

21st April 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'

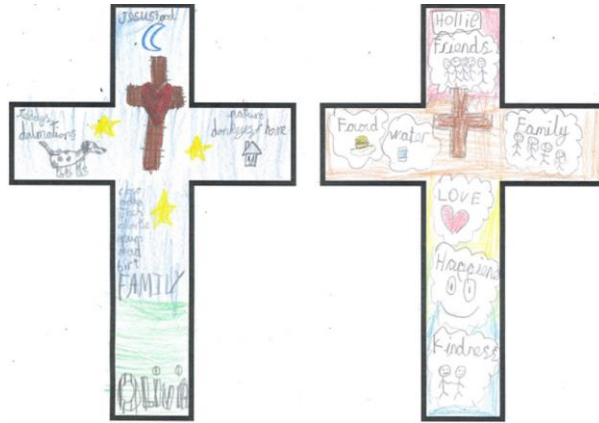
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

[2 Corinthians 4:18](#) - For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

PERSEVERANCE

Our half-term theme is 'Perseverance' and this value is seen throughout the New Testament with the way that Jesus and his disciples work together to overcome the challenges they faced. As we approached Easter we looked at making special individual crosses where we reflected those things that were very important to us and how the love we feel for our family and towards Jesus holds us all together, making us stronger, resilient and able to persevere with anything we may be faced with. These two crosses reflect the way the children embraced this activity. Throughout the school the crosses from all the classes can be seen and show the way our children understand the Christian values that are as important to us as a church school.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION



As the country looks forward to forthcoming coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort on Saturday 6th May we at school have been thinking of ways that we can celebrate this historic occasion.

The following information comes from Buckingham Palace who have said: "The ceremony will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while remaining rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry."

The Palace also added: "The Coronation is a solemn religious service, together with an occasion for celebration and pageantry. The ceremony has retained a similar structure for over a thousand years, and this year's Coronation is expected to include the same core elements while recognising the spirit of our times. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. Since 1066, the service has almost always been conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury."

We are going to have our own Coronation celebration in school on Friday 5th May. During this day we will hold a historic special event day where each class will be investigating something about the history of King Charles becoming our King and what the actual Coronation means to us.

Next week we will be running a competition in school with the children presenting some work on why they wish to be King or Queen for the day. The winners of the competition will then be formally crowned by our local Mayor on Friday 5th May during a ceremony that you will all be invited to on that afternoon. There will be a special afternoon tea celebration and lots of other things that we are planning, details of which will be sent out in a full program of events next week.

On Friday 5th May we would ask everybody to come to school dressed formally in their best going out clothes possible (children must wear suitable footwear!).

MIQUILL CATERING HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Due to the rise in inflation, Miquill Catering have informed us that from 1st May they will be having to increase the cost of their school lunches from £2.40 to £2.60 per child. We have discussed this with them and feel that as parents you needed some notification of this price increase and therefore we have agreed that Miquill can increase the price from 1st June. Both ourselves and Miquill Catering are very sorry for these price increases but I am sure you will all appreciate that the company have to run efficiently and with increasing costs and we feel £2.60 is still good value for a very nutritionally balanced and enjoyable hot lunch.

There are two Free School Meal schemes:

1. Universal Free School Meals which covers all children from Reception to Year 2
2. Free School Meals for children from Reception to Year 6, which is based on household income. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals and eligibility can be checked via the following web link:

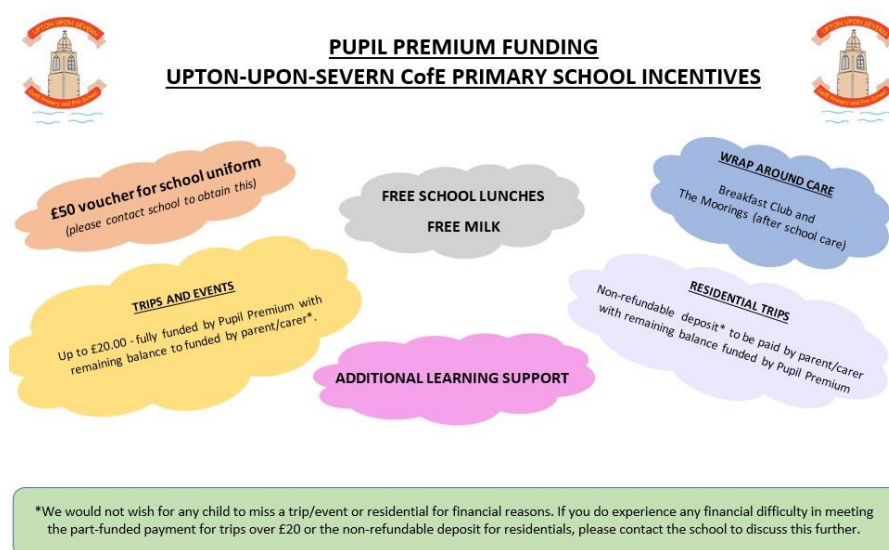
https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Child Tax Credit, and your annual income is less than £16,190
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on

