



# Upton Primary Newsletter

8th 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

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

*Philippians 4:8*

This term's theme is responsibility and in this week we talked about dolphins and how they work together as a 'Pod'. The school watched a video of a pod of dolphins swimming and leaping in the ocean alongside a boat.

We then linked this to responsibility by discussing the world's oceans and litter pollution. Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year, half of which is used to design single-use items such as shopping bags, cups and straws. Unbelievably, floating plastic debris are currently the most abundant items of marine litter. Waste plastic makes up 80% of all marine debris from surface waters to deep-sea sediments.

We are trying to make our school free from single-use plastic by 2022 so that these and many other fantastic marine creatures can live in a clean and positive environment.



#HelloYellow

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Today, Friday 8th October, is World Mental Health Day and across school we have been participating in activities to promote positive mental health and well being.

We all struggle with how we are feeling sometimes and it is normal to have ups and downs. World Mental Health Day has been brought about to bring awareness to everyone's individual thoughts. Sometimes the sheer scale of the problems we are faced with can feel overwhelming. More young people than ever before need support for their mental health. More information can be found at: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Saying #HelloYellow this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health; Because a little yellow goes a long way.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Reception class parents' evening booking email was sent out at the beginning of this week. If you have not yet booked your slot, please do so.

Nursery, KS1 and KS2 parents' evening booking email has been sent out earlier today.

*Upon completion of booking, you will immediately receive an email confirming your appointment, with the Zoom link (check spam/junk emails too). If you do not receive the immediate email confirmation, please email your child's class*

teacher via the 'year...@' email address.

### WRAP AROUND CARE

As previously notified to you, the costs of our wrap around care from 1st November 2021 will be changing following approval by the school's Governing Body and will be as follows:

#### **Breakfast Club**

7.30am to 8.45am (breakfast served up to 8.15am)	£4.50 per child per session
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#### **The Moorings (after school care)**

3.05pm to 4.30pm	£5.00 per child per session
3.05pm to 6.00pm (including light tea)	£10.50 per child per session

#### **Breakfast Club and The Moorings**

7.30am to 6.00pm (including breakfast and light tea)	£14.00 per child per session
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A booking form will be sent out during next week for the next half-term's bookings.

### CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

#### NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been busy learning about 'pets and vets'. We have shared pictures and stories about our own pets and practised looking after our class toy pets in our vets corner. We were very pleased to meet Jo's pet 'Tommy the pony'.

We have also been exploring circles through circle hunts, bubble play and using circles in our arts and crafts activities.



#### RECEPTION

Reception have had another amazing week thinking about the heroes in our lives and special occasions that we celebrate. We have created a harvest basket display and created our own animal pictures. We have tried really hard with our writing and have started to try doing some writing on our own too. It has been a fantastic week and it was made even more special with a visit from Jo's Shetland pony 'Tommy' who started lots of conversations about animals that are superheroes too.



#### YEAR ONE

We have had an action-packed week in Year One! We have been diving into our book 'The Queen's Hat' by reading together, writing captions and making creations inspired by the story. We have tried on different hats and thought about the materials they are made of, and when we might wear them.

The children did a fantastic job writing and clapping out their own beats after listening to the National Anthem. In Maths there has been some amazing work on number-lines - including drawing some of our own on the playground!





### YEAR TWO

This week year 2 have been learning all about the plague and its impact on life in London. The children were particularly interested in some of the more gruesome aspects of life in London in 1665. We made posters warning people about The plague with some tips for treating or avoiding it.

### YEAR THREE

This week we learnt about cave paintings during the Stone Age. We all had a go at drawing in the style of a cave drawing using chalk on sheets of paper that were fastened to the underneath of our desks to make it feel as though we were in a cave! It looked a little odd but was great fun and we had some great results too.



### YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 have been creating their own 3D amphoras (Greek vases). We started the process by designing and planning our vase and thinking about the materials we would use to build it. We have now started to Papier-mâché our structures to create our vases. We have completed two layers of Papier-mâché and will be continuing with this art project next week. We have also been investigating habitats and microhabitats in Science, we have looked at classifying animals into vertebrates and invertebrates and wondering about how each animal is adapted to their habitat. On Wednesday, during forest school the children found some animals in their habitats and also built a bug hotel!



### YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have turned their literacy focus to Poetry and on Thursday we had National Poetry Day too. The children have been learning about Alfred Noyes famous poem 'The Highwayman'. We were very lucky to be joined on Thursday by 'Tommy', a Shetland pony, to help inspire our own poetry writing that we will be doing for the remainder of this term. Our thanks go to Mrs Shirley Dobbin and Mrs Jo Martin for making this possible and such a positive experience for our children.



## YEAR SIX

Year six have begun a new English unit this week based on writing an empowering speech, this speech will be based on Viking warriors preparing to go and attack the monastery at Lindisfarne. During Wednesday's lesson they used the Chromebooks to research facts about the attack in order for them to gain perspective on what it would have been like.



## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Some children in Year 5 are part of a group to support memory skills. Here is a fun game to practise memory skills! What strategies help you to remember more items? Two useful ones are to repeat them silently, or to make a picture of them together in your head. These are strategies that can be used in everyday life as well.

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 to school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

[Keren Somers \(Speech and Language Therapist\)](#)

### I went shopping

This game is good for developing memory, so is good for adults too. One person starts by saying, 'I went shopping and I bought a . . . ' (names a food item). The second player says, 'I went shopping and I bought . . . ' and repeats the first player's item before adding their own. The third player continues saying the first two items before adding their own. And so on. See how many you can remember.

## FAMILIES HEREFORD & WORCESTER MAGAZINE

The September/October Families Hereford & Worcester Magazine is full of ideas of how young families can make the most of this season. [https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famh\\_wseptoct21digital?fr=sMzgwNzQyNDM0NDU](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famh_wseptoct21digital?fr=sMzgwNzQyNDM0NDU)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Schools Fundraising Opportunity

### Bonfire and Fireworks Show - Saturday 6th November Severn End Country Estate, Hanley Castle, Worcestershire

This year SC Entertainments will be organising their first Family Bonfire and firework Show at the Severn End Country Estate, Hanley Castle. The gates open at 6.00pm, Bonfire lit at 7.30pm and Fireworks at 8.30pm. There will be live music and DJ throughout the night and car parking on site is free.

To launch this event SC Entertainments are offering the opportunity to raise funds for our School by donating £2.00 to the school for every adult ticket purchased through the school. Tickets will be priced at £15 per adult, with 11 and unders going free. A form will be sent out next week for ticket orders, which need to be made by **Wednesday 20th October**. The tickets will then be delivered to the School during the first week of November and sent home with your child.



## **KARATE CLASSES**

Every Monday at  
Upton-upon-Severn  
CofE School

6.15-7.00pm Juniors  
7.00-8.00pm Adults

[redeaglemartialarts.co.uk](http://redeaglemartialarts.co.uk)



Karate classes are held every Monday at Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary School with Red Eagle Martial Arts. Learn a new skill, have fun and get fit, karate offers all of these plus so much more! Confidence - Self Belief - Fitness - Challenge - Progression.

Kids 6.15pm to 7.00pm, Adults 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Introductory offers available then pay as you go. First three classes - £12 for Juniors (7 to 12 yrs) - £20 for Adults (13 yrs+)

To register and book your place contact Nikki on:  
Tel: 07866 571345 or email: [info@redeaglemartialarts.co.uk](mailto:info@redeaglemartialarts.co.uk)