



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

And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security.

Job 11:18

HALF-TERM BREAK

Many thanks to the whole school community for such a positive start to this academic year. Since reopening the school to all the children in September we have very much enjoyed getting back into all the learning and positive experiences that we can deliver at school.

FACE COVERINGS

The health and safety of all our pupils, their families and the community is our key priority. The county council have now recommended all parents and carers wear masks when visiting school sites.

When we return after the half-term break, we would therefore request that all parents/carers wear face coverings whilst dropping-off and picking-up their children (this is to also include drop-off and pick-up for wrap around care). Let's keep Worcestershire in tier one of measures, and stay safe this half term and beyond.



COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

Please can we remind you to communicate with school and class teachers through the correct and official platforms. In the digital age we live in, we have more ways than ever before in communicating with one another through social media platforms such as WhatsApp and Facebook. We are aware many parents are part of different class and school groups on different platforms and whilst we have no problems with the existence of these groups, we hope the conversations that happen are always positive and friendly to go in-line with our school's ethos.

Conversations on WhatsApp and other social media groups have been known to escalate quickly and can cause undue stress and anxiety. Please remember we have set up year group specific email addresses for parents to be able to directly contact their child's teacher for any queries about anything that has happened in school. Or if you would rather not email the school then you can of course phone during the school day or email the office on office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk who can support and direct your queries to the relevant member of staff.



UNIFORM

Please can we remind parents that children need to have a school cardigan or sweatshirt and a waterproof school coat (all named) in school at all times. After half term children may also require hats and gloves as we do now spend extended times outside. Please DO NOT allow your children to wear boots of any kind into school. These are not a part of our school uniform policy and also not appropriate footwear for the school environment. Boys and girls with below shoulder length hair must have this tied up everyday and only modest hairbands, clips and bobbles in navy, black or red are appropriate for school.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Bookings for the second half of the autumn term are now being taken for our wrap around care via the following Google links:

Breakfast Club: <https://forms.gle/uAJKJopHrNmKey1j6>

The Moorings: <https://forms.gle/e9ki3eewbY7MUpSx9>

There has been an update to the Google forms which now allows previously submitted forms to be updated. This means that if you need to make any amendments, or add any further sessions, after submitting your initial booking form, please do not use a fresh form but edit your original booking form. This can be done from the 'edit response' link in the confirmation Google email which you will receive after submitting the first booking form.

	Monday 2 nd November	Tuesday 3 rd November	Wednesday 5 th November	Thursday 6 th November	Friday 7 th November
Activity 1	Sparkler breadsticks	Play dough	Firework painting	Just dance	Chocolate apple sticks
Activity 2	Movies, bingo, table tennis, yoga, football, hula hoops				
Meal (served just after 5.00pm)	Tomato soup with cheese toasties	Fakeaway McDonalds	Cheese & beans pastries	Fish, chips and peas	Chicken curry

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - YEAR 6

The closing date for High School applications is the 31st October 2020. Please meet this deadline to ensure your child can be considered for their preferred school.

WORLD WAR II

We are wondering if you have any families or friends who might be willing to link with us digitally to answer children's questions about World War II. Please contact year6@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk if you think you can help the class with their project next term.

BLACK PEPPER LUNCHES

When we return from the half-term break, we will be trialling a hot food option of jacket potatoes, to be ordered online through Black Pepper Lunches. Black Pepper will also be offering an additional wrap option. All orders are to be placed and paid for in advance online via the Black Pepper Lunches website.

