



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

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds

Genesis 9:14

SCHOOL UPDATE

Thanks for the positive messages from the community on how the children have settled back into school life following lockdown and the summer break. We have been very grateful to receive lots of kind and positive communications from families during this time. Although we are fully aware of the challenges involving these new arrangements, we thank those who are understanding and positive about the way we have to organise everything.

HOME LEARNING PACKS

Hopefully on Monday you received the email regarding contingency plans for home learning. The class teachers have all created home learning packs to be used if your child needs to be absent from school due to COVID related symptoms. If you do find that you are in a situation where you need to continue home learning but are self-isolating or quarantining then these home learning packs will be available from the school office. Please contact the school prior to collection so that the learning pack can be prepared in readiness for collection.

COVID PROCEDURES

Should you have any queries about any of the COVID procedures in school, please get in touch with the school office who should be able to help. If they are unable to assist you they will forward the information to the relevant staff and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

GREAT LEARNING

We have always valued PSHE highly in our curriculum and last year (through our parent survey) many of you also sighted PSHE as a crucial area for your child's learning. As a school we have all delved deep into the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers which has hugely focussed on positively developing children's recognition of their place on this planet. We have been putting some of the work on our school's Twitter page.



THE UPTON SEVEN

'The Upton Seven' is a new idea based on 'The Daily Mile' research to promote healthier lifestyles for our children, more physical activity and increased levels of concentration. We have titled it 'The Upton Seven' as we are going to aim for at least seven minutes of increased physical exercise each day in order to contribute to improving many aspects of a child's development:



More details can be found at: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/research>

PARKING

Many thanks for the positive response following on from the text sent out earlier in the week, please can we remind our families to park considerately of our residents and of the highway code. We would also like to remind families that if you are able to walk a short distance that there are usually lots of parking opportunities on Garden's Walk and the local car parks opposite the church.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

For the safety of everyone please can we ask that children dismount from scooters, bikes, hover boards etc. before entering the school premises. Could we also ask that families ensure that the benches in our grassed area near the bus bay are only used for sitting on if used by children.

Both of these actions will significantly decrease the chances of any accidents happening.

PARENT EVENINGS

We are currently considering the different options available to us for the Autumn Parents' Evenings. We really want to give parents the interaction with their child's teacher, especially given the challenges that we have faced recently. Please do remember that you can use the class email addresses i.e. year4@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk which are checked daily (Monday to Friday) if you do have any queries for their attention.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY



Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist) is now back in school on Thursday mornings!

She will be offering support to all school staff and parents to develop the communication skills of pupils within the school. This term she will be working with children already known to speech and language therapy, working with teaching staff to deliver speech and language intervention programmes, and offering support to create an environment that develops all children's communication skills.

If you have any questions or concerns please phone or email the school office and they will arrange for Keren to call you back on her next visit into school. You can also contact Keren directly on 01562 752749.

SAFER STRANGERS, SAFER BUILDINGS

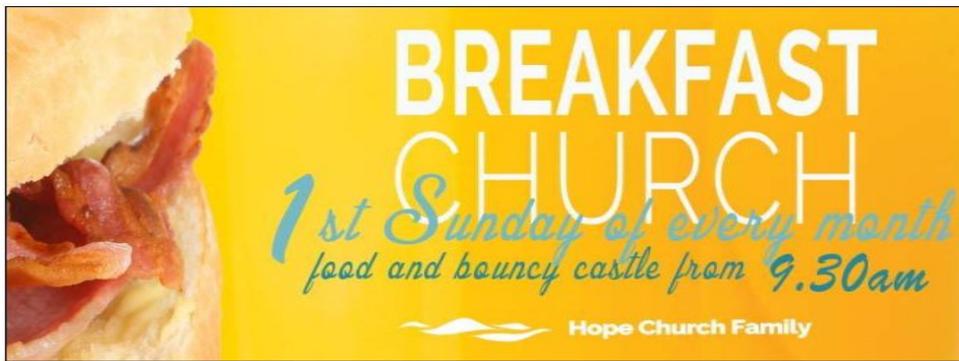
This teaches children how to take responsibility for their own safety, should they get lost or feel unsafe. It helps children learn about the kind of strangers who are safe for them to speak to should they find themselves in a difficult situation, and the buildings they can go into if they need help.

Three key points in the Safer Strangers, Safer Buildings safety code are:

- A safer stranger is a person who is working at a job which helps people. Safer strangers will usually be wearing a uniform. Safer strangers could be police officers, traffic wardens, shopkeepers, check-out assistants, and others.
- Safer buildings could be banks, post offices, libraries, medical centres, shops, supermarkets, leisure centres, and others.
- If your child gets lost, or feels unsafe, and there is no adult around them that they know and trust, they should look for a safer stranger who you can ask for help. If you can't see a safer stranger outside, look for a safer building you can go into, to ask for help from the people who work there.



COMMUNITY



Breakfast Church is back!

Breakfast Church is restarting at Upton Parish Church this Sunday (20th Sept) at 9.30am (ending around 10.30am).

The service will run a little different to before, to keep us all Covid-safe. We will be serving pastries rather than bacon rolls, and there will be a few other changes to make sure the children can still have fun, but safely.

All normal rules about indoor activities apply, including face masks.

Numbers are limited so we suggest you arrive in good time for a prompt start. Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents throughout!