

24th November 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

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

CHRISTMAS LAUNCH

This week our school has been working together to support the Upton community with their Christmas tree display which is set up each year at the Pepperpot. The trees are from local businesses, shops, pre schools and schools and, to make ours slightly different this year, we have produced an eco supporting BLUE Christmas tree. This has been designed to reflect the school uniform colour which is associated with everything at Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School!

For the decorations we have used wooden baubles which spread messages of hope to the whole community from each class. We have worked around our values and some of the messages say: "I wish for peace and quiet this Christmas"; "I wish for everyone to be happy at Christmas"; "So everyone never forgets about love and happiness"; "Have happiness at Christmas"; "Wishing all the people a magical Christmas"; "Sending you love and hope for Christmas" and also a "Thank you" for everything you do for the children.

We gave our site manger a huge challenge to make our eco tree in a very short space of time and Mr Miles took on this challenging with great enthusiasm proving that 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'. We would like to thank him for making us such an amazing tree which we will add to in the years to come.



PEPPERPOT CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT SHOP

On Wednesday evening, our school choir sang Christmas songs at the Pepperpot for the late night shopping event in Upton. The children sang beautifully, standing beside a huge Christmas tree, representing our school really well. We are always so proud of our pupils during these events because they show such dedication and passion for singing and it always lifts the spirit of any adult listening. There is something incredibly spiritual about the beauty of children's young voices singing sending Christmas positivity and sparkle to the Upton community from the Upton upon Severn children.

We would like to thank the community for sending thank you treats to the children afterwards.



FESTIVE FUN WEEK



(Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December)

As we draw ever nearer to Christmas and the end of term, I would like to keep you updated of all the wonderful festive activities we have going on in school on the run up to Christmas. Our curriculum time is very important but we also need to ensure that the festivities of Christmas have time allocation to give the children the festive experience that is such a vital aspect of primary school life.

We have therefore set the last week of term, 18th to 22nd December, as a specific Christmas week and will be planning a wide variety of different activities during this week. Some of these are listed below to enable you to know what the children doing during this exciting week:

Monday 18th December

- RE Activity day - an introduction to the Christmas story.

Tuesday 19th December

- Pre-school, Reception and KS2 Christmas parties (after lunch). Details of what to bring in will be sent nearer the time.
- KS1 to see Cinderella Panto at Malvern Theatre. Parents to collect KS1 children at 4.00pm from Malvern Theatre.

Wednesday 20th December

- Christmas jumper and Christmas Lunch day. Please remember to order your child's Christmas lunch as soon as possible on the Miquill website. *If you have misplaced your child's code to order, please contact the school office for this.*
- Choir singing at Town Carol Service -7.00pm.

Thursday 21st December:

- KS2 to see Cinderella Panto at Malvern Theatre. Any child not going to Panto on this day will be provided with Christmas activities at an age appropriate level.
- KS1 Christmas party (after lunch). Details of what to bring in will be sent nearer the time.

Friday 22nd December:

- Christingle service - 9.30am in the St Peter and St Pauls Church. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this

COMMUNITY NOTICES

REAL LIFE CRIME:

DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE?



Monday 27th November 2023



6:30pm to 7:30pm



Join via Microsoft Teams

Hear from Detective Chief Inspector, Tony Garner (West Mercia Police), who will share real life stories of how children, like yours, are coming to harm in the digital age.

You will be given an insight into the impact the online world has on a child's brain by Dr Burke, Forensic Psychologist.

During this conference, you will learn how you can prevent children from coming to harm from their exposure to the online world in three easy steps.

This event has been organised by Dean Salisbury (Vice Principal, Sutton Park Primary School) and Scott Crane (Safeguarding Lead).

Online grooming can start within 19 seconds as child sexual abuse images double

The mother of a teenager who took his life because of online bullying has urged others not to ignore the issue.

Online 'backdoor' lets child abusers in home, investigation finds

Online Child Pornography Skyrockets

Online roulette: the popular chat sites that are drawing in children and horrifying parents



Click here or scan the QR code to book your place

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THE BIG AMBITION CAMPAIGN

Children or parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at Upton upon Severn CofE Primary and Pre School have participated in **The Big Ambition** survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Worcester area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Riverboats Self Weigh Clinic



From January 2024, parents and carers can drop into our self-weigh clinic at Riverboats Children's Centre to check your child's weight.

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Riverboats Children's Centre, Prices Lane, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LY

For more information about our self-weigh clinics, scan the QR code



www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/selfweigh

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Head to Great Malvern on Saturday 25 November for the 2023 Christmas Festival - a day packed full of festive fun and Christmas shopping opportunities.

There will be lots going on, with the Christmas lights being switched on at 6pm. The much loved lantern parade will be back this year with school children taking part with illuminated artwork.

Enjoy plenty of live music, Solo Circus Performances & Entertainment, festive food, drink, and crafts. Meet Santa in the Christmas Grotto, listen to some Christmassy music and grab some hand-crafted Christmas gifts.



Great Malvern Priory Church Grounds

10.30am - 6.30pm Art & Craft Market
12.15pm - 12.45pm Malvern Hills District Brass Band
2.30pm - 3.15pm Dukes Jazz Society

Great Malvern Priory Church

Refreshments throughout the day
Various entertainment throughout the day
11.10am - 11.50am Malvern Music Centre String Orchestra
2.15pm - 2.55pm Worcestershire Youth Concert Band
6.05pm Carol Concert

BBC Hereford & Worcester on Belle Vue Island

12.30pm - 1pm I-sing Choir
1.15pm - 1.45pm Malvern Hills District Brass Band
1.50pm - 2.20pm Malvern Link Youth Choir
2.30pm - 3pm Stagecoach Malvern
3.15pm - 3.45pm Appleyard Dancers
3.50pm - 4.40pm Dukes Jazz Society
5.00pm - 5.30pm Malvern St James Junior Choir
5.40pm Parade Starts off,
Mark Solo Circus, BaixaBeat,
Dance in Motion, Lanterns

6pm

Church Street

10am - 3.30pm Vintage Cars
11.30am - 11.50am Polar Bear
5.30pm - 5.40pm Dance in Motion Performance before Parade
5.30pm - 5.40pm BaixaBeat Performance before Parade

Great Malvern Library

Inside

Refreshments throughout the day in the café, & mobile café for families queuing for the grotto.
Story Telling throughout the day, Narnia & Narnia themed stories.

10am - 4pm (3.45pm being the last admission) Christmas Grotto
10.30am - 3pm Upstairs Girlguiding arts and crafts workshop
10.30am - 11am Downstairs Amelia K Academy, Workshop
12.45pm - 1.05pm Main Foyer Polar Bear
2.20pm - 2.40pm Main Foyer Polar Bear
2.45pm - 3.15pm Downstairs Spotlight Theatre Academy - Christmas Musical Theatre Workshop (Ages 7-14yrs) - Dance in Motion
3.15pm - 3.45pm Downstairs Dance in Motion Academy - Christmas Dance Workshop (Ages 5-10yrs)

Outside

11am - 11.30am Holy Trinity Church Young Chorale
10am - 10.30am Amelia K Academy, Dance Performance
1.30pm - 2pm Rock Choir



1 - This December our very own Knit-ivity is travelling around Upton in preparation for the BIG day! There is no room at the Inn and so they are looking for the children of Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School to help them find room to stay. On Monday the children will be able to sign up to bring home someone from the Nativity to care for a night. It would be great if you could take a photo of your knitted guest so we can see their travels. They will all arrive at the Stable at our Messy Church Crib Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 23rd December at Upton Baptist Church.

