

19th 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

[Philippians 2:3](#) - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



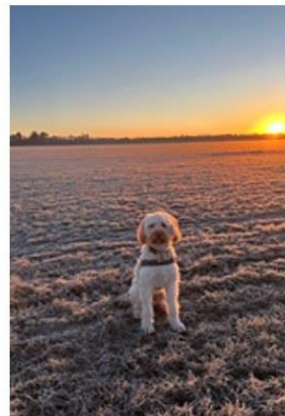
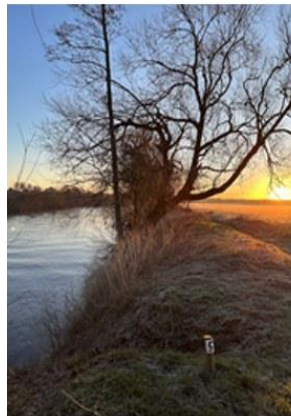
RESPECT

Our half term's value is 'Respect' and the definition for this is: "due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others". Last week we sent a questionnaire out to our school community to have a New Year's vision with one word that would reflect going forwards to make us a stronger community. We have three words contributed so far, which are included above and we would ask for some more

input with this project to make us a stronger community. The link to add your word onto the anonymous form is: <https://schoolforms.uk/T/GBDJCv2zpp2UGPDUaO> (the form will close on **24th January**).

We introduced this to the children in assembly on Monday who came up with ideas on what they thought respect was. These included:

- Behaving well
- Respecting your parents- trusting them to do the right thing for you
- Helping others when they are hurt
- Being kind
- Looking after animals
- Respecting your dog when it's sleeping
- Respecting our world



In Upton upon Severn, we are very fortunate to live in a particularly beautiful location and all around us the special qualities that our countryside can bring to us will enhance our lives if we respect the environment and let it seep into our souls.



Following last weeks' information regarding the new approach the DfE are taking to encourage children to attend school, we will be running a regular series of attendance information. Below are some interesting facts of the impact on attendance:

- Pupils who take a two-week holiday every year can only achieve a 95% attendance. This is equivalent to 10 days absence a year.
- Pupils who have 90% attendance will miss four weeks of learning every school year? This amounts to one whole academic year of lost learning across their school life. This is equivalent to 19 days absence a year.
- Pupils who have 85% attendance will miss six weeks of school per year and it is very difficult for them to keep up with work. This is equivalent to 29 days absence a year.
- Pupils with 80% attendance will miss eight weeks of learning every school year. Young people in this group are classed as 'persistent absentees'. This is equivalent to 38 days absence a year, which is half a term. This would be over two years of learning over a child's entire educational life.

Can your child afford to miss out?

Research shows that children who are not in school regularly are:

- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good school results.
- Less Likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grade 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absences.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have low self-esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard and having missed out on key information.
- More likely to become involved in, or become a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour.

WEAR IT RED FOR MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY



On **FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY** our school, together with other schools in the county, will all be wearing red to raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. This charity does not receive Government funding for their daily missions and rely solely on the generosity of local people and businesses. We never know when we may need this vital service and on average, the charity tends to a child every four days that is in need of urgent medical care.

We have been supporting this charity since 2014 and our children, through the school's council, work on different things they can do to the courageous advocates and support charities that need help. The '**WEAR IT RED**' day on Valentine's Day shows our love for the dedication and care the Air Ambulance service provides for everyone within Worcestershire.

For the week of 5th to 9th February, We will be planning a week of exciting activities and further details for the fundraising activities for that week will be sent out next week. The Friday will be the day to send your children in wearing something red.

Last year we raised £563.44. This year, it would be good to see if we can beat that target - 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'.

YEAR 1 - ANIMALS & DT

Year 1's science topic this half term is all about animals. We have been classifying and categorising them. This week the children had a special treat thanks to Mrs Hobbs, who brought in her rooster 'Bingo' and one of her stick insects. This was made especially memorable as the stick insect laid an egg whilst it was in our classroom (something the children had learnt about in the lesson prior). We would like to send huge thanks to Mrs Hobbs for giving up her time to come and talk to us all about the animals and creating amazing poster boards for the classroom.



