



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

Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

Proverbs 4:6

LOCKDOWN WEEK 2

Our school is an amazing community and this week we have seen everyone come together to support their children's learning, whether this is via the remote platform at home or in school. This half term's assembly theme is 'Trust' and our children trust us to do the very best we can to keep them as safe as possible. During the assembly we used a clip from the production Stomp that Year 6 were watching. The government guidance is to stay more than 2m away from other people - about the length of a large yard broom as used in the production!



Can I remind you all that the government guidance explicitly states:

"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."

This means that we only wish to receive children into school during the times that critical care parent(s) is/are at work.

The national lockdown is to try and reduce the overall number of contacts in our communities and the more children that have to enter school, the higher the risk of the virus spreading. Please help us to support the government mission and keep your children at home when you are not at work.

This week we have been in the unfortunate situation through both cases in school and contact via track and trace, in closing two bubbles. We are all working very hard to keep the school as safe as possible under these circumstances, and we appreciate everything you are doing as the parent community to keep our numbers in school as low as possible to minimise the spread of the virus.

REMOTE LEARNING

As we continue on our journey through this lockdown, we are facing new challenges each day. The children's learning is progressing through the online platforms; please can we remind you to prioritise the maths, reading and writing activities.

ABSENCE RECORDING

We are required by the DfE to provide information to them if we have any children absent from learning due to illness or COVID related absence. This is whether they are learning in school **or remotely**.

Therefore, as per our school protocol, we still require you to inform us if your child is ill. This is if they are unable to attend school on the days you have requested, or if they cannot undertake their remote online learning due to illness. Could we therefore please request that any absence details are left on our schools absence line (01684 592259 - Option 1) before 8.30am with the following details:

- Child's name
- Child's class
- Illness details ('ill'/'not well' is not sufficient).
- If your child is absent due to Covid-19 reason, please indicate how many days they will be absent/unable to access online learning and also provide the following information:
 - Has your child been in contact with someone who has tested positive?
 - Does your child, or other household member have symptoms? If child, what are symptoms?
 - Is your child or other household member awaiting test results?

BLUE PETER ON YOUTUBE

The BBC have launched Blue Peter on YouTube! Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and the BBC are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The current generation are the first children to grow up in a world where digital devices are the norm. Recent studies have found that 88% of British 12 year old children have a smartphone, four out of ten 6 year olds own a tablet and almost two-thirds (64%) of children aged 8 to 11 use a games console. It is also now rare to find a child who does not use an internet enabled device. With all of this in mind, National Online Safety have prepared the attached guidance poster with top tips on how to help parents guide their children to enjoy their digital devices safely and responsibly.