



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

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3



NEW YEAR

The Christmas holiday seems quite distant, now that we are back into school and find ourselves straight into a fresh lockdown. We do hope that all our families were able to have an enjoyable Christmas and that it was not too challenging for all of you. This was not the start we were expecting to see to 2021, however as a nation it did not come as a complete surprise either. The Covid crisis is impacting all of us and the latest strain has put significant pressure on the NHS. We hope you have received all the communications from us to facilitate the start of remote learning, or to support your children in school with your role as critical workers to the Covid response. Please know that as a school we are here for you and we will support you with the remote learning programme as much as possible and we are working hard to ensure that those children who need to attend school can do so safely. We will send regular updates on the situation.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline to apply for Primary School places for children starting Reception in September 2021 is **Friday 15th January 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](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for free school meals varies slightly between England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland because the nations set their own rules.

You may be able to claim free school meals for your child if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after April 1, 2018 your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you qualify, your child will get financial support from Reception through to sixth form. Check eligibility through the following weblink:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

REMOTE LEARNING ACCESS VIA XBOX AND PLAYSTATION

Your child can use their Xbox or Playstation as an alternative method to access their online Home Learning as follows:

Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot
2. Go to 'my games and apps'
3. Find and select Microsoft Edge
4. Navigate to your online learning platform

PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Navigate to your online learning platform and log in as usual

FAMILY LEARNING COURSES

The Local Authority is offering free Family Learning Courses and we attach details of these.

Website to book courses: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses

Facebook: @adultlearningworcestershireshire to follow to see any newly listed courses

Twitter: @WorcsAdultLearn to follow to see any newly listed courses

CURRENT VACANCY

Cleaner - 10 hours per week Monday to Friday (term time only). This post is temporary in the first instance to cover maternity leave. For further details please contact school or see the vacancies page on our school website: <https://uptonprimaryschool.education/vacancies/>