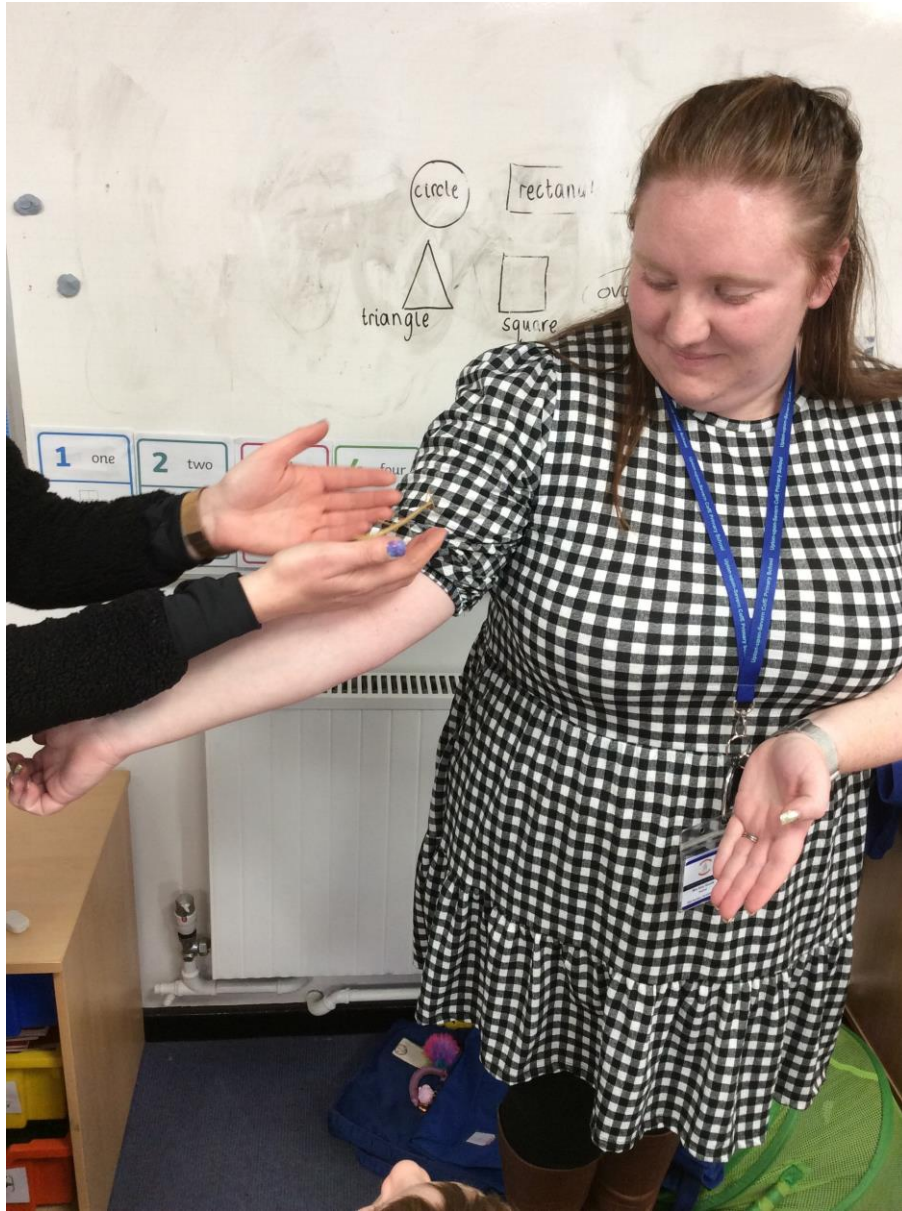














Before Christmas, Year 1 were given a DT project of creating their own windmills. Even though this project was finished before Christmas, they were unable to test them due to the strong winds (ironically). This week, they had the perfect conditions out on the playground to test them out and the joy it brought to the children was something that needed to be shared with all. I am sure you all agree, they have done a fine job on their first DT project.



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/mxsHOM1PNqFiaWXb#content=W2Ft7YeNdh7WYO>

THE MOORINGS

Miss Diamond and Mrs Dodd would like to express their thanks to Mrs Acock for donating some cooking ingredients to them to use in The Moorings. From the ingredients they made some really tasty scones in Moorings this week.



