

27th January 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 6:31](#) - And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

RESPECT



As we continue our 'Respect' value for this term we have been looking at behaviour inside and outside of school. In our worship assembly on Monday we focused on how we need to always treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves and our bible quote for this week reflects this vital value. This is known as the 'Golden Rule' and your child should be able to discuss with you what this

means and how important it is as a value within life. We remember at all times our school vision which is 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed' and by following the Golden Rule our community will be a harmonious and positive place to be.

Behaviour within school is always an important aspect of the working environment and we encourage our children at all times to show respect to each other and the people working within the school community. Together we decided to refresh our Behaviour Policy and are delighted that from Monday we will be launching this, following discussions with the children who provided us with a scaffold of ideas to ensure that behaviour going forwards is 'impeccable' - the precise definition of this word being: 'in accordance with the highest standards; faultless'. This came from some work we did with the children a number of years ago when I was describing the type of behaviour I wanted and one of our children suggested that we need to aim really high and always have 'impeccable' behaviour in our school. As our philosophy is 'We work together as a team' we always value the children's input and put them into our policies going forwards. The refreshed Behaviour Policy therefore encompasses the ideas the children came up with in assembly and the sanctions are now based around 'red' and 'yellow' cards. Please see below the listing of the behaviours the children came up with that would warrant a yellow or red card but obviously this list is not exhaustive. Should your child be presented with a red card you of course, working with us, will be notified with a special red card slip to ensure that we can work together to rectify any behaviour concerns.

Yellow cards

- Talking when you're not meant to be
- Don't copy people
- No answering back-back chatting
- Don't trip anyone up on purpose
- Don't be mean to people
- Wasting teachers and other pupils' time
- No bad language
- Running around and playing games in the classroom

Red cards

- Don't throw equipment round the classroom
- Unsafe behaviour
- Physical fighting
- Hiding instead of being in class
- Repeatedly breaking the rules
- Injuring others
- Rudeness to adults
- Racial and homophobic language
- Physical damage to property

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OF TEACHERS UNION STRIKES UPDATE

As you are all aware on Wednesday 1st February there is a national day of teacher strikes. At this point in time, having set a risk assessment to ensure everything can work positively within school according to the guidance issues by the Unions, we will be fully open on this date. I do not know if this will be the same for the other three scheduled strike dates (1st, 15th and 16th March), so further information will be sent out about these closer to the time.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating and renewing our website and are currently working through this to ensure it provides you all with the correct access and information that you require. Over the last few years we have faced some challenges with trying to keep our website up to date and have therefore decided to have a full overhaul and look forward to sharing this with you as soon as possible. In the interim period should you find difficulties in accessing our website please contact the school office and they can provide you with any information that you may be looking for.

VALENTINE'S DAY - CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE EVENT



The Air Ambulance is one of our chosen charities that we have supported over many years within our school. The original idea for this support came from a previous pupil who had used their services and was very keen that we should support them with their vital work.

As one of the Midlands Air Ambulance bases is close to the school in Strensham we regularly see the helicopter flying over our school on their way to and from callouts. We have worked with the Air Ambulance team and had the idea that on Valentine's Day we should show our love for them by all wearing red. This can be non-uniform home clothes with red on it, although there is no pressure if your child does not have any clothing with red in. We would also request that instead of spending quite so much on valentine's gifts and cards this year, that maybe this could go into our Air Ambulance collection boxes that Charley Burke from the Air Ambulance will be bringing to school for us on this day.

We also are planning a school disco to raise money for this event after school on Friday 10th February. Further details of this will be sent out next week.

A further exciting aspect is that in line with our school vision 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed' to expand this fundraiser and involve other schools and make this an annual event. I have worked with the Partnership in Malvern group and we have twenty-two schools in the Malvern area, which is virtually every primary school in this area, who will be wearing red on this day. The Midlands Air Ambulance charity are delighted and Charley will be joining our school for an assembly on the morning of 14th February.

