

USWORTH COLLIERY

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SPECIAL SPACE SCHOOL MEAL

We are having a special space themed lunch on 7th October.

MAINS – Planets (meatball sub with marinara sauce & cheese), cheese pinwheel pizza, wrap with choice of fillings or jacket potato with a selection of fillings.

SIDES – Chipped potato wedges, corn cobbettes, big bang broccoli and side salad.

DESSERTS – Chocolate marbled galaxy sponge, shooting star jelly, full moon fruit & starburst yoghurt.

If your child would like to order one please use the School Grid system, selecting Thursday 7th October. If your child is not on the system, then please email meals@usworthcolliery.co.uk with the following details so we can get you added on: Parent name, parent email address, parent mobile, child's name and child's class.

You do not need to top up your account or set up a direct debit - you only pay for what you order.

JUMPERS

I have noticed over the last week that a number of children are wearing hoodies in school which are not school uniform. I know that sometimes this is due to leaving cardigans or jumpers in school the day before or their uniform is not clean. Please make sure that your child is wearing a school jumper or cardigan, especially as the weather has turned cold lately. Outdoor jackets should just be worn outdoors and not in classrooms. We do have some spare jumpers which the children are welcome to borrow whilst they locate their own. We will be asking children if they continue to wear clothing which is not uniform and may give you a ring if necessary.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

We will be sending data collection sheets home over the next week for **YEAR 3 & YEAR 4**. Please check to see if the details we hold for you are correct and return the forms. Thank you.



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PARENT/CARER MEETINGS

Appointments for parent/carer meeting video calls are now live.

All appointments across school will take place between 1pm and 6pm on **Wednesday 20th October**. You will be able to book these appointments online. **You should have received an email with a link to book.**

You can also directly log on to <https://usworthcolliery.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

You use **your name and email address**. This has to be an exact match to the information that we hold for you on our system. This includes the spelling of your name and the email address from which you received this email. You also use your child's name and date of birth. If you are struggling to do this, then it is likely that what we have on our records does not match what you are typing in. It could be the difference between a Miss, Mrs. or Ms. Sometimes the computer automatically does this. If this happens, contact the school office via telephone or email and we will help. Once logged in you can select the time of your appointment. You will receive an email confirmation with a link. **You will also get a reminder email 1 hour before the appointment.** If you need any further help, then please contact the school office via email (info@usworthcolliery.co.uk) or telephone 0191 4178888. Hopefully the spring term meetings will be in-person meetings.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Sharon Hodgson, Labour Member of Parliament for Washington and Sunderland West, is once again running a competition among primary school pupils in her constituency to design the front cover of her Christmas card for 2021. The winning design will be professionally printed and will include the name and school of the winner, as well as the runners-up on the inside and back cover. It will be sent out to around 3,000 individuals and organisations. The winner and runners-up will receive a variety of prizes donated by local businesses. We did have winners in the competition from our school last year. We will have an internal school competition and select one winning pupil from each of the following school year groups comprising: (a) Reception, (b) Years 1/2/3 and (c) Years 4/5/6. The three successful children from each group will then be automatically shortlisted in Sharon's constituency-wide competition and invited to the judging and prize giving ceremony on Friday 18th November at the Washington Arts Centre. All entries need to be on the template – A4 portrait. A copy is attached and paper templates can be obtained from the office. It is essential that the name and age of the pupil, together with the class and school name is clearly marked on each entry sheet. **All entries need to be in school by Friday 22nd October.** It would be great if as many children enter the competition as possible.

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT – USWORTH COLLIERY FC

After an 18 month hiatus due to the pandemic, UCPS FC were finally able to take to the pitch again yesterday for our first fixtures of the new season. That meant that none of the players had ever played for the school team before but you wouldn't have known it watching on the side-lines. Every player did themselves and the school proud, not just with their performance but their attitude towards each other and the opposition. Our first match pitted us against Lambton Primary. After taking a while to adjust to their new surroundings, UCPS began to dominate the match. Goals from Bobby and Liam gave us a 2-0 victory to start the season. Our next match was against Our Lady (a team we haven't beaten since I started running the team). This time there was no slow start as Bobby again found the net to send us in a half time 1-0 up, whilst Oliver was getting rather bored with nothing to trouble him in goal.

The second half saw both teams pick up the effort with two goals from Josh, either side of a consolation goal for Our Lady, giving a final score of 3-1 to the Colliery. So, 6 points out of a possible 6 is a fantastic start for the team and we can now look forward to a strong season. Thank you to all of the players for their effort and all of the parents for dealing with the rather frantic preparations. Players of the match: Bobby and Josh. *Mr Millett and Mr Foster*



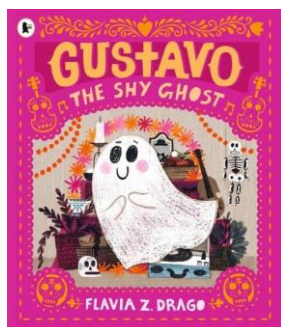
RECOMMENDED READING – NEW RELEASES

GUSTAVO THE SHY GHOST BY FLAVIA Z. DRAGO

With exquisite detail and humour, Flavia Z. Drago's vivid illustrations tell a sweet and offbeat story of friendship and courage.

