



Upton Primary Newsletter

6th September 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:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

WELCOME TO PUPILS AND NEW STAFF

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Wednesday and to see the early morning excitement as they lined up for their new class continue throughout the day. We had many new children join us throughout school and we extend a warm welcome to our new families.

We also have three new staff members: Two teachers - Mr Chris Tomkins, Year 6 and Deputy Head and Miss April Merrick, Year 3, and also a new finance manager - Mrs Alison Marlow. There is also now a new receptionist - Mrs Shirley Dobbin, who was previously employed in our pre-school. The rest of the team remain the same although most have moved classrooms over the summer.

This term we are continuing our curriculum development and we continue to strive to ensure your children have vibrant and exciting learning experiences. Our school development plan is currently in the process of being updated and the ethos behind our vision remains the same: 'To offer inspiration to young lives - Anything is possible we can all succeed'. There are a number of different and exciting initiatives we have planned for this year and I will be sending you various invitations to support us in the development of our school. As the Head I am available each morning on the gate and should I not be there appointments to see me can be made through our office.

We work together with you to ensure your children receive an enriching education to foster aspiration.

GOVERNORS

The Governors would like to welcome you all back to school for the Autumn term.

Full details of current Governing Body members can be found on our website:

<https://uptonprimaryschool.education/governors/>

PHOTO DAY

Tempest Photography will be attending the school on Monday 23rd September 2019 to photograph all children in our school and pre-school.

Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform for this day and that their hair is appropriate for school. Siblings will be able to have photos together. If your child attends pre-school but is not attending on the photo day you are welcome to bring them between 9.00am and 9.30am to have their photo taken.



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ABSENCES

If your child is absent through illness, you must contact the school before 8.45am on each day of your child's absence by leaving a message on the school's absence line (01684 592259 - Option 1). Please leave your child's full name and class number, together with the full reason for absence ('not well', 'poorly' or 'ill' are not sufficient). When your child returns to school, please send a letter into school detailing the reason for absence.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they are NOT to return to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

HOLIDAY/ABSENCE REQUESTS

We would like to remind parents that holidays/absences during term time disrupt the child's education. Any absence requests are to be made on our 'Request for Leave during term time' form. It states quite clearly on our policy that any absence requests will not be granted, unless in extenuating circumstances, and will be unauthorised.

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

All Year 6 children will have this week taken home a pack giving details on how to apply for their High School place. You will need to apply online before **31st October 2019**: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

MEET AND GREET

We would like to invite all parents/carers into school for an informal drop-in session to see your child's teacher and classroom. This will be held on Wednesday 11th September between 9.00am and 10.00am. This is an opportunity to see your child's class in action!

CLUBS

PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CHILD FOR ANY OF OUR CLUBS BELOW
VIA THE ONLINE SYSTEM BY - **9.00am on THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2019**

YEARS	DAY	CLUB	COST	MAX Nos.	LEADER(S)	TIME	LOCATION
5 and 6	MONDAY (16th September to 9th December)	Netball	---	20	Mrs Davies	3.05pm to 4.00pm	Playground and Hall
Rec to 2	MONDAY (16th September to 9th December)	Construction	---	20	Mrs Johnson	3.05pm to 3.45pm	Reception classroom
4 to 6	TUESDAY (17th September to 10th December)	Craft	£4 per child	15	Mrs Malpass	3.05pm to 4.00pm	Class 5
3 to 6	TUESDAY (17th September to 10th December)	Choir	---	---	Mrs Moroni	3.05pm to 3.45pm	Class 4
1 and 2	WEDNESDAY (18th September to 11th December)	Chick Incubating	---	20	Mrs Oliver	Lunchtime	Classroom tbc
3 to 6	THURSDAY (19th September to 12th December)	Chick Incubating	---	20	Mrs Oliver	Lunchtime	Classroom tbc
4 to 6	THURSDAY (19th September to 12th December) <i>To book please return the Upton Youth Band letter and payment to school</i>	Upton Youth Band	£30	20	Helen Lane	3.05pm to 4.15pm	Hall
1 and 2	FRIDAY (20th September to 13th December)	Multi Sports	---	16	Mr Farmer	3.05pm to 4.15pm	Playground
3 to 6	FRIDAY (20th September to 13th December) (NOT - 11th October)	Karate	£30	20	Mrs Sinclair	3.05pm to 4.00pm	Hall

All clubs will start from the week commencing 16th September and finish in the week commencing 9th December.

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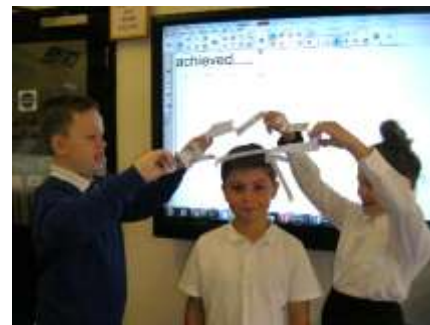
My name is Miss Joanne Ludlow and I am the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) at Upton-Upon-Severn. I hold the National Award for SEN ensuring that we provide the best possible support for any child in our school with additional needs.

