



Upton Primary Newsletter

2nd October 2020

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

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:16

AUTUMN IS HERE

It feels like Autumn has well and truly arrived this week with the passing of the equinox, a change in the weather and September behind us; October is here and some gorgeous hues are being added to the trees. The children really are showing positive signs of development in their learning and are embracing everything that was new to them in September, including the Upton 7 which gives our children some additional daily exercise on top of their PE programme.

It is around this time of year that we would traditionally be showing lots of parents around school about all the wonderful things we are doing but, due to current restrictions, this is not possible. To overcome this we have created a short and informative video about some of the great things we do at Upton which can be seen by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/cif6b4YutKI>.

BIG ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

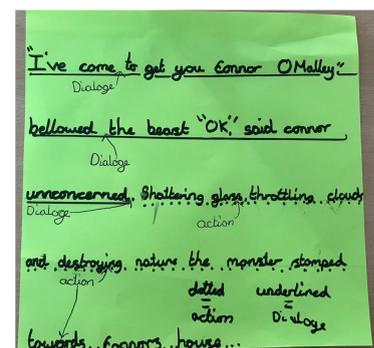
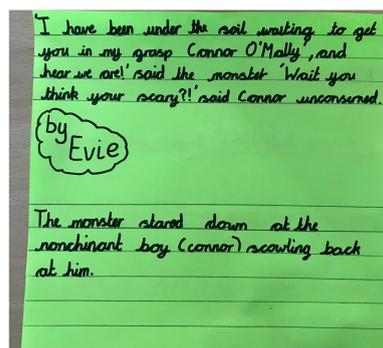
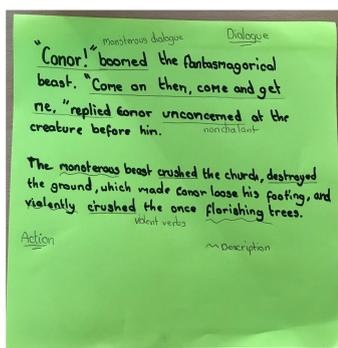
All the children in school this week were able to watch 'The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020' which reminded us all about mutual respect, kindness, celebrating diversity and putting a pledge to put an end to bullying. More details and resources can be found online at:

<https://www.antibullyingpro.com/thebigassembly>



YEAR 6 WRITING

Year 6 have been involved in some great writing work this week using 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness as a stimuli. They have been working on sentence construction to make a powerful effect on the reader and have produced some outstanding results!



PARKING

A huge thank you to the vast majority of our parents who have played a big part in supporting the school, which in turn helps our neighbours stay happy, by adhering to parking laws. We must continue to work to these expectations and, although it may be difficult at times, we would ask you to support us in parking considerately to the benefit of us all. We may have to contact the local police for support if things do not improve rapidly.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

We hope you have this morning received the email communication about our virtual parent consultation meetings that will be taking place during the week commencing 12th October.

HARVEST AND FOODBANK DONATIONS

Next Friday we hope to share our harvest assembly with you all via your online learning platforms.

Please hold your Foodbank donations until later in the year, as we have had notification from the Foodbank that their warehouse is currently overflowing so they are unable to take in any additional food donations at this present time.

FAMILIES WHO WORK OVERSEAS

The scenario of an individual travelling back from abroad to stay within a household

This may be the case for families who have adults that travel abroad for work. This scenario is covered by the government website - see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk>

THE MOORINGS - After School Club

The Moorings runs every weekday (during term-time) from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the school hall with fun activities. We offer flexible booking times, as follows;

- 3.00pm to 4.00pm = £3.00
- 3.00pm to 5.00pm = £5.00 (includes a snack)
- 3.00pm to 6.00pm = £8.00 (includes a snack and a cooked meal, usually served at 5.00pm.)

We offer a variety of fun filled activities, with something to suit everyone. Every afternoon we offer children one adult led activity (for example - cooking or crafts). We also offer at least one physical activity, such as football or dance, whilst allowing time for the children to chill out and catch up/play with friends.

Please see below for our timetable for the next two weeks:

ACTIVITY PLAN AND MENU - (5th to 16th October)

	Mon. 5th	Tues. 6th	Weds. 7th	Thurs. 8th	Fri. 9th	Mon. 12th	Tues. 13th	Weds. 14th	Thurs. 15th	Fri. 16th
Activity	Board Games	Making pizzas	Bingo	Tennis skills	Movies	Play dough	Just dance	Leaf collage	Fruit printing	Making jam tarts
Meal	Jacket Potatoes	Homemade pizzas	Chicken curry	Macaroni cheese	Pizza	Cheese & Beans pastries	Wraps	Chicken burgers	Sausage, chips & beans	Fish fingers, waffles & peas

If you would like to book any sessions for your child, please use the online booking form through the following link (which can also be found on our school website): <https://forms.gle/ed7HZ4oY3TZvoyNf6>

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

October half-term will be here before we know it so now is the time to get your booking forms in!

Please note that bookings will close on **Sunday 18th October** to allow the holiday club team to fully prepare for the half-term week.

All bookings are to be made online via the following link: <https://forms.gle/qt8VnfVmgJ5inBnX7>

NAVIGATE FAMILY RESOURCES INFORMATION SHEET

Navigate is an emotional resilience and wellbeing resource currently running in our school and in a number of other primary schools throughout the UK.

A family information and top tips sheet for The Navigate Resource is attached to this Newsletter. It is a simple to read guide to the resource dealing with what children have covered with 'Navigate' as well as some Top Tips.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - Narrative skills

There is a lot of training taking place for teaching staff this term. This week's training focused on developing children's narrative skills – the ability to tell a story clearly. Being able to tell a story helps children share news, explain what has happened and take part in Literacy.

You can support your child to retell events by taking photographs through the day:

An infographic with a white background and a thin black border. At the top, the title 'Using photographs to retell the story of their day will...' is written in blue. In the center is a photograph of a young girl and boy looking at a book together. Surrounding this photo are five colored boxes with text: a red box (top left) says 'Give them chance to hear all the new words from the day again!'; a blue box (top right) says 'Help them to sequence the events in a narrative'; a blue box (middle left) says 'Help them hear and learn tenses'; an orange box (middle right) says 'Support episodic memory and recall of real events'; and a dark blue box (bottom center) says 'Let them enjoy sharing their experiences!'. At the bottom left are two small circular logos, and at the bottom center is the text '© Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy 2016'.

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office (office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

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