

15th September 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 4:10-11

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

RESPONSIBILITY



This has been our first full week of the autumn term and we started with our Monday worship introducing this half-term's value of 'Responsibility'. Our children have worked with us to discuss what they think they are responsible for and they came up with a variety of suggestions. In the children's words they are responsible for:

- Behaviour • Reading • Doing maths • Being kind every day • Loving people
- Swimming • Keeping rooms tidy • Not losing equipment • Learning

Within the classrooms, the children have been doing further work around this value and the approach to their learning this term has been extremely positive.

Our team working philosophy ensures that the atmosphere throughout school is positive, proactive and conducive to positive learning. Our teachers have planned exciting and vibrant work for this term and all the children started last week with a three day special topic based around the unique book 'In our Hands' by Lucy Farfort. This story is about the world being plagued with isolation and cursed to live without colour. It is up to a group of determined children to grow a seed of hope that inspires everyone to come together and build a better future. Throughout the school, each class embraced this story and the quality of the work has been most impressive. This story encapsulates our school vision 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed' perfectly and it has been wonderful to see the stunning displays that each class have created from their work around this book. We are delighted there has been such a positive start to the term and look forward to sharing with you some more of our learning experiences throughout the term.

MEET AND GREET THE TEACHER

Our children have settled extremely well into their new classes and we have three new members of staff this term, Steven Smith and Amy Goode (teachers) and Michelle Elliott (finance school business

manager) who have also settled well into our Upton family. We have a book fair booked in our school from Thursday 21st to Thursday 28th September and after school on Wednesday 27th September we are going to hold a meet and greet the teacher drop in session where all parents/carers can see their child's classroom and meet the teacher. This will not be the time for individual discussions regarding children's schooling. These will happen during our parents' evenings which will be held later this term - date to be confirmed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We will be holding our harvest service in the Upton Parish Church at 9.30am on Friday 29th September. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this. As in previous years, we ask for donations of non-perishable items for the local Foodbank. However, we understand how difficult things are at the moment with the current cost of the living crisis and the significant increases we are all experiencing and, if you would prefer not to donate, we fully understand this.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Following the meeting of the Full Board of Governors on 12th September, where we agreed the annual report, this has now been posted on the Governors' subsection of the school's new website (in the 'Key Information/Governors' section). The Governors would encourage you to read this. We have also posted a document reviewing our performance over the year, which outlines in a bit more detail the issues we have considered and the actions taken.

If you would like to contact me to discuss any of these, or any other matter relating to the governing of the school, please do not hesitate to contact me: awalker@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk - Mr Andrew Walker - Chair of Governors.

THE MOORINGS ACTIVITIES

Week Beginning: 18th September 2023

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CRAFT ACTIVITIES				
Children's Choice	Baking - making their own pitta pizzas	Sketch it! - creating some famous sketching	Clay Creations - children will be provided with a range of examples and will create their own clay models	
GROUP ACTIVITIES/OUTDOORS				
Bingo	Catch the Flag	Timed Obstacle Course	Cosmic Yoga, Outside Games	Children's Choice

Week Beginning: 25th September 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CRAFT ACTIVITIES				
Creating their own scent bags	Baking - making their own yummy sausage rolls for snack	Blind Guide - 2 children with one child blindfolded and other guiding them to finish line	Stem Challenge - Pop-cycle and cup towers. Which team can made the tallest structure	Hide and Seek
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There is also daily activities as follows:

- 1:1/group reading sessions
- TT Rockstars (online maths challenge)
- Selection of fun online learning opportunities/games (these will be timed sessions)
- Selection of toys and games rotated on a daily basis

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP WITH DOGS

Whilst we very much support our dog companions we have recently received some parent concerns regarding dogs that are left unaccompanied at the school gates attached to the railings.

Can we therefore please ask that if you bring a dog with you when dropping-off/picking-up your child, the dog **must not** be left alone and **do not** tie the dog to any of the school railings/gates.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?



Can you create a bright, eye-catching poster to encourage all of your friends to come to school every day? Let's keep learning and playing together.

There are two age categories: 9 and under and 10 and over. There are goody bags with Safari Park tickets awarded for the best poster designs. This is a Worcestershire Children First competition.

Please bring entries into school by **Wednesday 20th September** to enter the competition.



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

OPEN DAYS

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, WE CAN ALL SUCCEED
To Inspire ... To Aspire

THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER - from 9.30am to 3.30pm

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER - from 10.00am to 7.00pm
Come and experience a stay and play Forest School session on this day from 9.30am to 10.30am

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER - from 9.30am to 3.30pm

Our school offers:

- A Nurturing Environment
- Creative Learning and Discovery
- Community Engagement
- Forest School and Bell Boating
- One year group per class

To book a tour on any of our open days please contact the school office on:

 01684 592259
 office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

 **DISCOVER MORE**
<https://www.uptonprimaryschool.education>

We have a nurturing school (from nursery up to Year 6) and offer an innovative curriculum that fosters creativity, resilience and a love for lifelong learning.

Our dedicated team work tirelessly to ensure that every child is supported, challenged and given the opportunity to achieve their potential.

Mrs Julie Wills
(Headteacher)

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WELCOME TO OUR

BOOK FAIR

Thursday 21st Sept to
Thursday 28th Sept

8.30-9.00 and 3.05-3.30

Books suitable for pre-school
to Year 6.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Volunteers Needed



Make a difference in our community
become a litter hero.

Because you care about our
town.



Contact: The Clerk, Upton
upon Severn Town Council on
01684 592273 or
clerk@uptonuponsevern-tc.org.uk



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NOW STARTED!!
EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 TILL 12:00**

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