



News from us

Spring Term Newsletter

Week Ending 19/03/2021



From Mrs Mayo

This week marked a year since the beginning of the first Lockdown and we took part in a National Day of reflection in school. It has been an unbelievable year but we have made it this far, and there are definitely brighter days to come. We have seen so many challenges and changes and as a school community we have faced them together so thank you. Your children have been remarkable, and we are proud of every single one of them.

Last week I mentioned playtimes and thank you for those who have reinforced what we have been saying in school as we have seen a huge improvement. It has worked so well, that I would like to ask for your help again....please can you talk to your child/ren about toilet etiquette. We are all for being environmentally friendly in school, but we would like them to flush the toilet after themselves!

On the newsletter, there will also be important dates for your calendar. We will keep some of the dates on that we have shared previously and then new ones for that week will be added in red. I have already marked down the bags for school one, as I have a few bags ready in my shed. Closer to the time, I will share with you days that you can drop your bags off and where to drop them.

After Easter, school lunches will return to having a hot lunch option. Packed lunches will continue to remain an option too. Remember to order for the first week in the holidays!

Remember also after Easter, the children can wear their summer uniform. If you need any more dresses then we have a few second hand ones in the school shop on School Money. Thank you for all of the donations so far; you can drop off donations at anytime to the school office.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Wadsworth who this week organised Little Warrior Pickers to come in to school. We are going to continue this work in the community and if you know of any other local projects in the village that we can help with, please let us know. Have a lovely weekend.

R/1 — Mr Skelton

This week the children have been excitedly celebrating the start of Spring and new life and the new beginnings it brings. In English we have been focusing on writing instructions on how to create clear step-by-step guides using our all-important time openers. The children planted cress seeds on Wednesday on cotton wool which they were very excited about and have made it their job to check on their cress's growth every day! On Thursday they then wrote down instructions on how to plant cress seeds using all the key features of instruction writing. The life cycle of a sunflower was our focus for topic this week and the children did some fabulous drawings to show the different stages of a sunflower's life.



FAIR TRADE POSTERS

If anyone still has copies of their Fair Trade posters which were completed during lockdown, can you please bring them into school, next week.

WANTED

Does anyone have or know of someone who no longer needs some toys suitable for outdoors that are in good condition? Ideally, we would be looking for a replacement for our outdoor kitchen. Please discuss with the Reception and Year 1 team if you think you may have something that they would like.

Year 1/2 Miss Jones

This week, we have been learning about verbs and applying these in sentences. Using the story of elves and the shoemaker we have been identifying the past and present verbs and thinking about which words make sense in our sentences. Please help us to continue with this learning by saying our sentences back to us with the correct word so we can hear what it should be. In maths this week, we have been exploring different methods to help us with addition. Methods such as column, number line and umbrella. Which one was your favourite? On Monday, our final Christian value was thankfulness. We looked at how we can show others how we are thankful and shared what we are thankful for. On Tuesday, we had such a fun afternoon with our listening games. There was lots of different challenges that we did to help with our communication and listening skills. Such as the blanket switch, human knot and blind lego.



Year 3/4 Miss Earp

This week started with a rubbish afternoon! We went litter picking. The children were shocked to have found so much rubbish in the park and local area but they did a grand job cleaning it all up - well done for a great afternoon! In English, we've been exploring mystery writing and creating our own similes and metaphors. In maths, we had a code to crack by adding and subtracting fractions. The children worked really well as a team to complete this. We explored the last of our Christian Values, thankfulness. The children came up with some lovely ideas of what they're thankful for. - I'm thankful for the lovely children I get to work with! In music, we've been busy practising for our lip sync battle. The dance routines for it are great so far! I'm very excited to see the children's final performance. It has been a truly lovely week and I'm very excited for a chocolate themed week next week!

Letters sent to parents:

Afterschool club letters—via schoolmoney/email
Parents Consultation letters— in school bags
Image/Media Consent Forms - in school bags

Attendance

for Whole School
this week is 96.44%



Stars of The Week



Year R/1— Eva & Florence

Eva—for outstanding work and effort

Florence—for most improved handwriting in Year 1

Year 1/2— Henry

Henry is always organised for his lessons and shows everyone in class how he is a thoughtful and kind friend

Year 3/4 — Thomas & Hollie P

Thomas— for being a good friend

Hollie P— for always trying her best and being so focused in class



Bug Club – Overview of the past week

18 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Harry with 10 books!

(5/22 children have read at least 1 book so 23% engagement – up 9% from last week)

3 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Sophie, Joseph and Henry with 1 book!

