

24th 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

[Galatians 6:2](#) - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

WARNERS COMMUNITY SAVING SCHEME

On Wednesday afternoon we had a wonderful surprise at school as Jack Cross from Warners Retail Ltd came to present us with a cheque for £453 which was from the Community Saving Scheme.



This is money that comes from the tokens that are collected when people shop in the supermarket and then choose which charity they wish to support. Although we had realised the collection pot was taking place and Lucy Worrall from Warners had emailed me to inform me they were coming to present the cheque, I was not aware as to how much had been collected.

We are delighted with this amount of money and will be using it to purchase some new playground equipment, including some new table tennis kit.

Our thanks go to Warners and the entire community for supporting us with this fundraising. We would also like to say thank you to Warners who are, after Easter, going to be funding the food for our Breakfast Club. It is this community support that is so vital for us as a school and will help us to sustain this important service.

EASTER SERVICE

This we are taking a different approach to our Easter service. We have been informed that the Upton churches together have enabled us to have a performance from '4front Theatre' entitled 'The Parable Keeper!'. The story is based around the Parabularium which is home to all sorts of antiques, knick-knacks and oddities ... and that is just the staff! Yet, for the curious shops owner, the Parable Keeper, the most valuable things for sale aren't the unusual items, but the stories found in dusty old books. This one hour musical extravaganza explores some of the parables of Jesus, bringing them to life like never before through energetic songs, interactive story-telling and lots of laughs.

This one hour service will take place on Friday 31st March in the St Peter and St Pauls Parish Church from 1.30pm and we would like to welcome all our parental community to join us for this different approach to Easter.

NEURO DIVERSITY WEEK

This week was 'Neuro Diversity Week'. During Friday's assembly, we celebrated the fact that we are all unique and different. It has been 'break the rules day' and all of our children have attended school in clothes of their own choice, rather than school uniform. We used this within assembly to demonstrate how when 200 people are in one room we all look completely different. This encompasses how all neurodiverse we are. We think in different ways, act in different ways, move in different ways, process information in different ways and communicate in different ways.

There are many people in our community who have alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. Neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently.

By using the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Further information can be found via the following link:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/videos>.



UPTON RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Monday Mrs Wills and Mrs Davies were pleased to be able to take thirty children from years 3 and 4 to take part in an experience rugby fun day hosted by Upton Rugby Club. Despite the rain and extremely muddy conditions all the children were able to play in a round robin tournament and enjoyed taking part in a new sport.

Particular thanks go to Mr Callaghan who kindly stepped in to run one of the three teams for us. The children showed great goose like teamwork and part with enthusiasm.







PIZZA MAKING

On Wednesday Year 3 made pizzas, as the designing and making element of their Italy topic. They weighed out the dough ingredients first and had a lot of sticky fun kneading it. After shaping their piece of dough, they each added toppings and, while the individual pizzas were cooking, made a pizza box to fit their pizza in to. Eating them while still hot was, of course, the best part of the morning!





INCONSIDERATE PARKING IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



I am very disappointed to report that, yet again, we have received a complaint from a neighbour to the school. This is despite the significant input from our local policing team and the Police bollards that have been put out in School Lane. It is not acceptable to park on double yellow lines or blocking people's driveways. As a school we have to be very considerate of our neighbours and the local community and we would ask you, our parents, to also respect the local residents and help us to improve the parking situation.

We are aware that the roads get very busy around the school during these times, however, there is ample **FREE** parking at the Upton Rugby Club which is only a short walk away from the school down the walkway that runs to the side of the Parish Church.

FRIENDS BREAK THE RULES DAY



We would like to thank The Friends for providing a fun filled morning with tasty treats and for organising Stokes Ice Cream to attend our school, ensuring all children and staff had an ice cream/ice lolly.

We will let you know how much money was raised from this fun event as soon as possible.

REMINDER - Clocks go forward one hour this Sunday (26th March)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE EASTER CLUB!

