

31st March 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

Luke 24:6-7 - He is not here; he has risen!

EASTER CHURCHES TOGETHER GATHERING

To end this term we were provided with the 4front Theatre groups production of 'The Parable Keeper'. Our children did not have to be the active participants in an Easter service but rather enjoyed the relaxing and innovative story telling of the 4front Theatre company as they explained a variety of parables. The importance of living life with kindness and generosity, understanding the challenges that other people may face and ensuring that all times we follow Jesus in the way we act towards others came through in everything the theatre group acted. It was a very special way to end the spring term and enabled us to be the audience rather than the presenters giving both the staff and the children a relaxing and enjoyable end to our busy term. We would like to thank the churches together for providing the financial support to enable us to have this production and to the Reverend Barry Unwin for facilitating the Reverend Amy Wearing to hold the event in the St Peter and St Paul's Upton Parish Church.







PSHE/RSE CURRICULUM

Personal Social Health Education and Relation Sex Education are both very important areas for children as they progress through their school life. As a school team in association with the Governors we ensure that any policies connected to these areas of learning meet all our childrens' needs and follow the criteria that we are set to ensure that the correct education within these areas can take place. They are vital for the personal, social and emotional development of our pupils and equips children and young people with the information, skills and values they need to have safe, respectful and enjoyable relationships. It empowers them to take responsibility as they develop for their wellbeing and, as they mature, to have an understanding to ensure they stay physically safe and well at all times.

As you know we work very closely with you as our parent community. The best way to provide children with a sound and strong base for their learning is for us to have this strong partnership enabling us to work together and provide for our children the knowledge they need in a safe and sensitive way. Within our policy (which can be found on our website and via the link below) the information the children will be learning at various stages is clearly documented. There are some

areas where you are entitled for your children not to be included in the RSE lessons and there is a form at the end of the policy document which you can complete and send in to school for us to take the steps necessary to arrange this. However, there are some areas, as bulleted below, which you will be unable to remove your child from as they are part of the required curriculum delivery:

- Parents will be able to withdraw their child from primary school classes which address sex education - i.e. those that do not sit within the Relationships Education curriculum.
- Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from Relationships Education in primary school or secondary school
- Maintained primary schools are required to teach National Curriculum science, which includes some elements of sex education. Parents do not have a right to withdraw from this.

As a school going forwards we will ensure that all PSHE/RSE lessons are carried out in the latter part of the summer term and will work with the classes to ensure delivery is all done during the same week. Further details of this will be sent to you in the summer term.

[PSHE Policy](#)

MARVELLOUS ME!

Following on from the successful Marvellous Me sessions that have been held at our school during the spring term, a further 10 sessions will be held in the summer term on **Tuesday mornings** (9.15am to 11.15am) from 25th April to 4th July. These sessions are FREE for all parents/carers to attend and, if you would like to book a place, please email the school office (office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk)

STAFF UPDATE

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Alison Marlow, our finance manager, today and would like to wish her all the best in her new job.



CURRENT VACANCIES

KEY STAGE 2 TEACHING ASSISTANTS (x3 posts)

- TA2 - 20 hours per week Monday to Friday, term time only (temporary up to 31st August 2023 but linked to children with SEND)
- TA2 - 20 hours per week Monday to Friday, term time only (temporary up to 31st August 2024 but linked to children with SEND)
- TA1 - 32.5 hours per week Monday to Friday, term time only (temporary up to 31st August 2026 but linked to children with SEND)

FINANCE SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

Term time only hours, 30 per week Monday to Friday **or** all year round hours 22.5 per week Monday to Friday

Full details can be found on our website or, alternatively email the school to:

office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk providing the job title in the subject line. The job description, person specification and application form will be emailed back to you.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A big well done to the football team that played at Dyson Perrins High School in the second round of the competition. They played brilliantly as a team, winning 3-0 against the Wyche School and then drawing 1-1 against Great Whitley. The winners were decided on penalties, unfortunately losing 4-3. Well done to the players who put themselves forward to take a penalty and to James K ,our wonderful goalie, it takes a great deal of courage to stand up in front of everyone. Also, thank you to all of the parents for their support.





