



Upton Primary Newsletter

1st October 2021

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'
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (*Philippians 4:13*)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Corinthians 9:6

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 29th September we celebrated with the whole school our harvest festival. We are still working in line with the Covid protection measures recommended to keep all our community safe and therefore we were unable to invite parents to this event. However, we did for the first time in many months, all came together and children's voices filled the sky with singing that induced a feeling of joy and serenity. We are all grateful for the harvest of this year and the stunning blue sky of Wednesday filled everyone with hope as things continue to improve through the current Covid crisis. We are looking forward to further whole school celebrations and a time when we can invite our parent community back into school to enjoy these celebrations with us.



WEST MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE - WEAR RED DAY

On Thursday 30th September we welcomed Charley Burke from the West Midlands Air Ambulance who ran an informative powerpoint for us. This year the Midlands Air Ambulance celebrated 30 years of service. As it is such a local and vital charity to us we have, over the years, supported it with various fundraising events. This time however we did something slightly different and about 15 schools across the local authority joined us on the same day with 'Wear it Red for the Air Ambulance'. We have been delighted at the huge response to this fundraising initiative and once all the money has been collected from the other schools we will be able to tell you the total amount raised and obviously the individual amount for our school.



The Air Ambulance describe themselves as one big team with us being part of their team. As this is also our school ethos it was delightful to welcome Charley in for our fun 'turn it red' day.

RIVERBOATS HOLIDAY CLUB - OCTOBER HALF-TERM

The Riverboats Holiday Club booking form is now open to take bookings for the October half-term via the following link:
<https://bit.ly/3im1YJX>

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING ACTIVITIES	Autumn leaf collage	Painting pumpkins	Salt dough leaves/pumpkins	Bonfire collage/chocolate sparklers	Catherine wheel art
MID MORNING SNACK	Fruit and yoghurt	Pitta bread and dip	Cheese or jam on toast	Mini croissants	Crackers with cheese
AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	Leaf printing/painting	Leaf/autumn Wreaths	Pumpkin printing using apples cut in half	Firework wax painting	Bonfire pictures/firework cookies
MID AFTERNOON SNACK	Biscuit	Bread sticks	Biscuit	Bread sticks/raisins	Fruit/biscuit
DINNER	Macaroni cheese with veg	Chicken burger in a bun with salad	Pizza with peppers and cucumber	Pasta bake with veg	Fish finger sandwich with wedges

PARENTS EVENINGS

This term's parents evenings will be held via Zoom in the same way that this worked successfully last year. We hope to be able to offer in person parent meetings again soon, but at this stage we are still restricted by the Covid protection measures we have in place.

The Reception class parent evenings will take place on **Wednesday 13th** and **Thursday 14th October** from 3.30pm to 6.00pm and the booking link will be sent out via email on Monday.

Nursery and Years 1 to 6 will all take place in the week commencing **Monday 18th October** and links to book these will be sent out by the end of next week.

On the booking form there will be an option to discuss any SEN issues with Jo Ludlow, our SENDCo. Please ensure this is ticked if you would like to arrange this meeting.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

NURSERY

In Nursery this week we started the week learning about the number 3 based round the story 'The 3 little Pigs'. We explored building houses from sticks, straw and bricks, making collections of 3 and acting out the story. We then moved on to learn about firefighters and enjoyed making a big fire engine together. We all looked fabulous in our red clothes to celebrate 30 years of the air ambulance and were very impressed by the special tops Chloe and Archie's mum made especially for the occasion.





RECEPTION

What a great week we have had in reception. We have been learning about similarities and differences in maths and have enjoyed using Noah's Ark and the idea of animals going in two by two to make pairs of different objects and creatures. We had a messy day with our red art yesterday and created some lovely hand print propellers for our air ambulance. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm for our heroes' topic continue.



YEAR ONE

This week in Class 1 we have learned about where the Queen lives, and tried our hand at building our own palaces! In Maths we have been exploring greater than and less than - spotting which groups have the most and least using mathematical symbols (the alligator eats the greater number!). We enjoyed hearing from the Air Ambulance on Thursday and had a go at painting and building helicopters in the afternoon - all in red of course. We had an exciting Royal letter on Friday which has led to an amazing new look for our classroom to support our play-based learning this term.



YEAR TWO

This week year 2 have been learning about songs such as Ring a Ring a Roses and London's Burning for our work on the plague and the Great Fire of London. We had a lovely time trying to play London's Burning on the Glockenspiel – Mrs Davies' ears suffered a bit though!.



YEAR THREE

We loved looking at fossils last week, so this week we have made our own. We enjoyed making salt dough in our groups and then pressing shells into them to create 'fossils'. They look great!



YEAR FOUR

This week, Year 4 have been learning all about the ancient Greek Gods. We have been researching and writing fact files about our favourite Gods and we have even designed them business cards for their ideal jobs – we thought carefully about their powers and skills when doing this activity. We have also been investigating negative numbers this week in Maths, we spotted different everyday items that include negative numbers. We thoroughly enjoyed our air ambulance artwork that we completed on Thursday. As a class, we have continued to enjoy the cricket coaching and have developed our skills in batting, bowling and fielding.



YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have had a busy week – they completed their work on irreversible changes by looking at how rust is created; they have also been studying extracts from classic children's novels including the Jungle Book, the Hobbit and Around the World in 80 days and they have been very creative on their approach to an art task about the Air Ambulance where they created their own helicopters and then collaged them! Good work all round Year 5!