THANK YOU TO PC JOHNS AND THE COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICE



This week you will be aware there have been issues with parking outside the school. We are delighted that we have so much support from the local community and thank you for taking note of the parking restrictions that have been put in place directly outside the school.

We are very grateful to PC Johns and the Community Support Officers who have been monitoring this situation during the week and who put the Police cones out for us.

PEPPERPOT PLAYERS PANTO

Two of our Year 6 children, Poppy and Holli are going to be in the Upton panto 'Rumpelstiltskin' during the February half-term (see leaflet below for further details).



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Starting Well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Volunteering opportunities in the Starting Well Partnership.

If you are a parent/carer, grandparent, someone with parenting experience or you wish to pursue a career working with families, this could be the role for you.

Our volunteers bring invaluable skills and experience to our services and they are important team members. Volunteering could help you with preparing for employment, developing confidence and skills.

Start for Life Peer Supporters in Worcestershire

Our Start for Life Peer Supporters offer informal support to new parents starting as early as possible in pregnancy and up until the child is aged two. This takes places in the family home and community venues.

Through this role, volunteers will offer practical help and guidance and encourage families to use effectively the support and services available in their local community.



Please contact for more information:
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www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/volunteering
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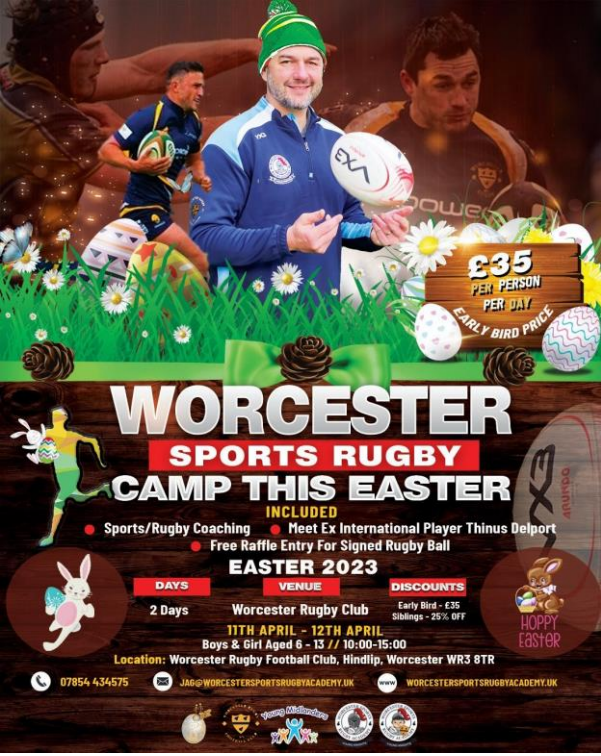


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WORCESTER SPORTS RUGBY CAMP THIS EASTER

INCLUDED

- Sports/Rugby Coaching
- Meet Ex International Player Thinus Delpoit
- Free Raffle Entry For Signed Rugby Ball

EASTER 2023

DAYS	VENUE	DISCOUNTS
2 Days	Worcester Rugby Club	Early Bird - £35 Siblings - 25% OFF

11TH APRIL - 12TH APRIL
 Boys & Girl Aged 6 - 13 // 10:00-15:00
 Location: Worcester Rugby Football Club, Hindlip, Worcester WR3 8TR

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1 - WORCESTER EASTER RUGBY CAMP

This Easter holiday Worcester Sports Rugby Academy are organising a rugby camp on the 11th & 12th April 2023. The participating children will benefit from the expert coaching from our Ex International Rugby Player, **Thinus Delpoit** as well

as other guest coaches from the Worcester Sports Rugby Academy. The Easter camp will take place at Worcester Rugby Football Club. Get hold of our early bird tickets for just **£35** per day per person. Open to boys & girls between the ages of 6 and 13.

Please visit the following website to purchase your ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worcester-easter-rugby-camp-tickets-514045512967>