This Easter Freedom Leisure will be holding a four day holiday club, **FREE for those 8-14 and accessing free school meals!** Each day will be filled with sports, games and fun! Children will stay active while making friends. They will also be joined by local sports clubs, who will be offering taster sessions through the week. Details of the clubs are as follows:

3rd to 6th April (Malvern)

- Sport Dyson Perrins - from 9.00am to 3:30pm

11th to 14th April (Worcester)

- St Johns Sports Centre - from 8:30am to 5.00pm
- Perdiswell Sports Centre (these sessions also include Swimming) - from 8:30am to 5.00pm

Lunch is also included! To book a place for your child, simply register via the following link:
https://www.haf-it.co.uk/provider_sessions/fl

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN FIRST - JOINING THE DOTS EVENT

Worcestershire Children First are holding an event as part of World Autism Acceptance Week on Wednesday 29th March. Further information can be found via the following weblink:
<https://preview.mailerlite.io/preview/304352/emails/81479890152457274>



Kinship

Are you a kinship carer?
A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.

**Want to meet with other kinship carers?
Join us for a coffee**

Learn how you can meet, listen and share with others who understand.

When: 27th March 2023 @ 11am

Where: The Green Hub (Community Centre)
Gresham Road
Worcester
WR2 5QS

Come for a free cuppa and a chat

Interested to find out more?
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Kinship is the working name for Grandparents Plus, which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 4454103 and registered as a charity under number 1053879



the little garden OF HOPE

Join the fun this Easter and make a 'Little Garden of Hope'!

Bring your 'Little Garden of Hope' along to Upton Baptist Church on Friday 7th April

Prizes for the most creative, most colourful and most unique Easter garden!

Gardens will be on display at The Peppercot on Sunday 9th April at 4pm

Messy Easter

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

CRAFT | STORIES | FOOD | SONGS

4:00pm - 5:30pm | The Peppercot and Old Churchyard

Free event for the whole family with UPTON BAPTIST CHURCH



EASTER JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS 2023

Booking is now open on our Clubspark booking system for our morning 4-day camps

Venue: Manor Park Club, Albert Road North, Malvern WR14 2TL

MINI PLAYERS aged 4 – 7 years 9.30 – 10.30

- MINI CAMP 1 MONDAY 3 APRIL – THURSDAY 6 APRIL [Booking Link](#)
- MINI CAMP 2 TUESDAY 11 APRIL – FRIDAY 14 APRIL [Booking link Mini 2](#)

ORANGE/GREEN & YELLOW BALL PLAYERS aged 8 – 16 years 10.30–12.30

- JUNIOR CAMP 1 MONDAY 3 APRIL – THURSDAY 6 APRIL [Booking Link Junior 1](#)
- JUNIOR CAMP 2 TUESDAY 11 APRIL – FRIDAY 14 APRIL [Booking Link Junior 2](#)

COURSE FEES:

- **Blue/Red Mini Players aged 4 – 7 years 1 hour per day**
- **Daily fee £12 or Full 4-day fee £46**
- **Orange/Green/Yellow Players aged 8 – 16 years 2 hours per day**
- **Daily fee £24 or Full 4-day fee £92.00**

Note: A 10% discount is applied to Manor Park members when booking.

Click on the links by each course for the online booking system to secure your place on whichever camp you choose.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL CAMPS

AIMS: The camps are held to help players keep up and improve their tennis in an enjoyable environment, which includes both technical and tactical coaching and competitions. Full course attendance is recommended although if this is impossible applications will be accepted for a shorter number of sessions.

COACHES: We are fortunate in having a team of excellent, keen, enthusiastic, and competent qualified LTA Accredited+/Accredited Coaches and LTA Tennis Assistants all holding a current DBS Enhanced Disclosure certificate and who will ensure that pupils get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from the camps whatever their age or experience.

WET WEATHER: The Camps will take place whatever the weather. Access to the Indoor Courts may be possible but not guaranteed.

CLOTHES: Recognised tennis clothing, where possible, should be worn. Non marking soled shoes are required on the acrylic courts.

EQUIPMENT: We do supply HEAD sports equipment and are pleased to advise pupils when selecting a new racket. Course members receive a discount. Rackets are not provided except for MINI TENNIS RACKETS.

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