

26th January 2024

Upton Primary Newsletter

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

BIBLE QUOTE

[Genesis 1:1](#) - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

SPIRITUALITY

Our half term's theme is respect and we have been looking this week, within worship, at the first book of the Bible, Genesis, in which the telling of the creating is explained. Within worship, the entire school took part in a visual depiction of the seven days of creation:

- Day 1 - Reception were the light and darkness
- Day 2 - Year 1 were the sky and sea
- Day 3 - Year 2 were the land
- Day 4 - Year 3 were the sun and moon
- Day 5 - Year 4 were the birds and fish
- Day 6 - Year 5 and 6 were the animals, man, and woman
- Then on Day 7 God rested

We focused on the importance of caring for our world looking at the amazing beauty that every aspect of God's creation gives to us. The children have been exploring this theme further in school and they have been looking at the value of respect in other areas.

On Thursday, Reverend Amy Wearing shared with us a rather unique version of the story of Jesus washing feet, showing respect for his friends even though he was Jesus. This posed quite a challenge to some of our children and two children, Ethan and Harry from class 4, were brave enough to offer and help with this story. This meant that Harry had mud rubbed over his feet and Ethan had to bend down to clean them off. It was a wonderful interactive worship and the children will remember this story for some time to come. I am sure if you ask them about it they will all tell you that Matey Bubble Bath was used to clean the feet, although this is obviously not a historical item! Ethan and Harry were both presented with a special values award in our afternoon sharing success assembly today.

The spiritual connection we have with each other is very important and the respect theme binds us together showing the value of love, hope and friendship.

WEAR IT RED DAY

Everything that we do within school is driven by our children and it is they that come up with the fundraising ideas to support the charities that are important to us and, as you are aware, the Midlands Air Ambulance is a charity we have been supporting over many years. Please see the following poster, which provides further details of all the wonderful fundraising events for this charity.



Midlands
Air Ambulance
Charity

School Council would like to inform you of their plans for **Wear it Red** week, which takes place during the week beginning 5th February.

The week will start with Mrs Wills launching the week and sharing with the school why **Wear it Red** week takes place and why we support it.

During playtimes, for all year groups, School Council will be selling **Wear it Red** wristbands. These will be £1.00 each.



There will also be the chance for children to take part in a **'letters needs words'** quiz. Quiz sheets to enter cost 50p each and will be available from the School Council members at play, or from the school office. All completed, returned sheets will be entered into a draw to win a red prize.

On Thursday School Council will lead **'Coppers for Choppers'**. They will draw a large helicopter outline onto the playground, they would love to be able to fill this with your coppers (1p to 50p's) - can we fill the whole outline of the helicopter with money?

Lastly, on Friday 9th February, it will be **Wear it Red** day where all children are invited to come to school wearing red. We ask for a donation into the bucket on the school gate for this.

At the end of the day, school will host a **Wear it Red** disco. The timings for these are as follows:

- Reception to Year 2, from 3.05pm to 4.00pm
- Years 3 to 6, from 4.15pm to 5.15pm.

Entry to the **Wear it Red** disco will be £2 to include refreshments.

School Council are excited to share this week with you and all the events they have planned.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our Website has been under development since the beginning of this academic year. The developers have, this week, completed the computer overlay graphics that sit within the front page. We are all

delighted with how this looks within school and would encourage you to click the following link and see how impressive the graphics are, really bringing to life the vision within our school and showing how we all work together 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed':

<https://www.uptonprimary.education/>

WATER BOTTLES AND UNIFORM

Water Bottles - May we remind you to send your child to school with a water bottle (with their name on it). We have water filling stations throughout the school for the children to use during the school day. We have lots of lost bottles and it is really difficult to make sure they get returned to their owners without a name.

Uniform - To ensure your child's uniform stays with them, could you please make sure that everything is named and when any items of lost clothing are found we can return them to their owners quickly.

We really appreciate your support with this matter. It is working together that will enable us to ensure we never have any lost property.



2024 - 2025

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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Bank holiday

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Holiday

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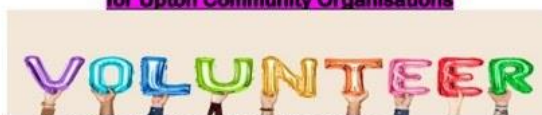
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Raring2Go Families Winter 2024 Magazine link:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herfordandworcester/winter2024/>

VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT EVENT for Upton Community Organisations



held at **THE TUDOR HOUSE MUSEUM in Upton on Severn**
on **SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 10.00am – 1.00pm**
Free entry and Refreshments

Do you have a few hours to spare each month? We are seeking local people to support local charities in our community. Come and meet with members of **UPTON COMMUNITY CARE**, **UPTON IN BLOOM**, **1st UPTON ON SEVERN SCOUTS**, **2nd UPTON BROWNIES** and **THE TUDOR HOUSE MUSEUM** for full information. Find out what they do and see how you can make a valuable and rewarding contribution helping these community groups and make new friends too.

UPTON COMMUNITY CARE – have been providing transport from Upton and surrounding villages to medical appointments for those with no means of transport since the 1970's. They now need more drivers and office staff with basic computer experience to continue this valued service for the Town.

UPTON IN BLOOM – have been brightening up the 'Pepperpot' old churchyard area, riverfront and town approaches with award-winning floral displays since 2003. Garden-loving volunteers are welcomed to help fundraise, plant up and maintain beautiful summer + winter Town displays.

1st UPTON ON SEVERN SCOUTS – run three fun groups during Term Time preparing these young people with Skills for Life. More volunteers are welcomed especially for the Scouts who need Leaders and Assistants too.

- **BEAVERS** (6 to 8yrs) Thursday 5.30pm to 6.45pm
- **CUBS** (8 to 10yrs) Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **SCOUTS** (10.5 to 14yrs) Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

THE TUDOR HOUSE MUSEUM – Upton's Town Museum on three floors with a beautiful garden housing an eclectic mix of local history, professions and pastimes and so much more. We welcome visitors from all over the world as well as private visits from local schools and groups. We would like more volunteers of all ages to join us in promoting + preserving this hidden gem.

2nd UPTON BROWNIES - We currently have three growing groups meeting weekly in term time at Upton Scout and Guide HQ on Laburnum Walk, Upton on Severn, WR8 0LW:

- **RAINBOWS** - for 4 to 7 year old girls - Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- **BROWNIES** - for 7 to 10 year old girls - Wednesdays 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **GUIDES** - for 10 to 14 year old girls - Mondays 7.00pm to 8.30pm

A minimum of two adults are required to be present to help the leader run activities, enabling the girls to have the best opportunities and 'help all girls know they can do anything' (our tag line). There are opportunities to provide support with admin roles and to be actively involved with the young people. Watching the girls develop and grow in self-confidence is really rewarding! The meetings follow a structured resourced programme including trips, sleepovers and camps.

16 Church Street, Upton on Severn, WR8 0HT - Charity No.1160419 - thetudorhousemuseumupton.org

