

News from us



Spring Term Newsletter

Week Ending 12/03/2021

From Mrs Mayo

It is so lovely to hear the sound of children working and playing around the school once more. It has been a long week for everyone, but everyone has settled in well. With the standard of remote learning this time during lockdown and there being no break before returning to school, the children have found it more challenging this time, but be rest assured that we are doing our utmost to make the transition as smooth as possible. I think like myself; the children have got used to snacking during the day too, as there were many questions such as 'When is it lunchtime?' at around 10 o'clock on Monday morning! Due to the different learning this term, parent consultations will be moved to near the beginning of the Summer Term rather than before Easter. I will let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed.

R/1 — Mr Skelton

The children have all done extremely well on their return to school and have got on with things in a very mature way. It has been an absolute delight to see all the smiling faces again and the children playing, working hard and laughing together. Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents, family members and friends for supporting the children with their home learning; you all did a fantastic job. This week we have been focusing on settling the children back into the school day and have placed a great emphasis on working with the children's wellbeing, addressing any concerns or worries that they might have; this will be central to our learning over the following weeks. Our theme has been 'reach for the stars' in our class and the children have decided on a personal goal that they would like to work towards now we have come out of lockdown; this week we have started our rainbow journey of positivity heading towards the stars to reach that goal.

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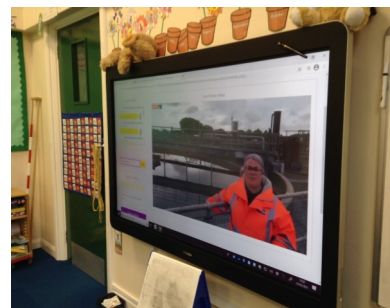
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WATER

Eco Club

As part of Waste Week, Eco Club organised a virtual talk on Super Sewage, by Claire Dare from Severn Trent Water. The children learned all about:

- ◇ what happens to things when they are flushed down the toilet (via some very catchy songs!),
- ◇ what we all should and shouldn't (no wipes, nappies, paper towels, anything else or toys) put down the toilet and how all our sewage is treated and turned into safe, clean water.



FUSS— Preloved Uniform Sale

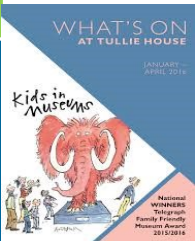
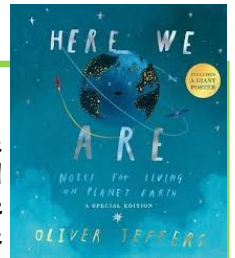


Fuss are selling preloved school uniform from the shop facility on School Money. To order, log onto your School Money account, visit the shop tab, select the item you wish to purchase, and add to your basket, then submit payment. Please email office@upsnodsfirfirst.worcs.sch.uk a copy of your receipt, and you can then collect your item the following day. Costs range from £0.75—£2.00 per item

If you have any uniform which your child has outgrown, the school office will accept your donations.

Year 1/2 Miss Jones

It is lovely to see such wonderful, smiley faces back in class this week! It has been a huge change to everyone and you should all be extremely proud of all the discussions we have had this week. We have started our week by reading the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have shared our feelings and thoughts about being back at school and also discussed what we are looking forward to in the future. Throughout the week, we have been looking at a line in the story "People come in many shapes, sizes and colours. We may all look different, act different and sound different...but don't be fooled, we are all people." The children have come up with some fabulous drawings of themselves to show how unique they are, have made up 3 important rules we should follow in the world to make it a friendly place and have created posters with some of their favourite inclusive quotes on. At the start of the week we created our very own handwashing songs using percussion in groups and performed these to everyone. In the afternoons we have started looking out some of our Christian values in more detail.



Year 3/4 Miss Earp

It has been so lovely to have the children back this week and actually meet them in person! We've had a really busy week starting our new learning in Maths on fractions. The children have worked really hard and worked well independently. In English, we have been developing our descriptive language to write our own song about our wonderful world. I've been very impressed with the creative ideas. We had two special zooms this week. We learnt all about sewage from Severn Trent, which the children thoroughly enjoyed as they learnt a very fun song! We also had a great zoom session from Tullie House Museum to see some Egyptian artefacts. The children were great at listening to all the new facts and asked some super questions! This week and next week we are looking at our Christian Values in more depth. So far, the children have explored friendship and respect, making a friendship wreath and a garden of respect.



We have been super busy this week planting all the beautiful flowers around the school. Thank you for all your kind donations.



Stars of The Week



Year R/1— Harry

For good hand writing

Year 1/2—Isaac

For being a fantastic listener and has been eager to share his ideas and answers in class.

Year 3/4—Honey

For settling back into school really well and completing super maths and english independently.

