



Upton Primary Newsletter

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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*).

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for he who believes"

Mark 9:23

FIRST FULL WEEK

We have had a successful first full week back in school with new children joining in our reception class and the children getting used to the new routines and procedures that are in place. It has been lovely to have our Reception class start their half days this week prior to their full days which begin on Monday. Miss Adamson and Mrs Barnett have been delighted to work with them and see their enthusiasm grow each day.

HERE WE ARE

The whole school has got into their 'back to school' learning about Oliver Jeffers wonderful book: 'Here We Are'. this book takes a PSHE approach to learning and enables the children to explore their feelings about themselves and the world around us.



HANDWASHING

The government states that whilst coronavirus is not likely to survive for long periods of time on outdoor surfaces in sunlight, it can live for more than 24 hours in indoor environments. Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer, regularly throughout the day will reduce the risk of catching or passing on the virus.

TEAM CAPTAINS

We are delighted to announce our new Team Captains for this academic year, who have been voted into the role after delivering great speeches and competing for the position in the Year 6 class. The role of Team Captain is to lead their house in events through the year, to report on team points collected and to assist on open days and other special occasions.

Severn - Alice

Teme - Finn

Wye - Evie

Avon - Owen

HOME LEARNING

We are in the process of setting up home learning packs for children to take home with them if they are needing to isolate or quarantine and are well enough to continue learning at home. We intend to communicate more about this with you next week.

HOMEWORK

Homework will commence again next week. This will be set using SEESAW or Tapestry. Children in KS1 and KS2 will receive maths and English set on a Wednesday. This should be completed on SEESAW and submitted by the following Monday. Any parent who is unable to access these learning platforms should email the class teacher about providing a paper copy as a last resort.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Please use the 'office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk' email address to contact the school for administrative queries such as change of phone numbers or wrap around care. The 'info@' email address is not checked as frequently but could be used again in the event of a potential school closure.

COVID PROCEDURES

Please remember, as long as your child feels well enough, where they have cold like symptoms they can attend school.

If your child has COVID-19 type symptoms (fever, a new and continuous cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, loss of smell and loss of taste) they should have a Covid test. In line with Public Health England guidance (<https://bit.ly/2ZoLKWX>), where someone in a household is having a test, all other members of the household must self-isolate, if the test is negative your child and other members of the household can return to school/work. If the result is positive the child showing the symptoms should self-isolate for 10 days and the other family members should isolate for 14 days from the day when the child first showed symptoms.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/12628/suspected_cases_-_flowchart.pdf

- The best time to book a test centre for next day is at 8.00pm in the evening (this is when slots become available).
- The best time to book postal test kits is 8.00am and 12.00pm (midday).

ABSENCE REMINDER

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school on the absence line (01684 592259 - Option 1) before 9.00am on each day that they are absent, giving the full details of your child's absence together with their name and class number. If your child develops symptoms whilst self-isolating due to a household member awaiting test results, we must also be informed of your child's new symptoms.

PACKED LUNCHES

If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, please ensure you cancel any packed lunch that has been ordered through Black Pepper Lunches.

Please also make sure that your child does NOT bring any nut based products with their lunch, due to nut allergies.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We are now able to take preloved school uniform donations into school and also have a variety of preloved uniform available for sale. If donating, please ensure any uniform donated is clean and in a carrier bag. These are to be taken to the reception office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photography will be visiting our school on Monday 28th September for school photos. This might have to work differently this year due to the current restrictions on visitors into school. We thank you in advance for your understanding on this matter.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY - Call of Duty: Warzone

As a school we take e-safety very seriously. Many of you will have received an email earlier in the week regarding concerns over an unpleasant TikTok post this week. We would also like to share with you about another digital platform which has concerning material:

“Call of Duty has quickly become one of the most popular battle royale games on the market. It follows a similar format to Fortnite, whereby players aim to be the last man standing and use military style weapons, such as machine guns and grenades to kill their opponents. The game is rated 18+ due to containing scenes of violence and gore.

Created by gaming expert Mark Foster, this guide explores the main features of Call of Duty that parents and carers should be aware of. As always, the guide will also provide a number of useful tips to consider around providing a safer gaming experience for children. Click the button below to access your free guide now.”

Call of Duty - Download Guide

RETURN TO SCHOOL VIDEO

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Children First, with the help of Blackwell First School in Bromsgrove and The Chantry School in Martley, have produced a couple of short films aimed at primary and secondary aged children to help them understand the key public health messages around Covid-19 and hopefully offer some reassurance.

[Watch the return to school primary video](#)