

10th 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

[Matthew 21:22](#) - And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

WORLD PRAYER DAY

Last Friday (3rd March) our Year 6 children were invited by the Reverend Amy Wearing to the Upton Baptist Church to lead the World Day of Prayer for the community. Nine children were selected as readers and told the congregation all about the plight of girls in Taiwan, who live under a difficult regime which can mean that they are not given the same opportunities as boys.

All the children behaved impeccably and helped to support this event either by welcoming guests, helping with catering or handing out the service sheets. Several members of the community commented on how well the children read and represented our school at this event. The children were rewarded with delicious cakes provided by Amy and her team.

Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 World Day of Prayer service.

You are part of a huge wave of prayer which circles the earth for at least 38 hours. It began at dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga in the Pacific Ocean (when you were listening to yesterday's 6pm news) and will end at dusk in American Samoa (when you will be having breakfast tomorrow). Isn't it amazing to be part of something so huge! This is what makes the Day of Prayer so special.

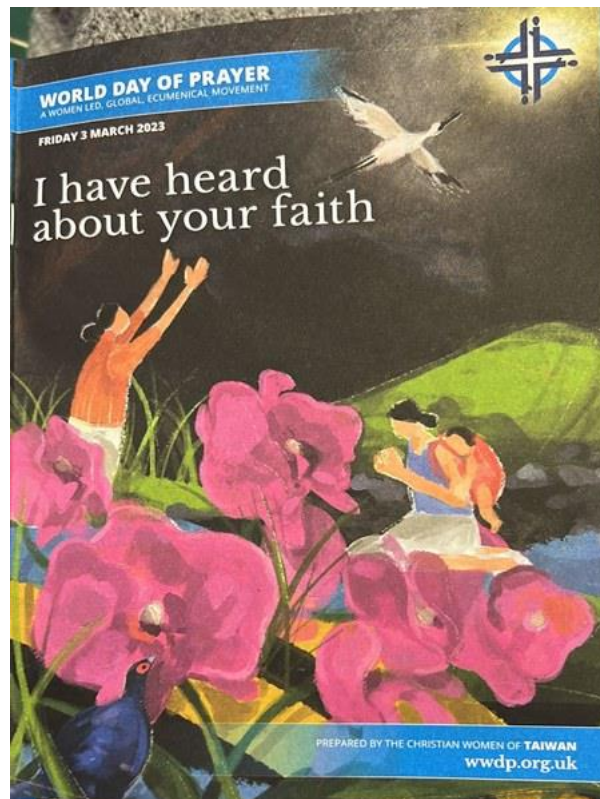
Each year the service is written by the Christian women of a different country. This year it is the turn of Taiwan, a country that has for many years been caught in a superpower struggle. It has been isolated internationally for decades and, as of April 2022, only 13 of the 193 UN member states and Vatican City/Holy See have recognized Taiwan as a sovereign country.

China continues to claim Taiwan as its sovereign territory although a large majority of Taiwanese reject reunification with China. As I write this introduction (in May 2022), China is beginning to harass Taiwan almost on a daily basis; according to Reuters, the risk of conflict is now at its highest level for decades. The people of Taiwan are very much in need of our prayers at this time.

This worship service includes letters of encouragement for women who face suffering and injustice. These stories of faith focus on issues that are shared by women and girls around the world and that continue to challenge us to prayerful action. A postcard is included in this booklet and you are invited to use it to send a message of encouragement to someone you know.

We thank the Christian women of Taiwan for this service and pray that our response will be affirmative and constructive as we commit ourselves to positive prayerful action.





YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL - ASSEMBLY

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending our Year 5 assembly where the children were able to share their experiences from their recent trip to the Boundless Outdoors Centre in Malvern. This centre has superb facilities and it gives our children the ability to experience a whole range of varying and exciting activities all designed to support resilience, confidence and team development. This year was the first time for a number of years that the children we were actually able to stay over at the centre and all the children were extremely excited to have experienced this.



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AIR AMBULANCE WEAR IT RED DAY 2023 - RECOGNITION REWARD

On 14th February of this year our school, together with thirty other schools (over 4,600 children), took part in a 'Wear it Red Day 2023' to raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity – wearing red to show their love for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

We are pleased to inform you that a total of **£6,124.35** was raised from the campaign! This is enough to cover one helicopter mission and eleven critical care car missions (with £6.00 change left over!).

Our school generously donated **£563.44** which, no matter how big or small, we should be hugely proud of – and this day could not have been made such a success if it were not for all of our involvement!