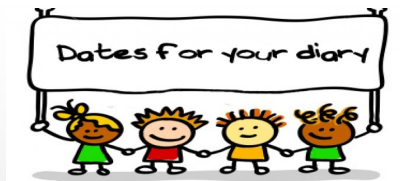
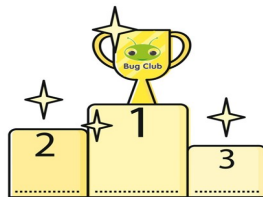


Bug Club

18 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Ewan with 6 books!
(8/22 children have read at least 1 book so 36% engagement – down 4% from last week)

6 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Sophie with 3 books!
(4/10 children have read at least 1 book so 40% engagement – same as last week)

3 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Thomas, Max and Freya with 1 book!
(3/25 children have read at least 1 book so 12% engagement – down 28% from last week)



Easter Half Term - 2nd April – 16th April

16th April - Reception Intake Sept 21 & Middle School Notifications out today

19th April - children back to school

27th April – School Swimming Starts YR2/3 (10 wks) letter to parents still to go out

Half Term 31st May – 4th June

Inset Day - 7th June

8th June - children back to school

9th June—School Photographs

Last Day of Term—Wed 21st July

We have a staff vacancy for a Teaching Assistant Grade 1 with SEN experience. If you are interested or you know of anyone who maybe interested, please see our website advert for more details. Or apply via WM Jobs.

<https://www.uptonsnodsburyschool.org.uk/.../vacancies>

This Weeks Worship at Upton Snodsbury School



Worship Theme: Feelings— strategies to cope

To support the return to onsite learning for all, we focused on different strategies that the children can use when they are feeling unsettled or unsure. We shared stories such as 'William the Worrier' and 'In it together'. We discussed how we are all different and we all have different ways of making ourselves calmer. Some of the techniques that we discussed were: smelling clothing to remind us of home; drawing a small heart on our hand to press when we want to link with someone at home; looking at turning worries in to questions to see if we can identify what is worrying us; breathing in and blowing away a feather for deep breaths whilst picturing a happy memory and putting on our favourite music and having a dance. At home, can you talk to your child about which one might help them and/or discuss other strategies. We will share these other strategies in Worship on Monday.

Christian Values Competition Winners

Back in January we set a competition for the children to design a picture based on one of the Christian Values. The winners have now been chosen and a display has been created near the school entrance. Well done to everyone who entered. There was a range of imaginative ideas and the judges had a very tricky time deciding the winners. We will be looking at where else we can display some of the other entries. The winners are.....

Friendship - Sammy
Respect - Holly W
Responsibility - Holly P & Joe
Trust - Isaac
Thankfulness— Tilda
Forgiveness - Isabelle

Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

are

Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust

"Where a love of learning grows"

Upton Snodsbury C of E First School—Private Facebook Page

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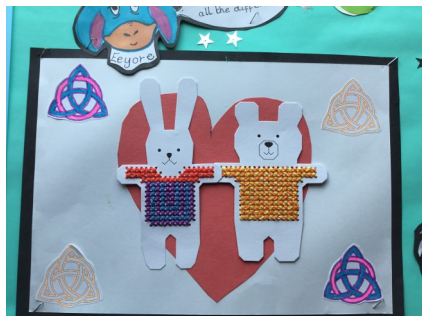
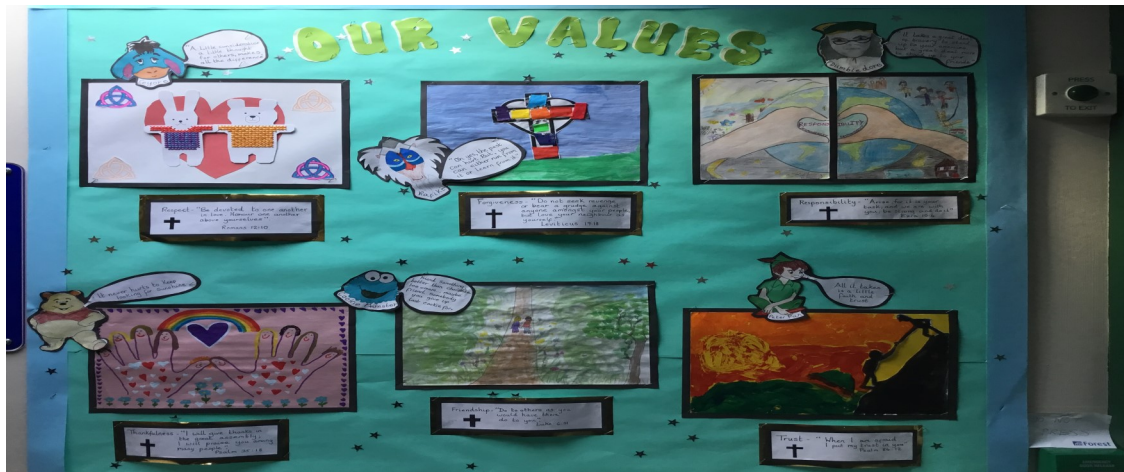
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Christian Values Competition

Winning Displays



Respect—"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves"

Romans 12:10



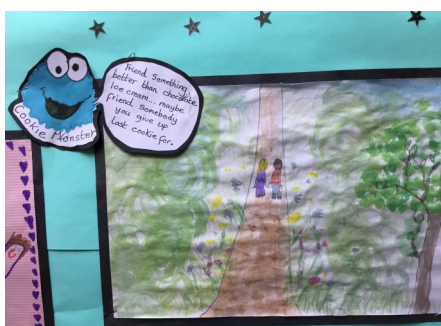
Forgiveness—"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone amongst our people, but love your neighbour as yourself."

Leviticus 19:18



Responsibility—"Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it"

Ezra 10:4



Friendship—"Do to others as you would have them do to you".

Luke 6:31



Trust—"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you"

Psalm 84:12



Thankfulness—"I will give thanks in the great assembly; I will praise you among many people".

Psalm 35:18