

1st December 2023

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

Corinthians 9:7 - Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

This week, our thoughts have been around community and as our bible quote says, giving from our heart. We are delighted that our very own Upton Mayor, Cllr Shirley Dobbin, has modeled this key value by donating a real Christmas tree to our school.

Thanks to Reverend Amy, on Thursday we enjoyed reflecting on how kindness is the only thing that when we give it away it doubles. We are all capable of making somebody's day with the words we choose and the unprompted generosity of our time and our thoughts for others. At the start of the assembly, Mrs Davies shared how much joy the start of advent brings her and how special 1st December is. It took a little time to calm the front row of Will Ferrell-esque, 'It's Christmas!' responses as they learnt that the start of advent is not in fact Christmas Day.

There is much excitement and anticipation during this season and the children are still conscious of supporting their community, knowing that not everyone is fortunate to enjoy this time of year. Year 2 are running a reverse advent calendar where they bring food in to be donated to the Malvern Hills

Food Bank. Year 3 were demonstrating their kindness by smiling at everyone they met today and all the children are thinking about random acts of kindness that lift others but equally bring the giver great joy, knowing they have made a difference.

HANLEY VOICES

On the evening of Saturday 25th November, members of our school choir sang at a concert in the parish church, led by Hanley Voices, a local adult choir. The children listened to Hanley Voices perform Vivaldi's Gloria before they sang a variety of Christmas songs. The audience loved the children's singing! The two choirs then joined to sing traditional carols together. It was a wonderful evening and one we hope the children will remember for a long time.

Mrs Moroni would like to thank the children for their magical singing, their parents for supporting us, Mr Holloway for accompanying us on piano, Mrs Lamb for coordinating our involvement and providing delicious treats and Mrs Dodd for her much valued support on the evening. We love to take part in community events and this was a very special occasion.



HEALTHY EATING

Could we please remind you that we encourage healthy eating within our school at all times and to not send in chocolate bars for snack or lunch.

If grapes are given for snack or lunch, please ensure these are cut in half to avoid a choking hazard.

FOCUS ON READING



With Christmas rapidly approaching, please see the link below with idea of great new books available for children of all ages.

If you are stuck for ideas there are really nice synopsis of all the books to help you choose. Please remember the Book Swap is still available in the office entrance hall.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books>

PARENT GOVERNOR

Following on from the vote that we recently put out to all parents/carers, for the current parent governor vacancy, we can confirm that Mr Jarrod Christian was the successful candidate. Our Chair of Governors, Dr Andrew Walker, and the school community look forward to welcoming Mr Christian onto our Governing Body.

HELP TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL

As we are closing in on the final few weeks of 2023 and looking forward to 2024, we would like our school community to help the school and our Governors focus on improving our school going forwards. In order to do this, we appreciate any feedback you can give by completing the following anonymous questionnaire by **Friday 8th December**: [Parent Questionnaire](#)

PARKING (SCHOOL DROP-OFF/COLLECTION)



May we please remind you all to not part on the yellow lines or in the bus bay during school drop-off/collection times and to respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bookings for HAF Worcestershire Winter 2023 are now OPEN!

They have an exciting range of activities this winter, with something for everyone - including swimming, horse riding, dance and performing arts, martial arts and more!

Each child or young person will get four credits for Winter 2023. One credit can book one activity session via our booking site: [HAF Worcestershire \(haf-it.co.uk\)](http://haf-worcestershire.haf-it.co.uk). Some of the holiday club partners are also taking bookings via their own websites, which can be found on the HAFWorcestershire

Facebook page: [Facebook/HAFWorcestershire](https://www.facebook.com/HAFWorcestershire).

To book activities, the child or young person will need to be verified as eligible for benefits-related FSM meal, or in one of the other eligible groups. Families and carers are urged to sign up to the HAF website (www.haf-it.co.uk) to get verified if not done so already (those who signed up for Summer 2023 will have accounts already so will not need to sign up again, just login).

Should you have any questions, need further info or would just like to send us some feedback, HAFWorcestershire are ready to help and take your comments or suggestions for forward planning. Please contact them via: schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk

Click the following link to book or view the brochure for school holiday's activities: [BOOK NOW](#)





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Malvern Multi-sports Camp

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

All children must bring a packed lunch and drinks each day

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2024

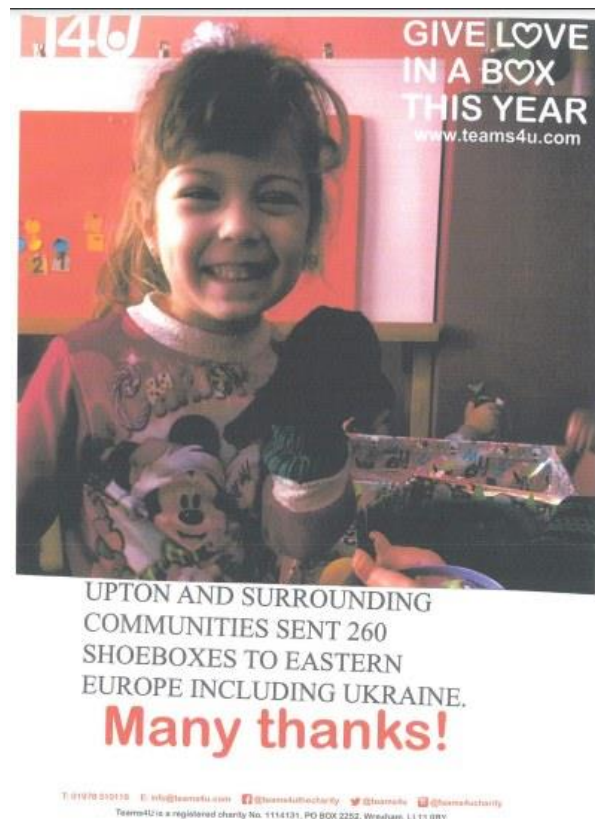
MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre,
Malvern, WR14 3LH.

9.30am - 3.30pm each day

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