Gustavo is a ghost. He is good at doing all sorts of paranormal things, like walking through walls, making objects fly and glowing in the dark. And he loves playing beautiful music on his violin. But Gustavo also has a problem. He is SHY. Which means some things are harder for him to do, like getting in a line to buy eye-scream or talking to the other monsters. But Gustavo longs to be a part of something, he longs to be seen. More than anything, he wants to make a friend. So, plucking up all his courage, he sends a very special letter:

Dear Monsters, I would like to invite you to my violin concert at the Day of the Dead party...



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Board games	Mrs Thomson & Mrs Kaur	3-6	Breakfast room
Monday	Little Kickers	Mr Mcvittie-Mathews	1-2	Outdoors
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	The Movie Review Crew	Mrs Wall/ Mrs Bloomer	1-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Running Club	Mr Wright	3-6	Outdoors
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Mr Dickinson	4-6	Main Hall
Thursday	Board games	Mrs Dixon/Mrs Hilton	2-4	3RD
Thursday	KS2 Football Club	Mr Mcvittie-Mathews	3-6	Yard/ Field

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed.

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2021

PLEASE NOTE: There will be further events added for parents (including Christmas performances and family mornings) however we need to make sure that COVID cases are at a safe level to do so following government guidance.

Wednesday 20 th October	Parents' Meetings
Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 1 st November	Children back in school
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need Day
Week beginning 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 10 th December	Autumn reports (sent out to parents).
Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 4 th January	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Children back in school

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week.

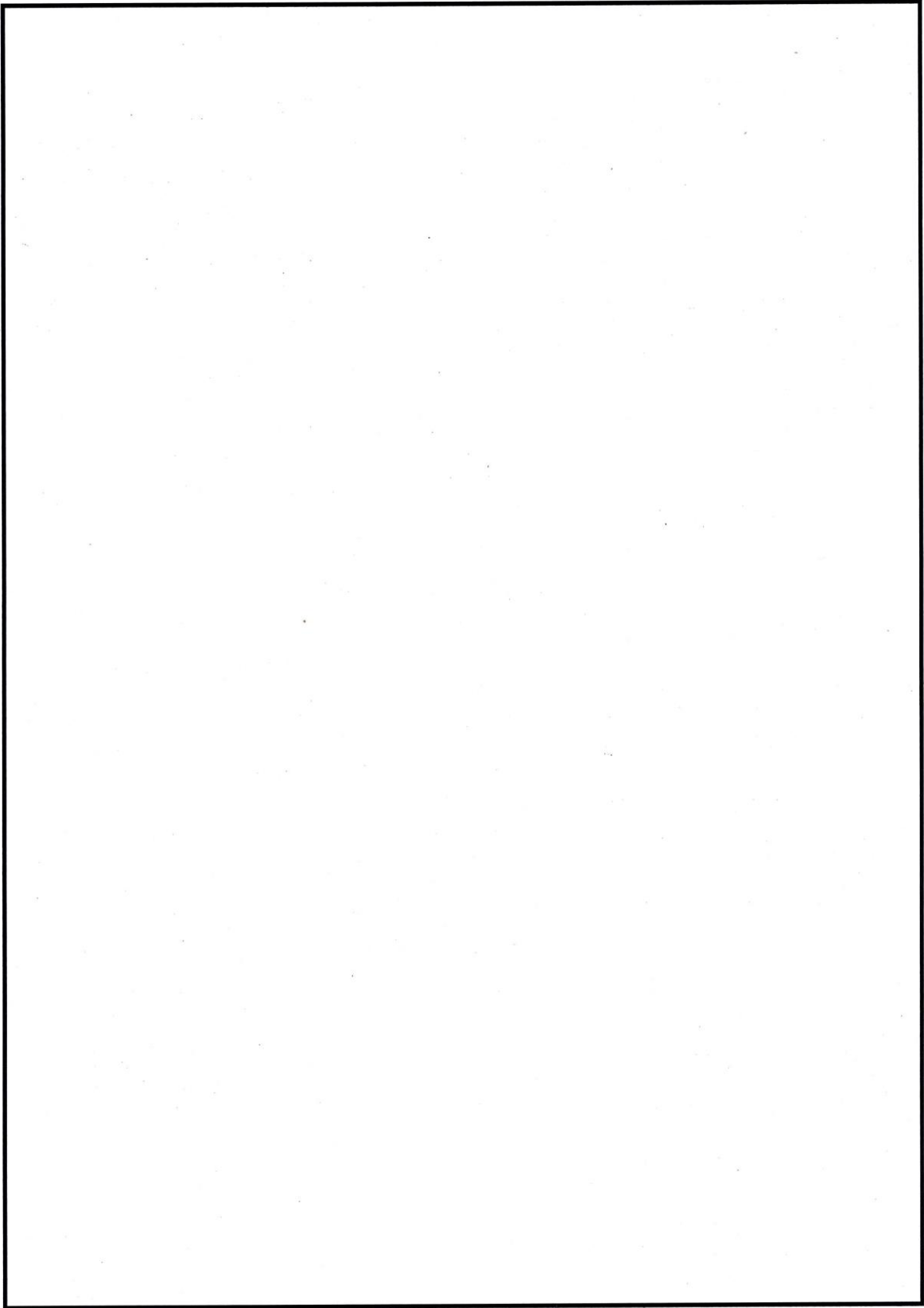
Whole school attendance – 91.4%

EYFS/KS1 – 1JB with 97.6% KS2 – 4RB with 96.8%

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher

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Sharon Hodgson MP
Christmas card
design competition, 2021

Pupil's name: _____

Age: _____ Class: _____ Yr Group: _____

School: Please submit entries to MP's office by: 1.11.2021

School: _____