

17th February 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

[1 Corinthians 16:14](#) - Let all that you do be done in love.

WEAR IT RED DAY

On Tuesday of this week, our school, together with thirty-one other local schools, united together in wearing red to raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance. Charley Burke from the Air Ambulance gave a wonderful assembly explaining about the Air Ambulance and the vital work that it carries out. Charley gave us some interesting facts about their helicopters which the children found fascinating:

Our Helicopters

- Top Speed: 160mph... that's flying 2 miles every minute
- We fly from 7.00am until 9.00pm every day of the year... even on Christmas Day

- Each aircraft carries full medical equipment & supply of drugs worth over £150,000 inside – it is like a mini flying hospital!
- We can get to 90% of the people in our 6 counties in around 10 minutes
- Each air ambulance mission costs £2,950

We were also delighted to welcome Justyn Surrall from BBC Hereford and Worcester who recorded individual interviews with the children and asked them the meaning of love and why we were supporting the Midlands Air Ambulance. The interviews were then broadcast later in the morning and it was an excellent example of our school ethos 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed' where the entire community worked together and raised a total of £563.44 If you would like to donate this can be done via their website: <https://www.midlandsairambulance.com/donatenow>



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Following the recent questionnaire regarding your personal preferences for our parents' evenings we have now made some changes to the structure of these evenings. Both of our parents' evening meetings will be held in school (face to face) on **Tuesday 21st March** and **Thursday 23rd March** from 3.30pm to 6.15pm. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long and timers will be used in the same way as the virtual meetings to ensure that we run effectively and efficiently to provide an update on your children's learning. The booking information will be sent out after the half-term break.

We will also be selling pre-loved uniform in our River Room (by the school office). Entrance for both parents' evenings will be through the school's main office entrance in Price's Lane.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN

To help us to keep your children safe and ensure all details are up to date may we please remind you to:

- call the school's absence line, which is available at all times (01684 592259 - Option 1) before 9.00am to record a child's absence and to leave the child's name, class and reason for illness (giving symptoms). If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they are to stay absent from school for 48 hours following their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- inform the school of any changes to contact numbers/address
- inform the school of any medical or allergy changes
- email office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk if your child is going to be late in or is being collected early from school due to an appointment

- complete the following pupil absence request form if you are requesting to take your child out of school for any other reason (not medical appointments):
<https://schoolforms.uk/T/FIHDnGv4WLi0mZ2D5a>

MARVELLOUS ME!

Parent's Wellbeing Course

Jane, our Family Learning Tutor, really enjoyed meeting new parents at our school this week for the new Family Learning Course where they wrapped wool around twigs in a mindfulness activity. The course is called 'Marvellous Me' and it is about spending one to one time with your child, making some beautiful craft activities. This is a fun course and provides an opportunity to meet new parents at each session. This course explores hopes and goals for your family, your child's emotions in a supportive way, things that inspire you and finding inspiration and achievements and celebrating your child's successes all through different art and craft activities each week. The sessions start on **Monday 27th February** from **1.30pm to 3.00pm** and run for five weeks up to **Monday 27th March** and are **FREE** to attend. We really hope you will come along and bring a friend too!

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN'S FIRST TRIPLE 'P' PARENTING PROGRAMME

One off digital sessions

Do you have a child or children aged 2 to 10 years old?

Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of our one-off discussion groups and meet other parents in similar situations and get some advice, hints, tips and strategies to help make parenting children easier and less challenging. Each session is two hours long and is delivered digitally via Microsoft TEAMS on the following dates:

- Wednesday 8th March - 6.00pm to 8.00pm - Hassle Free Meals with Children
- Tuesday 21st March - 9.30am to 11.30am - Managing Fighting and Aggression

Book your place via [Trybooking](#) or by visiting the following Starting Well Facebook page: [Starting Well Partnership - South Worcestershire Facebook](#)



UPCOMING DATES

- Cake sale - Friday 10th March 2023
- Rags2Riches collection - Tuesday 14th March. Information leaflets are being sent home today. You can use any bag and these are to be dropped outside the Year 3 classroom ramp entrance
- Break the Rules day - Friday 24th March. More details to follow

HAPPY HALF-TERM

I would like to wish all our school community a very happy half-term and thank the school staff for the significant hard work they provide to all our children every day.

**I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 27th
February 2023**