If you have any concerns about your child's needs and/or progress then please do not wait for a parents evening but make an appointment to see the class teacher or/and myself as soon as possible. I can be contacted by leaving a message at the school office or by email on sendco@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk.

GROWTH MINDSET

As part of our Growth Mindset work across the whole school – Year 5 challenged themselves to complete the task 'Is it possible to get a person through a hole in one piece of paper?' The children readily accepted this challenge and all set out to achieve this.

Initially, the children all took the same approach of simply cutting a hole in the paper – this worked to some effect, but was not the solution. We discussed how we needed to view the piece of paper differently – so explored cutting the piece of paper in different ways which gave us more success.



The solution was then shared and the sense of achievement was obvious from the whole class. If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you.

FOOD

No nut environment

To support our children who are anaphylactic we operate a nut free environment. We would request that you respect this and ask for your co-operation in ensuring that any food your child sends into school is 'nut free'.

Healthy eating lunches/snacks

We are a healthy school. May we please remind you to not send chocolate bars in lunchboxes. Fruit is provided for children from Nursery to the end of KS1 and all children are welcome to bring a snack for break. This should only be a piece of fruit.

54 IDEAS FOR PARENTS TO GET WORCESTERSHIRE TALKING!

Speech, language and communication skills are important for all children, not just those with identified needs. These fun activities engage families, heightening their awareness of speaking and listening and in turn develop language skills that are so important to literacy and learning.

The ideas don't cost anything and can be played anywhere when you have a few moments, such as when you are walking down the street, in the car, on the bus or in a doctor's waiting room. By developing your child's speaking and listening you will be supporting their reading, writing and learning.

If your child speaks more than one language do these activities in your home language as a strong home language provides a foundation from which other languages can grow. So get talking!

One of these 54 ideas will be published each week on our Newsletter:

1. Learning words. As adults we need to know about 30,000 words. Most of these words are learnt in childhood. Children are programmed to learn words; they just need to hear them. Reading to your child is one way to expose your child to more words. If you come across an interesting word in a book try and use it again in a conversation with your child.

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UNIFORM

We had a large amount of uniform left at the end of last term that was not collected and could not be returned to their owners due to not having a name in. These items have been given to the Friends Association for the pre-loved uniform sales.

Could we please therefore ask that all items of clothing your child wears in school (uniform/forest school clothing/shoes/wellingtons, etc.) has your child's name and class number in them. This will make it easier for them to be returned to your child in the event of them being mislaid in school.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We welcome volunteer adult-helpers in school and are grateful for the support you give both to teachers and children. This year we would like to make the best use of all our volunteer helpers' time. If you are able to help in school on a regular basis please let the school office know your availability. We will then look at how we can utilise your time most effectively within our school and where support is required.

Some of the areas that volunteers have helped with in the past include:

- Hearing readers
- Creative activities
- Sporting activities
- Supporting lunchtimes

Please note that, apart from forest school and school trips, we will use the help you offer in classes where your child is not being taught.



The Friends will be holding their AGM on Thursday 19th September at 6pm in school. All are welcome to attend.



The Uniform Shop

- **Save your family money**
- **Help recycling and reduce waste**
- **Support local families**

OPENING DATES & TIMES

Wed 11th Sep	2.45-3.15pm	By school pick up entrance
Wed 16th Oct	2.45-3.15pm	By school pick up entrance
Wed 27th Nov	2.45-3.15pm	By school pick up entrance
Wed 15th Jan	2.45-3.15pm	By school pick up entrance
Wed 19th Feb	2.45-3.15pm	By school pick up entrance

1. Bring your good quality surplus uniform along to The Uniform Shop in a bag with your name, address and e-mail on, and earn money from your sold items.
2. The shop will have out a selection of stock focussing on logo'd items but if you want particular items please e-mail carolunwin@gmail.com any time with Upton Uniform in the subject bar and I'll bring those items along if we have them.
3. **WANTED: Bookbags**



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COMMUNITY

COUCH TO 5K



More than just running

	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
<p>COUCH TO 5K Ideal for beginners and the perfect way to get active.</p> <p>£25 for 12 week programme - 1 session per week</p> <hr style="width: 100%; background-color: #0070C0; height: 5px;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full training plan UKA qualified leader <p>To check availability and book your place please email: getactive@malvern hills.gov.uk or call tel: 01684 862475</p>	<p>Upton Rugby Club Graduation run - Saturday 23 November at Worcester Pitchcroft Park Run.</p>	<p>Starting Tuesday 10 September 2019</p>	<p>9-10am</p>
	<p>Malvern Town Football Club, WR14 2EQ Graduation run - Saturday 23 November at Worcester Pitchcroft Park Run.</p>	<p>Starting Thursday 5 September 2019</p>	<p>10-11am</p>
	<p>Upton Rugby Club Graduation run - Saturday 28th March 2020</p>	<p>Starting Tuesday 7 January 2020</p>	<p>9-10am</p>
	<p>MHDC offices Graduation run - Saturday 28th March 2020</p>	<p>Starting Wednesday 8 January 2020</p>	<p>12.30-1.30pm</p>