All hot dinners MUST be booked via the Miquill Catering website:

<https://select.miquillcatering.co.uk/account>.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals your child will also benefit from Pupil Premium funding, for which we have many incentives in school as follows:



PARKING SIGNS



Myself and Cllr Shirley Dobbin (Mayor Elect) are delighted to have the support from County Cllr Martin Allen, our local district councillor, for supporting us in funding new parking signs that make it very clear that children's lives are at danger if cars are badly parked. Our local police community have also been supporting us with this campaign and with these new signs in place we feel reassured that as much is being done as possible to keep our children safe.

QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



On Tuesday 18th April, Miss Lacon took some year 4 children to the Bromsgrove School to compete in the Spring School Games. As they had previously won the Hockey Quicksticks competition against the Malvern schools, they then went forward to represent West Worcestershire. They had a super day which started with an opening ceremony with more than 800 other competitors.

The children were presented with orange t-shirts showing the value of determination and headed off to the village. In this area there were lots of activities to try from different countries, such as dancing, volleyball and tennis, they then gained stickers to add to their passports.

They played six matches against other districts. They demonstrated excellent control, dribbling and passing, scoring lots of goals along the way. This meant they came 2nd overall, in the whole of Worcestershire, which was absolutely fantastic! The children were thrilled to collect their medals and we really proud of their determination and achievement. They had an excellent day and represented our school superbly. What an opportunity for them and what a success!



FREE PARENT COURSES

We are delighted to let you know about details of a series of free courses that Worcestershire Children's First are offering for parents/carers. These **FREE** online courses have been developed by psychologists and professionals and are highly rated. They are designed to help you understand your child's feelings, as well as focus on your own feelings as you go through life as a family. You will also learn to understand the changes in your child's development and how to make the most out of each relationship. We wholeheartedly recommend these courses – they are for everyone, for everyday parenting. They do not tell you how to parent, that is up to you. Instead, they give you a framework for understanding what might be going on and space to think about how you want to respond. They are for ALL parents, carers, grandparents and teens because we all need a bit of headspace and thinking time occasionally. You will also find some courses have been translated into a variety of languages including Welsh, Urdu, Polish, Bulgarian, Somali, Chinese and Arabic.

They are also running two free Autism, anxiety and behaviour Webinars for Parents and Carers. These webinars can be viewed on laptops, tablets, phones and smart TVs. Once registered you can join live or watch a recording at a time to suit. To sign up to the following webinars, please visit www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events

- Autism and Behaviour - Monday 22nd May 2023 from 9.30am to 11.00am
- Autism and Anxiety - 12th June 2023 from 9.30am to 11.00am

All other courses and further information can be accessed via the following link: <https://inourplace.co.uk>. The password to access the courses is: PARENTSROCK

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Upton Town Council : Upton Baptist Church : Upton in Bloom

Kings and Queens Scarecrows

As part of the Town's Coronation celebrations we invite you to make a historic royal scarecrow. They can be installed in the Old Churchyard (the 'Pepperpot') from Tuesday 2nd May and removed on Tuesday 9th May.



Upton upon Severn Town Council

The Annual Town Meeting

will be held on

Tuesday 25th April '23
at 7.30pm

in

The Memorial Hall,
Old Street

This is your opportunity to:

- Meet your councillors & ask them questions
- Find out what's going on in the town and locally
- Hear from town organisations

All welcome

Free tea, coffee and biscuits served from 7.00pm



At our heart are kindness and friendship - a place
where children pursue their passions and thrive.

Join us at our
Bank Holiday Open Morning
Monday 1st May 2023
Nursery - Year 8

To book your place, visit:
www.thedownsmalvern.org.uk



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OPEN WEEKS INVITATION

We invite you to visit RGS Worcester to discover how we prepare pupils for life, and learn about the incredible opportunities that we can offer your child.

Monday - Friday 15 - 19 & 22 - 26 May 2023

To book an appointment please visit
www.rgsw.org.uk



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