



Upton Primary Newsletter

1st February 2019

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School 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'
'To inspire ... To aspire'**

Bible quote for this week:

You're up against far more than you can handle on your own.
Take all the help you can get.

Ephesians 6:13

SNOW

As the whole country seems to have been suffering from excessive snowfall we were pleased that up until today we had managed to escape the worst. As there was only a light smattering Worcestershire does seem to have been one of the few counties not to have experienced significant disruption due to the weather. However, a bit of snow is great fun for children and it was lovely to see our nursery having fun in the snow and to see them working as a team to build a snowman.



The rest of the children in the school were then given the opportunity, at various times through the morning, to enjoy the snowy experience. Year 2 made the most of the weather during their forest school session. They made snowballs and measured the circumference of them, the largest one measuring 2 metres!

NUMBER DAY

Our children have had great fun today working in groups on different number based activities. Some of the activities have ranged from estimating the amount of pom-poms in a jar, totalling the length of the longest finger nails in the world and hunting for numbers around the school.

During this day I had a visitor to school who works for our website. He has previously been a Headteacher and through his current job visits many schools. I gave him the guided tour of our school and he met all the children in the varying classes they worked in throughout Number Day. The whole atmosphere was positive, vibrant and clearly very happy. He reported to me at the end of his visit that he impressed with our school and thought the children worked together well, clearly displaying the whole team ethos and goose philosophy. I was proud of the entire school community and would like to thank all the staff for the input they gave to ensure that our Number Day was successful.

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PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

May we please advise all parents/carers that we are no longer accepting cheques into school for payments for trips/events and wrap-around care. If you have misplaced your child's Payments4Schools number please contact the school office.

All payments are to be made online via the Payments4Schools system:

https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/Worcestershire/webpay_publicP4S/webpay/default.aspx

If you do not have access to pay online, please speak to the school office to discuss alternative payment methods.

TAPESTRY INFORMATION AFTERNOON

We would like to thank all those who attended this session, learning about how we assess and record our Early Years children's development. This system works at its very best when we work in partnership with parents and we enjoy this opportunity to work with you to support your child's educational journey.

If you were unable to attend please speak to a member of the Early Years staff if you are having issues using tapestry.



SCHOOL COUNCIL – RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT – THE BIG BATTERY HUNT

Each family should have received a big battery hunt box to store used batteries in. Once the box is full, please bring this into school so that it can be emptied into our large battery storage container in the school's reception lobby.



- Violet (Year 4) for a superb story and handwriting
- Adam (Year 5) for achieving top marks in his mental maths tests four weeks in a row, scoring 72/72 in 100 seconds.
- Dougal (Year 3) for getting all his spellings correct ten weeks in a row.

They will be invited to a Headteacher's Tea Party.

HEADLICE

We have had some cases of head lice in school over this term. May we please remind you to check your child's head on a weekly basis. Also, if your child has shoulder length hair or longer, that this is tied up at all times.



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ALL THINGS WILD

Reception class really enjoyed their trip to All Things Wild. They went around the park and saw lots of different animals and dinosaurs. The children learnt about fossils and got to see the different sizes of dinosaurs. More photos can be seen on the News section of our website.



AZTECS

As part of their Aztecs topic Years 5 and 6 made Aztec wraps using ingredients the Aztecs would have grown on their Chinampas. They learnt how to correctly handle sharp knives, hold the vegetables and safely slice the food. After tasting the delicious wraps the children evaluated their experience judging the food in a MasterChef style using looks, aroma, taste and texture to produce a score out of 40. Some children scored their wraps highly whilst others, who weren't very impressed by the chilli, scored significantly lower! All agreed though that healthy food was easy and fun to prepare!



- Date for the Diary! The Friends will be holding a family Race Night on Friday 5th April at School. More details will be provided nearer the time.
- Disco - Please note that the disco scheduled for Friday 8th February has been postponed. A new date is to be confirmed.

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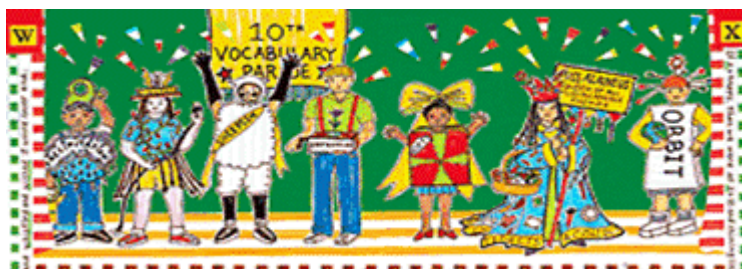
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Save The Dates!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2019
A Vocabulary Parade is coming your way!



This year for World Book Day, as an alternative to our usual dress up themes, we have decided to ask the children to come dressed as a word (lists of suitable words to choose from will be provided).

Mrs Davies will be reading a book to the children in assembly called Miss Alaineus - A Vocabulary Disaster by Debra Fraiser. This will help to get them thinking about their costumes.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of activities. These will focus on vocabulary and the uses of words in stories.

We would like to invite parents/carers to enjoy our vocabulary parade in the playground at 2.30pm.

ISINGPOP

On Friday 29th March the children will perform two concerts in church, after spending the week rehearsing with a company called Isingpop. We will invite you to join us to hear the children's performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. More details to follow but please keep this date free.

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FAMILY SUPPORT EARLY INTERVENTION DROP-IN SESSIONS

Early Intervention Family Support Drop In Sessions



Your family support worker is **CAREN FEREDAY** and she will be holding free drop-in sessions at Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary School on the following days:

TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY and TUESDAY 12th MARCH
from 2.00pm to 3.00pm
and
FRIDAY 12th APRIL from 9.00am to 10.00am

Please do not hesitate to call or come in to school to have a chat.

Early Intervention Family Support Workers can help you, your child, and your family in a number of ways.

We are able to help with:

- Providing someone to talk to who will listen without judgment
- Support parents and help them understand their child's behaviour and feelings
- Discuss ways of parenting and introduce new ideas
- Help families move forward together
- Recommending parents for courses
- Helping build social and relationship skills
- 121 work with children, e.g. anxiety, worries, feelings and emotions

Thank you everyone from Mrs Julie Wills and the Upton Team

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