

12th 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

[Isaiah 43:19](#) - Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



As we enter 2024 we would like to extend to our entire community our best wishes for a positive and healthy New Year.

Opening our gates on Tuesday it was lovely to welcome back our children after the Christmas holiday. As is normal for the New Year, we looked in our worship assembly at what we would do differently in 2024 to ensure our school works positively. The children and staff were asked to come up with one word as a New Years resolution to give them focus for the year ahead. These words will give us a toolkit for going forwards and as we work with you, our parent community, very closely we would like you to come up with one inspirational word that you feel would reflect the way, as a school, we can work going forwards to make us a stronger community. Please click the following anonymous link to add your inspirational word by **Wednesday 17th January**:

<https://schoolforms.uk/T/GBDJCv2zpp2UGPDUaO>. We will then display these inside and outside our school and share them with you on next week's Newsletter.

NEW YEARS' RESOLUTION - FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE



School attendance is a really vital aspect of ensuring achievement for all children. We work with the Department for Education to ensure that our school attendance is as high as possible. Our attendance data shows that we are currently sitting at 94% which means 6% of our children are not attending school on a regular basis. Let's see if working together, as is our school's ethos, we can improve this figure by the end the Spring term.

Whilst we are very supportive of those children who are poorly, we do need to ensure that we give you support to ensure your child attends school if they possibly can. The Government's new campaign is called '**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**'. The campaign is seeking to influence parents' and carers' views on the importance of school attendance and will include

- Promoting social media advertising
- Media partnerships
- Radio advertising
- Social media influences

The campaign activity will take place from January to March 2024 and I am hoping that working with you during this time we can increase our attendance rate this term for all of our pupils.



There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about child absence due to illness. These say when children should be kept off school and when they should not. If you do keep need to keep your child at home due to illness, it is important to phone the school or nursery on the first day to let them know that your child will not be in and provide them with the reason. Further information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let your child's class teacher know.

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY

The Childrens' Commissioner have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received so far. More than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind, but I want to give even more people the chance to have their say.

This is the final push before the survey closes, so please do share it as widely as possible to help make sure that every child in England has an opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

Completing the following survey ensures that the children and young people of Worcester are fairly represented in the results: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

YEAR 1 - ART



This week in art, Year 1 have been exploring the use of watercolours. We have used different techniques such as putting water on the page first and then adding water to see how the paint moves on the page.

Splattering the paint on the page was a firm favourite as the children believed it looked like fireworks!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Malvern Multi-Sports February & Easter Camp



Providing young people aged 4-14 with an opportunity to have fun, develop sports skills and meet with friends.

12th & 13th February 2024

25th & 26th March 2024

2nd & 3rd April 2024

SCAN ME



9.15-3.30pm @ MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre,
Malvern.

£27.50 per day or £47.50 for 2 days.

To secure your place, contact:

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