IN MEMORY - MRS MARGARET DAVIS

As the Headteacher of such a special community primary school I am always very moved when I hear of the loss of a previous member of staff who has given commitment and service to educating the children of Upton. As the member of a school community you touch lives of children in a special way and we all will recall, with fond memories, the special days that we had in primary school. We have recently been informed of the passing of Mrs Margaret Davis, a former long-serving teacher at Upton School, who passed away aged 92 on 11th March 2023.

Before starting her teaching career Margaret was herself a pupil at Upton from 1933-1940, when at the start of the 2nd World War she remembered the school field being dug up to grow vegetables!

After teacher training in Portsmouth and Redditch she returned to Upton where she taught reception class and music from 1966 to 1985. She loved to inspire a passion for reading as well as arts and crafts. She also enjoyed the special church services throughout the year, especially Christmas where she made hundreds of paper angels for the children to decorate. She lived next door to the school so had a gate between the field and her house so she could pop back to see her dogs at lunchtime.

Her four children were also taught at Upton and now two of her greatgrandchildren are carrying on the family tradition, Jess in year four and Sammy in pre-school.

She is sadly missed by all her family and friends but many of the lessons she taught will live on.

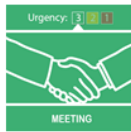
EASTER BREAK

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RARING2GO SPRING MAGAZINE

The spring edition of the Raring2Go magazine can be viewed via the following link:
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/spring2023/>. This covers events and activities throughout April, May, and June.



Mobile police surgery in your area

Drop in to speak to officers at the mobile police station at Hanley Swan village hall, on the 18th April 2023 between 12.00pm and 1.00pm where officers will be on hand to listen to any concerns and to offer crime prevention advice. For more information please contact PCSO Nick Elwell @upton.snt@westmercia.police.uk.



Starting Well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Volunteer Opportunity Spotlight

Train to become a Parenting Peer Supporter

Do you have parenting experience, and would like to help other parents to feel confident and supported?

Our dedicated and compassionate Parenting Peer Supporters assist staff running parenting groups in setting up, contributing to planning and supporting the delivery of the course.

Our next **free** six-week training course is a mixture of online and in-person delivery on the following dates:

Online (via TEAMS)	In person at the Sunshine Hub, Malvern, WR14 3SW
19/04/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am	10/05/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am
26/04/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am	17/05/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am
03/05/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am	24/05/23 - 9.30 - 11.30am



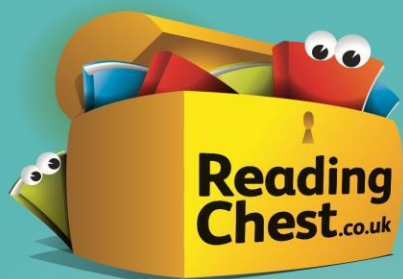
For more information please contact:

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www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/startforlife
every contact shapes a life



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For more information and reading advice visit
www.readingchest.co.uk

WCWFC INVITES YOU!

Join our WCWFC players for a FREE session on Sunday 2nd April from 11:30-12:30pm for girls and boys of all ages and abilities!



Find out more and book your place:

WWW.WCWCAMPS.CO.UK/WCWFC-FOOTBALL-FUN

After the session you will have chance to meet the players and have photos or autographs before watching them in action!

Sunday 2nd April



KO 2:30pm

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Claines Lane
Worcester



Admission - £3
Students - £2
Over 65's - £2
U18's go free



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Refreshments are available to purchase at Gill's Place!

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Spetchley Park Gardens

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2023

6PM TO 9PM

A magical night to remember with lots of fun for all the family with outdoor activities, music, street food, craft market and more!

gkcct.org/midsummer



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