocolate Friday. This will involve having a mug of hot chocolate with some decoration and a biscuit. We are aware that some children have allergies and alternatives will be provided should they be selected.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Can I again ask that Christmas jumpers, hair bands/clips/bows and any other festive accessories be kept until we are having a particular event? This makes these days so much more special. Next week the activities don't require Christmas attire but we will be busy making decorations for the front of the church, Christmas Cards for those residents in the village who may be on their own or could just do with some Uplawmoor Primary Festive cheer, we are creating Elf Portraits and there is a competition taking place to see who can design the most creative Festive Door. Next Friday we are having a House Challenge Christmas Quiz. Follow us on twitter [@UplawmoorPS](#) to keep up to date with what is going on.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We know that Christmas is a very expensive time of year and in these particularly challenging times there can be a lot of financial pressures on families and often there are unexpected expenses that soon add up. We understand that many children and families enjoy giving gifts to school staff during the Christmas season, however must stress that we do not wish anyone to feel any pressure to buy or contribute to a gift. I know that after the challenges of the last year, many parents / carers would like to give a token of their appreciation. Whilst I am sure these will be gratefully received, they are not expected in any way. Staff do really appreciate your kindness and will be equally delighted to receive a little note or a card as they would a gift.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember no question or problem is too small to discuss with us.

Best Regards



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