

27th October 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

[Isaiah 40:29](#) - He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

HAPPY HALF TERM

As we come to the end of our first half term, our school community has embraced the value of responsibility and throughout every class we have seen examples of our children showing how this value works with this. Responsibility is something that touches every area of our lives, whether it be being responsible for learning, for teaching or for caring. We all have responsibility for something. However, one of the most important things to be responsible for is for our own health and wellbeing.



During this autumn half-term break, it will give everyone the opportunity to relax from the routine of the school day and we hope that our families take some time together to enjoy the very wonderful area in which we live. We live very close to an area of outstanding natural beauty and are very fortunate in being able to access the Malvern Hills at any time.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 6th November**.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday evening, Upton visited Hanley Castle High School for the first football tournament of this academic year. The sun was shining down and the children were raring to go, all with the Mindset that 'anything is possible, we can all succeed'.

The group stage was made up of two separate pools and we were drawn in a competitive group. The children were very professional and warmed up with an intensity that expressed a desire to achieve success, this intensity was then taken onto the pitch, winning two games and drawing one game in the group stage matches. During the group stage matches, Upton played very well as a team both defensively and in attack, ensuring they qualified for a semi-final place. Mr Smith was very impressed with each and every one of the children's work rate and determination to win back the ball when they lost possession.

When the semi-final game arrived, Upton were feeling very positive in that if everyone stuck to their positions and played their roles, that the final was in their sight. Upton played out from the back with pace, ensuring that their strikes had lots of opportunities to score, which they did clinically. On to the final they went! During the final, Upton played with the same intensity as they had for the whole tournament and dominated possession throughout. There were plenty of opportunities for them to score but the opposition goalie refused to let in any of their shots, leading to a 0-0 result at full time. Now came a penalty shootout for the title ...

Although we came second in the penalty shootout, Upton players showed bravery to take penalties in front of a rather enthusiastic crowd. Finishing second was a fantastic result, Mr Smith is extremely proud of every single player that attended the tournament and they all represented the school in a positive manner.

Special mentions go to:

- The goal scorers - Ava (3), Hayden (1) and Eliot (1). Ava showed complete dominance in front of goal, scoring one of the best chipped goals Mr Smith has ever seen. Hayden not only had an eye for goal but provided multiple assists and showed great strength as a centre forward. Eliot scored a goal from long range that would certainly be a goal of the month contender on Match of the Day!
- Secondly, our midfielders Ellie, Ethan, Finnley and Isaac showed real grit and determination in the middle of the pitch, providing dominance in tackles and plenty of opportunities for our strikers. Isaac showed versatility by playing both in goal (saving penalties in the shootout) and dominating the midfield area.
- Lastly, Luke and Zach were like a brick wall at the back. Defensively excellent, providing goal saving tackles and showing great leadership, sticking religiously to their positions.

Overall, a fantastic evening, one every player should be proud of. They will all be receiving a Headteacher's Award.

Well done Upton!







LIBRARY VISIT



Some of the children have had the opportunity to visit our wonderful library and Reading Champion, Karen.

We are so lucky to have this amazing resource on our doorstep.

The children have heard stories, talked about their favourite books and delved into the huge selection of books available at the library.

GREAT FIRE OF UPTON!

Year 2 have had a very exciting end to their topic- The Great Fire of Upton! They worked hard and used all the knowledge they had learnt about the Great Fire of London; why it happened, when it happened, why it spread and how it ended, to create their own Tudor-style houses. They then took these to Forest School and re-enacted the Fire with Mrs Gabriel. The thoroughly enjoyed watching the fire happen and were very responsible- keeping themselves and their peers safe all the time. What an excellent way to end the half term!









THE MOORINGS

This half-term in The Moorings the children have had lots of fun making autumn wreaths, leaf mobile hangers and tealight holders. They have also enjoyed some group challenges, such as our 'longest' paperchain competition.



SPEEDING TICKETS

Over this half term, we have noticed that many children have taken to running in the school corridor now that we no longer have our one-way Covid system in place. This is causing us concerns regarding the safety of the children. Mrs Davies and Mrs Wills spoke together about this issue and the next day Mrs Davies put pictures of speed cameras in the corridor to alert the children that they may be monitored (and caught on camera!). In reality, the cameras are all the adults who work in school.

However, unfortunately this week two speeding tickets have been issued which Mrs Davies gave out in assembly. One was to Mrs Wills and one to Mrs Dodd who, during an incident in school, both had to run. It was explained to the children that this is unacceptable and Mrs Wills said she was very sorry, as did Mrs Dodd, and all adults will ensure they are not caught running in the corridors in school. This demonstrated to the children that we all work together and have to be responsible for our own actions and how we behave.

If children are given three tickets in a row, they have to spend time with Mrs Davies on a speed awareness course who will instruct them as to how to safely transport themselves around school. A yellow ticket will also be issued on the third speeding ticket to tie in with our [Behaviour Policy](#).

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Young minds is a charity that can support parents and young people who are experiencing mental health issues. This website offers guidance and resources for adults and children as well as links to further support. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/parental-mental-illness/>

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is currently one parent governor vacancy on the school's governing body with immediate effect. The term of office is four years.

The governing body plays a significant part in the development and running of the school and parent governors play an important role as members helping to form policy, set priorities and manage the budget. Governors do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. That is the responsibility of Julie Wills, Headteacher and her staff. Governor's deal with the strategic aspects of school management, focussing particularly on three core functions:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Candidates must be able to work as part of a team and possess skills, which enhance effective governance and will contribute to the success of the school. No specific qualifications are necessary but parents who bring IT, marketing, and financial expertise are particularly suited to the role. Most important however, is a keen interest and a willingness to play an active part in the life of and have an understanding of our church school.