We raised the second highest amount and, as a personal thank you from the Midlands Air Ambulance, they are offering to us some free match tickets to the Kidderminster Harriers football game on Good Friday (Friday 7th April - kick off 3.00pm) against Buxton! There are a limited number of tickets available and these will be given on a first come first served basis. If you wish to request tickets, please complete the following form by **Wednesday 15th March** with the total amount of tickets required (please also include ticket(s) for your child(ren), regardless of age):

<https://schoolforms.uk/T/FDhsez4YX00C6V2Clq>

Please note the Kidderminster Harriers football match is NOT a school event, so will NOT be teacher led. This is a family event for you and your child(ren) to enjoy, with thanks from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

TEACHER'S STRIKE ACTION - GOVERNORS' UPDATE

There are further teacher's strikes that are due to take place next week, on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March, following the previous two strike days. In our school we have not yet had to take any steps to close as we have managed to operate with the staff we had within school and the previously booked external events/trips. However, this week I need to inform you that there may be a situation where we will face school closure. Please note this only impacts the primary school from Reception to Year 6, **NOT** the pre school unit which is staffed in a different way. We will not be in a position to inform you of school closure until nearer to the actual strike dates but we wanted to make you aware that there may be a potential school closure on one or both of the strike days.

STAFF AND GOVERNOR VISITS

Today we welcomed Jessica Wood, our safeguarding governor, to review the school's safeguarding policies and procedures. She met with Emma Davies who leads the safeguarding in school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAMILIES IN PARTNERSHIP PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY 2023

Families in Partnership are embarking on a series of surveys to find out what is happening with SEND families across Worcestershire. They are encouraging anyone who cares for a SEND child, whether they are the parents, grandparents, guardians or adult sibling carers to tell them how they feel right now. It is also an opportunity to re-engage with existing members and get to know new members too. They want to capture the voice of the parent carer and use up-to-date real life experiences to inform strategic partners on what is working well and what needs improving.

Family circumstances change and many factors impact on family life. By creating a more accurate image of how SEND families currently feel, it will help them to understand how better to engage with you.

Please complete one survey for each child with SEND and if there are multiple carers within your home, please ask them to complete one too!

The survey closes on Sunday 12th March.

- Child 0 - 3yrs old - <https://forms.office.com/e/Z02LWXggwr>
- Child 4 - 11yrs old - <https://forms.office.com/e/wFRAF84nYg>
- Child/Young Person 12 - 15yrs old - <https://forms.office.com/e/KKjzg3NnQG>
- Young Person 16 - 18yrs old - <https://forms.office.com/e/9RDCks6t41>
- Young Person 19 - 25yrs old - <https://forms.office.com/e/w2VLE1BvVc>



SEN support meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month between 3.00pm and 5.00pm at the YMCA building (at Tunnel Hill, just outside Upton on the Welland Road).

FAMILIES HEREFORD & WORCESTER MAGAZINE

The link for the March/April issue of the families magazine is: [March/April Magazine Weblink](#)



Children's Asthma Nurse At Home Service for 6-16 year olds in Worcestershire (pilot scheme)



Would you like your child to receive a review of their asthma at home?

Is your child aged between 6 and 16 years old and using regular inhalers for their asthma but having difficulty keeping their asthma under control?

If so, then we would like to arrange a visit to see you and your child at home. We will spend up to an hour talking about the child's asthma and how to manage it to gain better control. We can also talk to your GP about making changes to medication to support better asthma control.

How do I find out more?



Please contact our asthma nurses, Mandy and Katie, to find out more about the service and see if your child is eligible. Young people are welcome to refer themselves too. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A PILOT SCHEME AND TIME LIMITED.

Either phone **0330 053 4356** (Option 2) and leave a message with your name, your child's name, date of birth and a contact telephone number

Or email the same details to hw.childrensasthmateam@nhs.net



Service provided by Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

Celebrate Baby's first Mother's Day

with...   

Mother's Day Craft Sessions

Tuesday 14th March

10 am and 11.30 am

St Andrew's Church Centre, Malvern

We've joined forces for an all-round creative parent and baby experience!

Open to parents and non-mobile babies

£22.50

includes one keepsake, one card and all art materials

Create a beautiful Mother's Day keepsake with Natali then enjoy a Sing and Sign session with Emilia!

email to book: tcs.sas23@gmail.com

Call: Natali 07791 195741, Emilia 07791 944989





SPRING TIME STAY & PLAY

MARCH

10AM-12PM TUESDAYS: 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH

12PM-2PM WEDNESDAYS: 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH

APRIL

10AM-12PM TUESDAYS: 18TH, 25TH

12PM-2PM WEDNESDAYS: 19TH, 26TH

LOCATED AT OPPOSITE: 57 LONG GREEN, FORTHAMPTON, GLOS. GL19 4QQ

FARM STAY & PLAY SESSION (2HRS)

£10 per adult and one child (under 4's) under 1's free of charge

Each ticket includes: drinks, cakes & spring themed rural activities

to book please visit: www.greenwoodtherapeutichorticulture.co.uk



LOCATED AT OPPOSITE: 57 LONG GREEN, FORTHAMPTON, GLOS. GL19 4QQ

10AM ON SUNDAY

26TH MARCH 2023

OPEN FARM SUNDAY

FARM ANIMAL MEET AND GREET SESSION (1HR)

£10 for two adults and two children under 1's free of charge

Each ticket includes: access to meet the sheep, lambs and baby chicks.

to book please visit: www.greenwoodtherapeutichorticulture.co.uk