(3/10 children have read at least 1 book so 30% engagement – down 30% from last week)

25 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Chloe with 4 books!

(14/25 children have read at least 1 book so 56% engagement – up 24% 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

26th April— After school Clubs Start—book via Schoolmoney

27th April – School Swimming Starts YR2/3 (10 wks)

27th April - Parents Consultations via Zoom 1.00pm–6pm

St Nicholas Taster Day—Tuesday 12th January is now Tuesday 4th May

St Nicholas Taster Day—Wednesday 13th January is now Wednesday 5th May

TSt Nicholas Taster Day—Thursday 7th January is now Thursday 6th May

Half Term 31st May – 4th June

Inset Day - 7th June

8th June - children back to school

22nd June – Bags to school collection at school

9th June—School Leavers Photographs

2nd July—Sports Day (details to be confirmed)

6th July— Swimming finishes today

9th July—Sports Day (back up 1)

12th July—Sports Day (back up 2)

Wed 21st July—Leaver Service (tba)

Last Day of Term—Wed 21st July

*******NEW DATES ADDED*******

This Weeks Worship at Upton Snodsbury School



Worship Theme: Giving time generously

This week in Worship we looked at giving time generously. We began the week by participating in a litter pick in around the school grounds and the local community. We feel strongly that as a school we need to give our time to the community and see what we can do to help. From the Bible we shared the Good Samaritan and looked at giving our time to everybody and it is not fair to pick and choose who we are generous to. We also shared the story Lubna and the pebble which highlighted that no matter what situation you are in, you can help others. At the end of the week, we discussed that sometimes we think we are sharing and being generous, when really, we are keeping the best for ourselves and 5 minutes of tidying our rooms is not being generous with our time. This linked this to our school Christian value of needing to be responsible and share like God has with us and not be greedy.

We have two major projects coming up over the next year, so in order to move from First School to Primary School we need your help!

Parent Governor Recruitment—Upton Snodsbury seeks to appoint
1 x Parent Governor & 1 x Parent/Chair of Governors or Co Chair
For Sept 2021 (or earlier)

Become a school governor

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time. Being a governor at Upton Snodsbury CE First School is rewarding and the school is committed to raising educational standards. We are looking for dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children and are willing to share their experience in an educational environment.

Preferable skills and competencies:

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises. If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return a letter of interest, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. Letters of interest can be emailed to clerk@upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.co.uk.

Further information about the role of the governor can be found on the school website: <https://www.upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk>

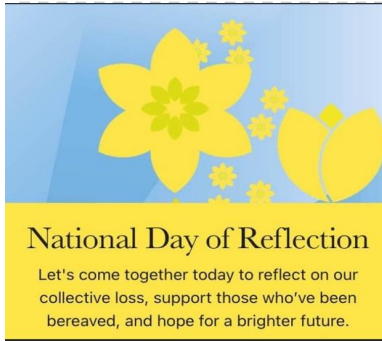
Interested candidates are welcome to come into the School Office and speak with Mrs Mayo or Mrs Price (Clerk to Governors)

Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

are

Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust

"Where a love of learning grows"



Karen from Little Litter Warriors came in on Monday and talked to the whole school about litter, how it doesn't degrade quickly, how it affects animals and what the children can do about it. The children collected litter around the school grounds and also Year 3/4 walked to the park and collected litter there and on the footpaths on the way. We collected over 2 bags of rubbish and the oldest piece of litter was 9 years old! As part of Wychavon- Adopt a Street Campaign, the school has adopted the streets around the school and the local park as part of it's commitment to keeping their environment as litter free as possible.



*Can you guess how many
sweets are in the Jar? If
you get it right you win
the sweets!!!!*



50p a guess



HAPPY EASTER
From FUSS



RECYCLE!

Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...

The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Hats and Bags
- ✓ Scarves and ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen
- ✓ Curtains
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- ✓ Duvets and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Thank you for supporting the school!

22nd June 2021 & 9th November 2021

Why not have a clear out during Whitsun Week & October half-term, as Bags2school will be collecting from the school playground on the above dates.

For the time being parents are being asked to use black recycling bags.



**Total raised for
Red Nose Day
£109**

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@upsnodsfirst.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.



Keep up to date with what is going on at St Kenelms Church, Upton Snodsbury by visiting their facebook page or website.

<https://www.facebook.com/stkenelms>

Upton Snodsbury C of E First School—Private Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/545648073002478/?ref=group_header



New - Upton Snodsbury C of E First School— Twitter

[@UptonSnodsCofE](https://twitter.com/UptonSnodsCofE)

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