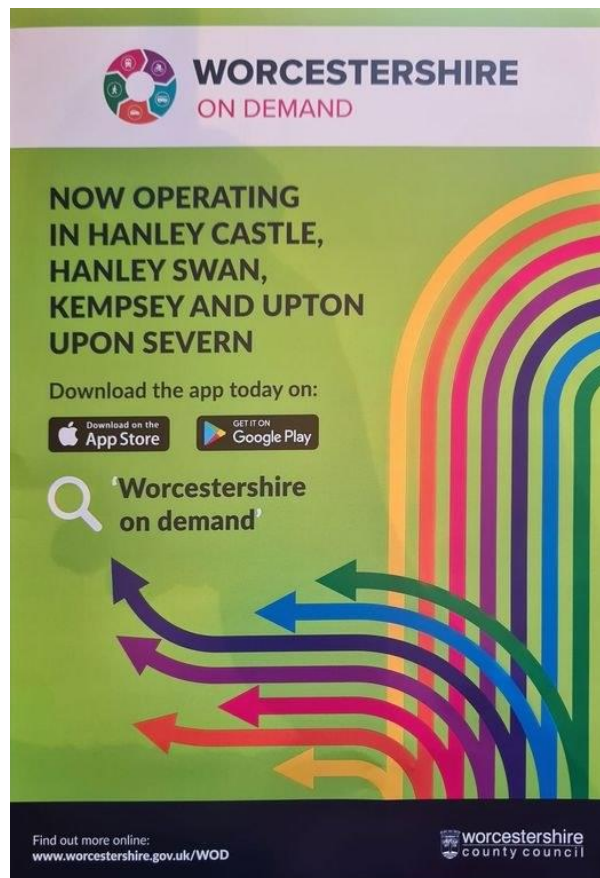
The governing body and its sub-committees each meet 5 to 6 times annually for around 2½ hours. Governors otherwise keep in touch with school and colleagues via visits and email. New Governors are provided with free induction training which they are expected to attend. All candidates wishing to express an interest are invited to meet with the Headteacher or Chair of Governors prior to completion of the nomination form to gain an enhanced understanding of the likely commitment. Candidates should request this via the school office

Further details and a nomination form has been submitted to all parents/carers via our electronic communication system. However, should you require a paper form; this can be obtained from the school office. If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent (after consultation with them), to fill the vacancy please complete either the electronic nomination form (or return the paper form to school) by 3.30pm on Friday 10 November 2023.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORCESTERSHIRE ON DEMAND (WOD) TRANSPORT SERVICES



Why has Worcestershire launched DRT services?

To enable more people to use public transport again, Worcestershire County Council is working in partnership with local bus operators to provide DRT services. Worcestershire County Council wants to understand if flexible DRT services provide a more sustainable way of transport provision compared to fixed route services.

How does it work?

Worcestershire on Demand (WOD) buses pick you up and drop you off in the service area and not just at a bus stop. A bus picks you up at your request, changing its route so that all passengers can get to where they need to go. Worcestershire on Demand (WOD) is designed to help people make essential local journeys. Your safety is paramount, and we've designed Worcestershire on Demand

(WOD) to carry passengers safely. Knowing how many passengers we are picking up, means we can guarantee you a seat and maintain social distancing.

Download the app today and get to where you need to go.



King's Cricket Development Programme 2023/24
in partnership with Worcestershire Cricket Board



Who: Years 1 - 4 (all abilities - boys & girls)

Where: Keyes Building, King's School, Worcester - opposite Good Roots Café on Severn Street

When: Saturday mornings starting **Saturday 11th November 2023**

Times:

- Years 1-2 - 9.00am to 10.00am - Softball
- Years 3-4 - 10.00am to 11.00am - Softball & Hardball*

*All cricketers taking part in hardball practice **MUST** have the correct protective equipment - Box, helmet, gloves and pads (thigh pads desirable) as these cannot be provided. Previous experience of hardball cricket is desirable.

Cost: £70

What's included: 6 one-hour cricket sessions and a KCDP t-shirt.

Bookings and enquiries: Click on the link of the session you wish to attend and fill in the Microsoft form to book your child's place. Can you then bring your completed consent form with you to the first session. **Please note, you will need to fill in a separate form for each child attending.**

Main contacts: Simon Greenall (sgreenall@ksw.org.uk) for booking and enquiries and Dan Such (suchyricricket95@gmail.com) will be able to answer any questions throughout the period of the programme.

What to wear: School PE kit or cricket whites, indoor non-marking trainers, water bottle.

Block 1 dates: 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th, 16th December - 6 sessions

Block 2 dates: 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th March - 7 sessions
(Information and a new set of forms for block 2 will be sent out at a later date)

Mr Simon Greenall
Director of Cricket



Small
classes
Quality
lessons



Accessible
lessons for
all

HERE AT SWIM SCHOLARS WE OFFER:

- GROUP LESSONS - PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH TO STAGE 10
- LENGTHS SESSIONS
- PARENT AND TODDLER LESSONS
- ADULT LESSONS
- SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS
- PRIVATE 1:1/ 2:1 LESSONS
- ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTED LESSONS

GROUP
LESSONS £10
MAX 4 PER
GROUP

Contact: swimscholars@outlook.com
The Elms School, Colwall WR13 6EF