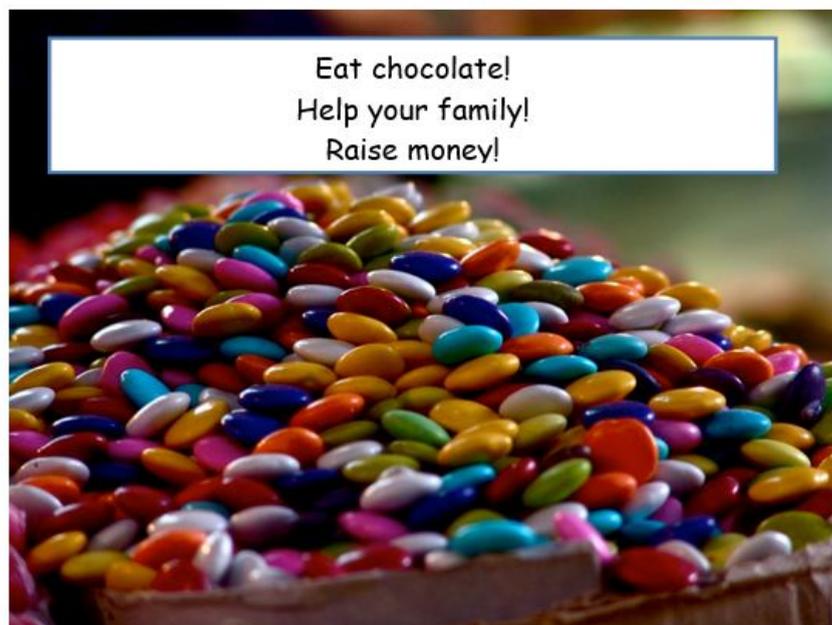
PSHE

PSHE has become a statutory subject from September 2020. We are in a very fortunate position in that we have been teaching PSHE for a considerable amount of years and pupils respond well to the range of subjects and content that

they have experienced. There are some changes in order for the subject to prepare our pupils for life today. Attached is an information leaflet from the DfE which helps explain what is now considered to be statutory. Over the coming weeks we will be sending further information regarding content for parents and an updated policy for you to look at and comment on. If in the meantime you have any questions you can email the office and they will forward any queries to Mrs Gabriel.



Your child will today be bringing home a tube of Smarties courtesy of the Friends.



We would like your child to enjoy the chocolate, then use the tube to collect 20 pence coins. We would like you to ask your child to complete jobs or be helpful in return for a 20 pence coin. Collect as many 20 pence coins as you can and bring the tube back to school by Wednesday 11th November 2020.

The class who raises the most money will get to spend 5% of the total money raised on a treat of their choice!

Thank you for your continued support! *The Friends of Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School*

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - NARRATIVE SKILLS

Some teaching staff are now running small groups to develop narrative skills using the Black Sheep Press Narrative programme. This is a small group intervention which supports children to be able to retell stories and develop their expressive language skills.

Here is an activity you can play at home to practise narrative skills:

Change the story!

Take turns to tell well known stories with your child, but make small changes to the story and see where that takes you. Change the character, the setting or the ending. You might have 'Big red riding hood' or 'Goldilocks and the three kittens.' What would big red riding hood do to the wolf? What would Daddy kitten do when he saw Goldilocks in his bed? What would his voice sound like?

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)

TURN BACK TIME



A clean hand is a caring hand.

Did you know proper hand hygiene is the #1 way to prevent the spread of germs?
Follow these simple steps for proper hand hygiene.



Soap and water

- 1 Turn on water
- 2 Wet hands
- 3 Apply soap to palm of one hand
- 4 Scrub for 20 seconds
- 5 Rinse
- 6 Dry with paper towel
- 7 Turn off water with a clean towel



Hand sanitizer

- 1 Apply to palm of one hand
- 2 Rub over both hands
- 3 Let dry

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We would like to wish you all a safe and happy half-term week and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.



COMMUNITY

[Free online sensory processing course for teachers, assistants and parents - GriffinOT - Sensory and Motor Skill Resources for Parents and Teachers](#)

A free introduction to sensory processing. Our free sensory course explores the basics of sensory processing disorder and sensory integration. It is designed for teachers, parents and professionals who want an introduction to sensory processing disorder. At the end we hope that you will understand the different types of sensory issues. www.griffinot.com

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