



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

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the
Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

This has been our first full term back working under our new 'COVID structure'. Our school ethos is deeply rooted in working with lessons from geese who, when they fly together in a V formation, fly 71% further. Our entire school community has brought this ethos to the forefront of everything they have done during this term. As the Headteacher I have been so impressed by the dedication and commitment to ensuring that our school still runs with the same philosophy and we are offering inspiration to young lives under our vision 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'. There have been times when our country questions whether we are all succeeding but together the social distancing and COVID guidance we work under is steadily having an impact. We look forward with renewed hope to 2021 and the vaccination programme that is already underway. We will continue to strive for the children in our school and keep our community as safe as possible.

We had a lovely moment this week when a rather tame robin found its way into our school. The robin quite happily hopped around whilst Mrs Dobbin worked, finding a resting place on top of her computer screen, prior to flying out of the front door. He spread a little light and positivity into our school world on Thursday and was a gentle spiritual reminder of all that we have in this world to be grateful for.



We have had to find some creative ways in sharing our Christmas events with you this year.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND SERVICE

Our teachers and pupils have worked hard to put together Early Years and KS1 nativities and a joint KS2 assembly and these are available through the online learning platforms. We will look forward to the day when we can once again invite our school parental community in to be an active participating audience but we hope you find these recordings bring a smile to your face. Our children have adapted to this new format

very well and we are very proud of all of them for performing so positively on this new platform.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our children have enjoyed their Christmas parties in school this week. We were very grateful to The Friends for providing a mini Christmas tea for the children. The Friends also provided Pass the Parcels which we had to write an entire COVID-19 Protocol for to ensure this activity could be carried out safely.

Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their New Year parties, which will take place on **Wednesday 6th January** for Year 6 and **Friday 8th January** for Year 5 and we have been thinking of ways that we can ensure they have a really fun and vibrant party to light up their New Year.

YEARS 5 AND 6 HOME LEARNING

Years 5 and 6 have continued their learning on our online learning platform this week. We have instigated daily Zoom sessions with the class teachers to ensure we provide strong links with the school community. Our whole school Zoom assembly on Wednesday included those at home too and was great fun for all involved!

We are most impressed with the success of our online learning platforms, SeeSaw and Tapestry, and we appreciate your efforts in supporting your children with this way of working whilst at home, as well as for homework.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

It is coming up to the time of year for the Primary School application deadline for Reception children starting in September 2021.

The importance of making an admissions application on time cannot be stressed enough. A late application can only be considered after applications received on-time. This places late applicants at a disadvantage. In some areas with limited places, families applying late cannot be accommodated in their local schools and, in some cases, have not been able to attend the same school as their siblings. Please make your primary school application by 15th January 2021 via the following link: [**WCC - Primary School Application Link**](#)

STAFF VACANCY

We have a vacancy in our school for a cleaner to start in the New Year. For further details, application form and person specification, please see our website: <https://uptonprimaryschool.education/vacancies/> or email: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk.

We would like to thank Julie Beech who has been a valued member of our cleaning team and is leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her all the best for the future.



Merry Christmas from The Friends!

Thank you to all the families who helped with the wrapping of Christmas presents and the 'pass the parcel' for the children this year, we really appreciate your help! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing you in the New Year for more exciting fundraisers! ***Jen, Seren, Hazel & Tim***

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - THE RONA HUB

Do you still have unanswered questions about the coronavirus? Fed up with reading the latest COVID conspiracies and just want some simple help and advice? Worcestershire County Council have set up 'The Rona Hub' webpage to help keep you, your friends and family safe:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/TheRonaHub>

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Here is a visual resource from NLC Communication Friendly which can help children understand who they will be seeing and where they might go over the Christmas break. Wishing you a very happy Christmas!

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office, and I will call you back on my next visit into school.

You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)

 **Christmas Bubbles**

You can draw or write in the boxes to make them personal to you and your family.

 **Who will be in my Christmas Bubble?**

 **Where will we go?**

 **When will we meet?**

Su M T W Th F S 23rd of December	Su M T W Th F S 24th of December	Su M T W Th F S 25th of December	Su M T W Th F S 26th of December	Su M T W Th F S 27th of December
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We would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 5th January.





COMMUNITY

A Little Elf on the Town
Council tells me...

FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO UPTON

Sat 19th Dec
On Route from 1pm

**KEEP AN EYE OUT & WAVE AT FATHER CHRISTMAS AS
HE DRIVES THROUGH TOWN**

**Remember to stay on the NICE list
please practice social distancing & do
not gather in groups**

Down Gardens Walk, left into Severn Drive. Up School Lane, continue up Rectory Road, up and around The Graftons, back down Rectory Road. Left into Minge Lane & left onto the A4104. Up Tunnel Hill, continue on Welland Road and right into Milestone Road to turn around & head back down the hill into Upton.

For more information please contact
Upton Upon Severn Town Council
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