MEASLES OUTBREAK

There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands, which have been on the rise within the last few weeks and there are concerns expressed about this.

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of one year and the second dose at three years and four months. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 01527 390030 to make an appointment. Further information can also be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>.

DESIGN A FOOTBALL COMPEITION

**ALL ENTRIES IN WITH THE CHANCE OF
WINNING!**

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO THE OFFICE BY 07.02.24

SOME OF THE PRIZES UP FOR GRABS:

EPL PANINI STICKER BOOK

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**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE SENT TO PANINI WHERE THERE
WILL BE FURTHER CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES. PRIZES
FROM PANINI INCLUDE:**

- £50 VOUCHER
- A FOOTBALL SHIRT
- £2000 FOR OUR SCHOOL

**GRAB YOUR ENTRY PAGE FROM THE OFFICE! ANY
QUESTIONS, SPEAK TO MRS GOODE**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ORANGE BUTTON - Time To Talk Day is almost here!

Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives.

Time to Talk Day 2024 will take place 1 February 2024. It's run by [Mind](#) and [Rethink Mental Illness](#)

There are lots of ways for Orange Button wearers to get involved, from sharing on social media using #TimeToTalk and having conversations with your friends and family, to organising activity and events in your community. Here are some suggestions to help you plan how you'll support the day [How to take part - Time To Talk Day](#)

Let us know how you get on!

Stamping out Stigma Event - Thurs 1st Feb 2024- University of Worcester Arena- 10:00-12:30pm

To mark Time to Talk Day, the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Wellbeing and Recovery College are putting on a world café event with input from partners and Stamp out Stigma Champions. The aim is to highlight pockets/ layers of hidden stigma and discrimination and to explore the impact that this can have on mental health.

The event will create a safe and supportive space for people to talk, explore the layers of stigma and discrimination; new ways to challenge this; discuss what good support looks like and explore different ways to make positive changes.

Alongside the world café there will be a marketplace of local resources and support organisations where people can gather more information, advice or help with mental health and wellbeing.

Everyone is welcome, you don't have to talk, but they are keen to hear your experiences and ideas!

To book your place use the Eventbrite Link: [Time to Talk Day World Café Tickets, Thu 1 Feb 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

ADULT FAMILY LEARNING

FREE online 7-week course - Maths in School for Parents and Carers – Key Stages 1 and 2

Adult Family Learning are offering parents and carers a **FREE** course online to learn more about the maths your child learns in school to enable you to support your child. Bookings are to be made using the following link: [MathsOnlineForParentsandCarers](#)

This course is for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to learn more about child's maths in Primary School in Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2 (Years R, 1,2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) with a view to supporting children at home with maths. You will learn how to support your child with their learning at home, which will include tips and tricks to understand the maths they are taught in education. This will be a supportive group where you can interact together and make some maths resources from home too.

You will be taught methods for solving maths problems in school, number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and measurements. This course will hopefully help you feel more confident with your own maths and may spark an interest for you to progress onto further maths courses for yourself.

Starting on Tuesday 30th January from 9.30am to 11.30am and then continuing every Tuesday on 6th Jan, 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 5th Mar, 12 Mar, and ending on 19th March. These sessions will take place online via Teams.

SUPER 1s

WINTER SESSIONS

Worcester Hub
Mondays 17:00 - 18:00
Perdiswell Leisure centre



Evesham Hub
Tuesdays 17:00 - 18:00
Evesham Leisure centre



Kidderminster Hub
Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00
Wyre Forest Leisure centre



Redditch Hub
Wednesdays 17:30 - 18:30
HOW College Redditch



Old Swinford Hub
Fridays 18:00 - 19:00
Redhill School



More Info: Hannah.Pettigrew@wccc.co.uk

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WHAT IS SUPER 1s?



Super 1s gives young people with a disability aged 8+ the chance to play regular, competitive cricket.

Super 1s is a fantastic opportunity for participants to take part in fun, safe and engaging softball cricket sessions. No experience needed!

For more information
Hannah.Pettigrew@worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk

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