



Upton Primary Newsletter

12th April 2019

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'**

Bible quote for this week:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

[John 11:25-26](#)



EASTER SERVICE

This morning our school community came together for the Easter service which was held in our Parish Church, St Peter and St Pauls.

Each class shared a creative piece which was their own choice to tell the Easter story. The children showed their flare and talent for a variety of skills. During the service I spoke about how impressive the children were in learning such a wide variety of songs in a short space of time.

Barry Easter talk used a positive demonstration of how the world was changed. One of our children showed exceedingly positive catching skills with the large chocolate Easter egg that he managed to throw into the air four times and catch on a tray, prior to it breaking!

At the end of the service the children were left the opportunity to sample the pieces of broken chocolate egg to ensure that it was not wasted.

The children have come home today with the Day by Day Story books about Easter. This is a very important Christian festival, a time when we remember that Jesus came to life again after his death on the cross.

FOREST SCHOOL DAY

On Thursday 11th April Years 3 and 4 went to Clive's Fruit Farm for their Forest School sessions.

Year 3 stayed for the morning and enjoyed campfire bagels and hot chocolate before returning to school.

Year 4 had a great day and experienced a wide range of activities which were all based around the Stone Aged theme they had been studying this term. They were able to have a go at flint knapping, fire by friction and also used some Stone Age tools. There was also time to use modern tools to make tree cookies and cooked Damper bread over the fire.



The forest school ethos builds self-esteem and resilience and as the children mature it is very clear to see that these skills are evident throughout all their forest school work.

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Many thanks to the parent helpers that came along to help as, without this support, we cannot go ahead with these activity days. A special thanks to Alex for again bringing along his skills, knowledge and Stone Age tools for the children to experience and learn from.



STICKERGATE COMES TO UPTON

This week Malcolm Boyden and Anita Woodhouse from BBC Hereford & Worcester came into school to present Ted Badham with a very special prize. Ted had felt it most unfair that when children go in to see their doctor they are not presented with a lovely sticker. Our school vision is 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'. Ted took this vision and made it come to life, determined to ensure stickers should be given out at the surgery. He contacted BBC Hereford & Worcester who then broadcast Ted's feelings. One of their listeners, who supplies stickers, decided to support Ted and arranged to have one thousand stickers printed and sent over to the doctors for them to use.

These were then presented to Ted with a special certificate of achievement and he was interviewed. This was played on the radio today at 11.00am, Friday 12th. Our congratulations go to Ted for this impressive achievement and for showing such a tenacity with his growth mindset.

HISTORY MAN

On Thursday Years 5 and 6 were treated to a wonderful day of crime and punishment with the History Man (David Cadle).

The children learnt all about the various punishments through the ages and were able to touch, handle and try on lots of different things. Experiencing history this way was completely engaging for the children and they really enjoyed dressing up and using the various equipment the History Man brought. A particular highlight was when the children learnt about the punishments which were given out in school over the decades, these included washing your mouth out with soap, the cane and the disobedient child collar.



STAFF UPDATE

We would like to wish Miss Lacon all the best as she goes on her maternity leave. For the summer term Mrs Malpass will be teaching Year 4 on a daily basis, Monday through to Friday.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY TALK

Mr Bell, who works for the Environmental Agency came into school to talk to Year 1 about the River Severn and the fish that are in it.

He showed the class some amazing slides of salmon jumping up the weir and special fish paths that were made to help them. It was an intriguing session for the children who were fascinated to hear some of the facts he shared. We were most appreciate for the time Mr Bell gave us to share his knowledge in this area.



BAKE OFF CAKE SALES

Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 who ran their cake sales yesterday and today. We have some amazing totals being raised by from these sales which will be revealed after the Years 5 and 6 sales in May when the winning Class will also be announced. Thank you all for your support whether baking, selling or buying!

SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 17TH MAY

Mini Disco for Pre School and Reception Children (accompanied by adults)
Main Disco for Years 1 to 6

We will need some adult volunteers to help on the night, please let the Friends know if you can help with tattoos, selling snacks, etc. Thank you!

SUMMER FETE - FRIDAY 14th JUNE - 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Please put this date in your diaries, it is a lovely event and is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We will be needing lots of volunteers on the day to set up and to run stalls, please let your class rep know if you can help.

FORTHCOMING FRIENDS MEETINGS

These are open meetings and will be held at The Swan in Upton, at 8.00pm.

- Tuesday 30th April
- Wednesday 15th May (Fete Planning meeting with Class Reps)
- Tuesday 2nd July



The Upton team would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and safe holiday.
School will re-open for the Summer Term on Monday 29th April.

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COMMUNITY

Upton upon Severn Town Council

The Annual Town Meeting

will be held on

Tuesday 30th April 2019
at 7.30pm

at

**The Memorial Hall,
Old Street**

This is your opportunity to:

- Meet your new councillors & ask them questions
- Find out what's going on in the town and locally
- Hear from town organisations

All welcome

Free tea, coffee and biscuits served from 7.00pm

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