



Upton Primary Newsletter

6th December 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 light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

SCHOOL CHOIR



Wassail Concert

Our school choir joined with Hanley Swan Primary School's choir and sang in a concert in church on Wednesday evening with the adult choir, Hanley Voices. They performed 'Wassail!' which joins Christmas carols together in a folk-style with a band. The children sang brilliantly and displayed fantastic musicianship throughout. We were delighted by the positive feedback Mrs Moroni received after the concert and very proud of all the children.

Baptist Senior's Lunch

The choir also performed for elder members of our community this week. They sang a range of Christmas carols and songs enthusiastically to an appreciative audience. It is lovely for our children to be able to share some Christmas cheer at this time of year and to have opportunities to perform so well.



JESUS ROCKS

On Thursday Year 5 spent a lovely afternoon on the hunt for Jesus Rocks. We were very fortunate to find our first rock inside school, hiding by the bins. We then hunted around the church - to no avail. Onwards to a walk along Rectory Road and then back towards school. From here we walked through the passages, ending up down by the river. Finally we headed back into school in time for assembly.

In total we found four Jesus rocks, these were taken home by the finders to be re-hidden ready for others to find.

Year 5 would like to thank the Upton Baptist church for this wonderful community experience. It was great fun. Thank you also to Mrs Deacon for joining us on the walk.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES - Thursday 19th December

Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 and KS2 - Party Day. Children can come to school wearing party clothes (please ensure they have sensible shoes for outdoor play). They will have their normal school lunch and information asking for specific party snacks will be sent out closer to the date. We appreciate your support with this.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Monday 16th December

The last day for ordering and paying for your child's Christmas lunch through www.blackpepperlunches.com is Monday 9th December.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Years 5 and 6	Thursday 12th December	9.00am
Years 3 and 4	Tuesday 17th December	2.30pm
Reception, Years 1 and 2	Nativity Productions	

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be holding this year's Christingle service on **Friday 20th December** at the Upton Parish Church, 1.30pm. At the end of the service all children will walk back to school and can then be picked up.

WRAP UP WARM

As the colder weather is now upon us may we remind you to send your child to school with a winter coat, hat and gloves for outdoor play.

Children will also need tracksuit trousers and jacket for outdoor PE.

Forest School Sessions

Layers are best. Please also send your child in with waterproofs and suitable wellingtons/boots. An extra pair of socks can also help to keep feet and toes snugly and warm!

**STAFF TRAINING**

Some members of staff went to the Worcester Diocese this week to update their knowledge on the importance of learning objectives, success criteria and creating a clear sequence of learning.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - Meaning of Words

The Word Aware approach used in school to teach vocabulary helps children learn the meaning of curriculum words. The more we know about a word the more easily we remember it – this could be the category it falls in (animal; food), where you find it, what it is used for and what it looks like.

Describing the meaning of words - Taboo

They might be related to what your child is learning in school or any words that they are familiar with. Write down the words on a piece of paper and place them in a 'hat'. Each person takes a turn at taking out words from the hat. The challenge is to describe the word without using it at all. For instance: for 'Africa' you can say it is a continent, it is much hotter than UK and you would find the river Nile there. Remember you can't say 'Africa' in the clue though.

If you have any questions please come to the Speech and Language drop-in at Upton Primary from 8.15am to 9.00am every Thursday morning in term-time. No need to book an appointment, just come to the office.

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SCHOOL DISCO - TONIGHT - Entry only £1.00!

There will be a school Christmas Disco tonight (**Friday 6th December**) to start to get the children into the Christmas spirit! There will be Christmas themed rings, necklaces and slap bands for sale all at £1.00 each and Christmas tattoos at just 50p! There will also be the usual glow sticks and yummy sweets, chocolate and crisp treats available to buy.



Entry is through the playground gate and children are to be collected at the end of their disco via the pre-school entrance gate in Price's Lane.

TIMES:

Pre School and Reception Classes

5.30pm to 6.30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult who is to stay with them throughout the disco.

Classes 1 to 6

6.45pm to 8.00pm

NATIVITIES

The Friends will be holding a raffle and serving refreshments at both of the nativities.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - Friday 20th December

The Friends will be selling hot drinks and mince pies in the church before the Christingle service. Any donations of mince pies on this day would be gratefully received.