



Upton Primary Newsletter

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16th 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

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:25

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The wonders of new technology meant that we were able to conduct our parents evenings this week and this proved to be very successful. If for some reason you were unable to speak to your child's class teacher please email them on the class email address to arrange a phone conversation. Many thanks for all the positive responses that we had to our virtual parent evening system this year. For the vast majority of teachers and families it worked extremely successfully for and we are grateful that the technology held out so we could keep you informed about your child's learning.

WORKING WITH FAMILIES AND SUPPORTING LEARNING

We know that the best way to support your child's learning is with a collaborative approach; when we work together we will achieve the best outcomes for your children. We are going to look at how we can provide you with further support during these times, particularly with Maths, as it is a subject that everyone can do if they believe in themselves.

For now we invite you to watch this: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FjZ_JW2WCw

TERM THEMES

As we endeavour to try and make a coherent and engaging learning journey for our children, we have developed our curriculum further by celebrating the uniqueness and brilliance of different subjects. With this in mind we have decided to develop our curriculum over each term using history, geography and science as key drivers.

The Autumn term will be focussed around history (**OUR PAST**), this will include specific learning around remembrance day for the whole school. All classes will be commencing a new history topic when they return after the half-term break.

During the Spring term the topic theme will be driven by geography (**OUR PRESENT**), including a whole school project to relaunch our links with Tanzania.

In the Summer term the children's topics will be focussed around science (**OUR FUTURE**) with a specific whole school

science project which is currently being planned.

KEEPING WARM

As you know the weather is getting cooler; our classrooms need to remain well ventilated to keep us all safe. Although we will not be asking children to wear coats indoors and we will endeavour to have a comfortable indoor temperature, wearing vests or thermal underwear could be a sensible option to wear underneath uniform as the weather gets cooler.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

This week we had an inspection from two Public Health Executive Inspectors to inspect the COVID measures we have put in place around the school. As I am sure you are aware, the team have worked extensively hard since the initial lockdown in March to put these measures in place and again over the summer to enable the full reopening of school to all children. The inspectors were very impressed with the measures in place and gave us a few ideas to improve further, which we have already implemented. I am so proud of how our staff team have worked together to ensure our school is safe and successful.

We would like to remind the school community to continue to respect the social distancing and the one way measures that we have in place as everyone has differing levels of anxieties at the moment and we need to recognise and respect everyone's feelings, particularly during these times.

FLU VACCINE (Friday 13th November)

NHS Flu Vaccine Letters were sent out to all children from Reception to Year 6 earlier this week. Please complete and return the consent to school by Friday 23rd October. If you have not received a letter, please contact the school office.

RIVERBOATS HOLIDAY CLUB - October Half-Term

Bookings for the Riverboats October half-term holiday club will close on Sunday 18th October. Due to COVID restrictions there are strict rules applying to the amount of places we can offer and there are only limited spaces available.

All bookings are to be made online via the following link: <https://forms.gle/9Q1BXMfdvNStdFg7>

Please see attached flyer for further information.

STAFFING

We would like to wish Mrs Alison Davis all the best in her new job and welcome Miss Helen Brown to our team as Lunchtime Supervisor. Mrs Davis has done a fantastic job supporting the children and the school in her role and we wish her every success in her future endeavours.

We have a vacancy for a further Children's Lunchtime Supervisor as follows:-

7.5 hours a week, being 12.00pm to 1.30pm Monday to Friday (term time only)

Temporary Contract to 31st August 2021

Closing date: Midday - Monday 19th October 2020

Start date: **9th November 2020 (subject to references, DBS and medical clearance)**

Further information, application form, person specification and job description can be found on our school website: <https://uptonprimaryschool.education.gov.uk> or, alternatively, contact the school office either by email to office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk or by telephone on 01684 592259.

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced CRB disclosure will be required for the successful candidate in accordance with Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment.



FRIENDS - UPDATE

Due to the current situation, the decision was made to postpone the annual AGM. The treasurer's report which is usually shared at this meeting is attached to this Newsletter.

In this interim period, Emma Allen (Chair), Gail Hanks (Communications Coordinator) and Mandy Andrews (Events Coordinator) will be stepping down from the Friends committee. The Chair role will now be shared by Seren Freestone and Jen Rowberry. Hazel Thoo (Secretary) and Tim Perris (Treasurer) will continue with their roles.

The Friends would like to thank everyone for their support last year. We had just begun to gather a fantastic amount of support, and there was a great increase in the amount of people volunteering to help at events and attending the meetings. We hope that you carry on supporting the friends over the coming years!

Although we are not able to plan the usual events this year, we will continue to raise funds in any way that we can. If you would like to know more about the Friends, or have any fundraising ideas, please contact office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk or speak to Jen or Seren.

Look out for our first fundraiser coming soon!

Seren, Jen, Hazel & Tim

HANLEY CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Hanley Castle High School have a new 'Virtual Open Day' video available on their school website:

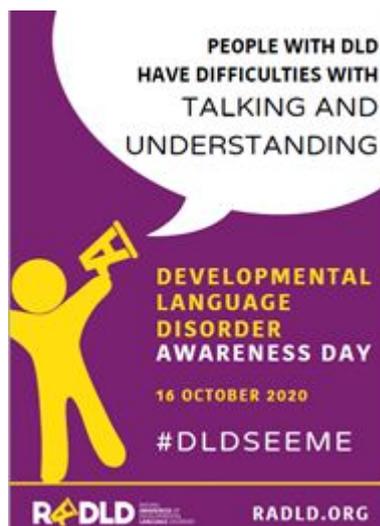
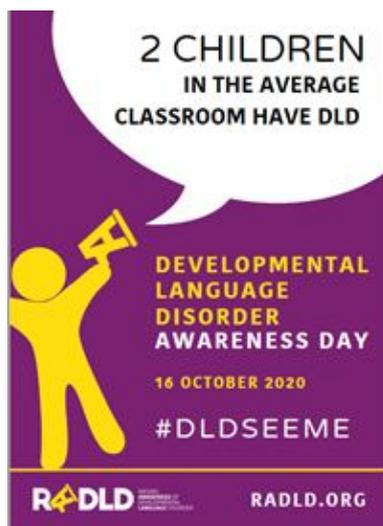
<https://www.hanleycastle.worcs.sch.uk/prospective-parents/virtual-open-event/>

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

Friday 16th October is Developmental Language Disorder awareness day.

Developmental Language Disorder is when a child or adult has difficulties talking or understanding language. It is a hidden difficulty that affects approximately two children in every classroom, impacting on literacy, learning, friendships and emotional well-being. However support can make a real difference.

If you want to know more about Developmental Language Disorder visit www.radld.org



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 752 749. *Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)*

Malvern School Health Nursing Service



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Nurse



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Worcestershire Health and Care 
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Starting Well Partnership

EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

GOOD HYGIENE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



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