



# Upton Primary Newsletter

22nd November 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'**

**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13***

Bible quote for this week:

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

*Psalm 34:18*



## **UPTON COMMUNITY - SAD NEWS**

It was with great sadness that we heard of the tragic loss of life of one of our former pupils, Sarah Hopkins. We would like to send our thoughts and prayers to her family who are all devastated by this heart-breaking news.



## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

On Thursday and Friday we held our re-scheduled Children in Need events.

On Thursday we had our Bring and Buy sale. Class 5 sorted out all the wonderful donations into the different sections, 50p, £1 and £2, in preparation for the sale. The sale went really well, raising a grand total of £230. This is an amazing total raised for Children In Need.



Friday saw the whole school turning yellow and black for a £1 donation. Along with the donations for wearing yellow and black, donations were also given on the gate. A grand total of £192 was raised from this.



Finally, Friday afternoon was the cake sale. The cakes looked and tasted delicious and we are delighted to announce that this raised a total of £58.71.

We raised a grand total of **£480.71** for Children in Need

School Council would like to say a massive thank you to the whole school community for their generous donations for the Bring and Buy Sale and all the tasty cakes, as well as a special thank you to the adults who helped with the sales.

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### MYSTERY READERS

This week saw the start of our Mystery Readers initiative. We were pleased to welcome to the school Mrs Lynch-Williams who read a selection of ghost stories to Years 3 and 4, Mr Mair who read some stories he had written himself to Reception and Mrs Nation who read Room on the Broom to Pre School. It was so nice for the children to hear from our readers about their favourite books. Mrs Davies is contacting anyone who has previously expressed an interest in being a Mystery Reader on a week by week basis but if you would like to volunteer we would love to hear from you.

### FILM FESTIVAL

#### Years 3 and 4

On Tuesday we really enjoyed watching Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans at Sherborne Cinema in Gloucester. This completed our topic of the Romans in Britain really well.

#### Years 1 and 2

On Wednesday Years 1 and 2 travelled to Pershore Cinema as part of the Into Film Festival. The children really enjoyed watching The Secret Life of Pets 2 and behaved impeccably.

### PARENTS EVENING

The parents evening that had to be postponed last week due to flooding has now been re-scheduled, with your time slot as before, as follows:

- Nursery and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 - **Monday 25th November**
- Year 5 - **Wednesday 27th November** and **Wednesday 4th December**

If you are unable to attend your re-arranged parents evening, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

### DECEMBER PLANNING

#### Advent Book

Advent books will be sent home next week with all children from Years 1 to 6. These little books have activities in for your child to do in the run up to Christmas based on the Christmas story.



#### Year 2 Forest School

There will be no Year 2 forest school sessions on **Wednesday 4th December** (due to nativity rehearsal) and on **Wednesday 11th December** (due to nativity performance).

#### Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 will be attending a forest school session with Mrs Gabriel on the morning of **Friday 6th December**. This is usually held at Clive's Fruit Farm however, due to the recent flooding, this session will be held on-site in our school's forest school area.

Mrs Gabriel is hoping to cook some topic-based food, and needs help to do this. If you are able to offer help with this, please contact the school.

#### Black Pepper Christmas Lunch

**Monday 16th December** - Christmas lunch day. The latest day that you can order and pay for your child's meal will be on **Monday 9th December**. All meal payments will need to be up to date and all orders and payments are to be made online through [www.blackpepperlunches.com](http://www.blackpepperlunches.com).



#### Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 16th December** - on this day children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, instead of their school jumper/cardigan. The rest of the uniform is to be as normal.

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Christmas Party

**Thursday 19th December** - A letter giving full details will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

Christingle Service

**Friday 20th December**, 1.30pm at Upton Parish Church. The Friends will be selling teas and coffees prior to the service.

Clive's Christmas Plate Competition

Paper plates have today been sent home with all children for Clive's Christmas competition. Decorated plates are to be returned to school by **Monday 2nd December**. Please ensure that your child's name, school name and class are on the back of the plate before sending it back to school.

STAFF TRAINING

This week staff have had training looking at the role of subject leadership. All teaching staff oversee different elements of our school's curriculum and each of the areas have their own philosophies, progressions and assessment tools, which bring the learning to life for the children at Upton. The training helped staff crystallise their thinking in how we can continue to work towards our school's vision 'to aspire ... to inspire'.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Rags2Riches4Schools** collection will be on **Tuesday 26th November 2019** from **8.15am to 9.00am** outside class 3. If you are unable to drop the collection bags off on **Tuesday 26th** please email [Uptonprimaryfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:Uptonprimaryfriends@hotmail.com) and we will try and arrange another collection time for you.

**School Christmas disco will be on Friday 6th December 2019** - Look out for further details coming soon! If you can volunteer at the disco, please let us know by contacting the email address above or speaking to us in person. Many thanks.

54 IDEAS FOR PARENTS TO GET WORCESTERSHIRE TALKING!

10. **Advice.** Talking is important. It is closely linked to reading, writing and learning. Did you know that research shows that spoken language abilities at 5 years of age predict their reading at 15? By playing simple speaking and listening games you may not think you are developing reading and writing, but you are. Get talking!

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - a vocabulary game for home**

The whole school are using a structured way to teach new vocabulary, called **Word Aware**. When we learn new words we link them to words we already know. Here is a fun game for home to practise linking words by their meaning!

**Word associations**

One player starts by saying a word. The next player says a word that is related to the first word. It can be related in any way. If another player cannot see how the words are related they can challenge and the connection needs to be explained. Keep going until a word is repeated or a connection cannot be explained. Here's an example: Egypt – Mummy – Dad – beard – Santa Claus – Christmas – trees – leaves

If you have any concerns please come to the Speech and Language drop-in at Upton Primary from 8.15am to 9.00am every Thursday morning in term-time (except 5th December).

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