

14th July 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)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

Peter 3:8 - Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

SHREK THE MUSICAL Jr

Our school vision is 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed' and our Key Stage 2 children have all shown how much this vision underpins all they do in school with their superb performance in the Shrek musical. Each year the Key Stage 2 production takes place during the last weeks of the summer term and we only work on it for two weeks. In this time we cover every aspect of theatre production, including staged design, lighting set up, musical production and the actual performance. The children learn the vital elements of working together as a cohesive team and the show that is created at the end is always excellent. This year however I do feel, and I may have a slight bias on this, that our children have done a particularly superb job. Over the last few years we have been unable to run these huge productions because of Covid. Last year was the first time that the children had worked together on such a production and it is important to remember that the upper Key Stage 2 would normally have had the previous three years as opposed to just one to work towards a production such as this. Shrek was incredible. It was outstanding in every aspect. The children were superb, the singing quality amazing, the stage management wonderful and the parents support for costumes

enabled us to present a show that was most professional in its entirety. The Key Stage 2 staff all worked tirelessly during this time and I am proud to be headteacher of such a strongly knit school community where we do indeed show that 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'.

We have had some wonderful feedback from parents with many saying they thought it was one of the best productions we have ever done. The only challenge we have now given ourselves is how can we compete with this for next summer!











































UPTON BLUES FESTIVAL



At Upton, we are lucky to be surrounded by musical experiences, thanks to the music festivals held annually within the town. Next weekend (Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd July) is the Blues Festival and so, fresh from performing Shrek, the children will take part in Blues workshops in school on Thursday 20th July.

Parents are invited to the school hall for 2.00pm to hear the compositions the children will create in the morning. Jay Riley and his Blues band will lead the children through their shared pieces.

On Friday 21st July, Key Stage 2 will take part in the opening of the Blues Festival, singing on the main stage on the rugby pitch at 12.00pm. You are all very welcome to come to listen to the children sing our favourite songs of the school year. Should the weather be kind to us, the children will stay at the Rugby club to eat their packed lunches and return to school in time for school pick-up. If you are able to help accompany us for this event we do need some extra adult support. Please email the school office if you can help: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk.

Our thanks go to the Blues Festival for supporting us in providing us with the workshops. This is the first time we will have performed at the Blues Festival and we're looking forward to it!

TEACHING STAFF FROM SEPTEMBER

The children will be meeting their new class teacher for next year on the morning of Friday 21st July, with the exception of the Reception class who will be meeting their new teacher on Thursday 20th July. The class teachers from September will be:

- Nursery/Pre School - Mrs Sam Wiggett
- Reception - Mrs Debbie Johnson
- Year 1 - Mrs Amy Goode
- Year 2 - Miss Charlotte Gillson
- Year 3 - Mrs Kate Moroni
- Year 4 - Mrs Emma Malpass and Miss Helena Lacon

- Year 5 - Mr Steven Smith
- Year 6 - Mrs Emma Davies
- Forest School - Mrs Gabriel

STAFF LEAVING

The following members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this term:

- Mrs Jo Martin, Mrs Oksana Shcherban, Mrs Jenny Clements and Mrs Sarah Hollier

We would like to wish them all the best in their future careers.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

I am delighted to inform you all that by the end of this term our new website, managed Primary Site, will be launched. We are just waiting for the last few photos to be uploaded to ensure that everything is totally set for the launch. We have been working on this throughout this year and we are aware that there are many aspects that are out of date and have not been changed for some time on the old website. We have been unable to upload to the old website and going forwards the new website will have all our current documentation on it, policies, curriculum information and class information that you require. We hope that you will find navigating our new website easy and that any information you require is easily accessible.

As we are in the early stages with it we would appreciate it if you could support us this week as our old website is unable to be utilised at this time.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Activities

Old Baptist Chapel **10am to 12pm** **Pre-booking essential**
Cash and Card accepted.



Bug Hunts

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th July.
 (Meet at John Moore Museum at 10am or 11am). Donation appreciated.



Paracord craft making workshop

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August. Two sessions of 1 hr, 10am and 11am. 6 spaces per session. Make bracelets or keychains. Cost - £2 per child. Accompanying adult free.



Leaf and flower printing

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th August.
 (Meet at John Moore Museum at 10am or 11am). Hunt for a leaf or flower then make a print of it to keep. Donation appreciated.



Animal Artwork

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August.
 Donation appreciated.



Treasure hunt and fan making

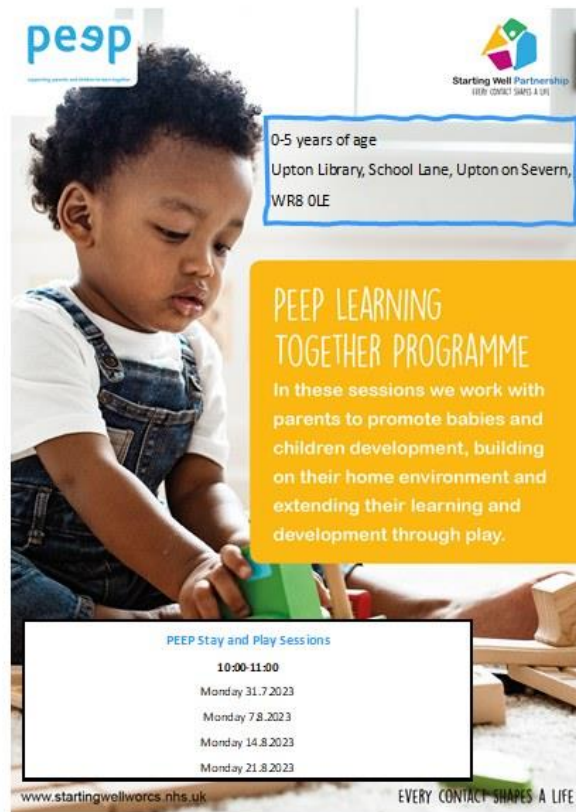
Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August.
 Donation appreciated. Hunt for objects then draw your favourites. Donation appreciated.

John Moore Museum, 41 Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5SN
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RARING2GO MAGAZINE

The summer Raring2Go magazine link is:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/summer2023/>



The flyer features a photograph of a young child with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a white t-shirt and denim overalls, sitting on the floor and playing with colorful wooden blocks. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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0-5 years of age
Upton Library, School Lane, Upton on Severn,
WR8 0LE

PEEP LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAMME
In these sessions we work with parents to promote babies and children development, building on their home environment and extending their learning and development through play.

PEEP Stay and Play Sessions
10:00-11:00
Monday 31.7.2023
Monday 7.8.2023
Monday 14.8.2023
Monday 21.8.2023

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