



News from us

Spring Term Newsletter

Week Ending 02/04/2021



From Mrs Mayo

Happy Easter! I hope that you all have a wonderful break and let us hope that we get some more sunshine rather than snow while we are off. All the children have continued to work incredibly hard over the last few weeks and they are a credit to you. I personally can't believe it has been under 4 weeks since they have been back fully. I have loved hearing their voices and laughter in school once more. This week has been filled with Easter fun which has included an Easter hunt in school. Many thanks to Mr Croft and the Coop for donating an Easter egg for all the children and the staff. Luckily, I managed to keep them safe in my office without eating them!

During the Easter break, parents must inform school of a positive test result up to and including 7th April. After this, there is no need to inform school until the point that their child is due to return. At present we are unable to run school trips or do performance, but we are hoping that these may be possible nearer to the end of the Summer term. We will keep you updated on the school website calendar and on the bottom of the newsletter as and when we are able to add dates. Further down in this letter you will find details on Covid and how and when you should notify us if there are any positive cases.

Please do all have a wonderful break and enjoy some well-earned family time together and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you on 19th April 2021.



R/1 — Mr Skelton

Wow, what an eventful Spring term we have but we have all safely made it through and the children have been absolute superstars. This week the children have been watching their cress grow with great interest and will be bringing them home so you can all enjoy some egg and cress sandwiches! The children have been learning about the events of Palm Sunday and made palm leaves to act out the story. They all had great fun waving their leaves and shouting 'hosannah' especially in the beautiful sunny weather. Once again, thank you for all of your hard work and support over the term and we hope you all have a good rest, ready for more exciting adventures. Mr Skelton, Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs P.



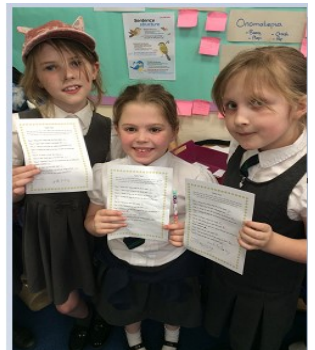
Year 1/2 Miss Jones

For our final week, we have been applying our knowledge of expanded noun phrases and verbs to improve our writing. In maths we have been recapping counting backwards and forwards in tens from any number. Please practise this at home or in the car so we can be super confident and speedy with our number knowledge. Using this, we have been learning how to subtract 2 two-digit numbers using the number line method. Now we are coming to the end of our spring term, and what a term it has been. The children have worked so hard at home and are now showing their enthusiasm to learn at school with their teachers and friends. We have never been more grateful to be back as a class. I hope you all have a lovely, much needed Easter break.

Year 3/4 Miss Earp

What a cracking week we've had! We've been really busy exploring Easter Traditions this week. The children especially enjoyed learning about the tradition in Ukraine as they were able to have a water fight! I was really impressed with the beautiful Easter cards the children have made for home. The children have worked well as a team with Mrs White to create lovely Easter baskets to hand out to our neighbours in the community. We had an eggcellent Egg Hunt, organised by Mrs Mayo on Wednesday! We were very grateful to the Coop for donating Easter Eggs as a yummy prize! Maths has been all about chocolate this week! The children had to try different flavoured chocolate to then create a bar graph. They've also explored line graphs, pictographs and tables. I've been blown away with the incredible creative writing in English! The children have been really focused and written fantastic mystery stories.

Thank you for working so hard this half term and thank you to the parents and people at home that have continued to be so supportive. I hope you all enjoy a lovely, restful break!



Stars of The Week



Year R/1— Matilda & Koen

Matilda for always working hard especially with her writing

Koen for super listening and cracking on with his work straight away

Year 1/2— Joseph

A well deserved star of this week, he has been showing our Christian values of friendship and responsibility

Year 3/4 — Jacob & Ben

Jacob for being great at looking after the environment and picking litter during lunchtimes

Ben for trying really hard with his independent work



Mental Health and Well Being

Herefordshire and Worcestershire's Mental Health Campaign 'Now We're Talking' is encouraging the local community to get arty to help improve their wellbeing. Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust is the counties main provider of mental health services. It runs the Now We're Talking campaign which aims to raise awareness of Healthy Minds, a service which you can contact yourself if you are struggling with difficulties such as stress, anxiety, low mood or depression, it also aims to reduce the stigma that sadly still surrounds mental health. Bringing together art, exercise and mental health for Mental Health Awareness Week in May, 'Now We're Talking with Art' aims to highlight ways to maintain wellbeing, self-help and signpost to additional support if it's needed. The Trust is teaming up with Worcester City Council and a host of local partners and businesses to encourage residents to get arty to support their mental health and wellbeing, with easily accessible art based mental health resources, including mindfulness colouring sheets, live art classes and an Art trail around the City centre. Local artists will fill the city with colour and promote a positive outlook on mental health, using the national theme of Mental Health Awareness Week 'Nature and the environment' the installations of fine art, photography, craft, murals and more, in windows and outdoor spaces the Art trail accompanied by an all-important map will provide information on where to get support for your mental health. BUT, this is where you can get involved! Have a go at our mindfulness colouring sheets and send them in to us for a chance to have it displayed in the outdoor art trails being held across the county! The trail aims to provide a colourful, inspiring and safe journey around the city, free of charge to promote a healthier, well connected and more resilient community. To find out more about the trail visit www.healthyminds.whct.nhs.uk/nowweretalking or you can follow the campaign on Twitter @NowWereTalking and on Facebook @NowWereTalkingHW





Bug Club – Overview of the past week

14 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Harry with 5 books!

(4/22 children have read at least 1 book so 18% engagement – down 5% from last week)

10 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Olivia with 4 books!

(8/10 children have read at least 1 book so 80% engagement – up 50% from last week)

9 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Ophelia with 2 books!

(8/25 children have read at least 1 book so 32% engagement – down 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

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@upsnodsfirsr.worcs.sch.co.uk.

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

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



*Attendance for Whole School
this week is 97.08%*



**Lucky winner of the Fuss
Easter Egg Competition
is:**

**1st Anna-rose
2nd Samuel**

Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

are

Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust

"Where a love of learning grows"

This Weeks Worship at Upton Snodsbury School



Worship Theme: The Story of Easter

We spent the week looking at the story of Easter and the importance that it holds in the Christian calendar. The story was shared in different ways including a Lego version and outside on the playground. Today we held our annual Easter service and each class contributed something different to this. R/1 sang us a song, Year 2/1 looked at a variety of Easter symbols and Year 3/4 looked at how Easter was celebrated around the world. All classes had great fun researching for their part and you will be able to find their videos on the school website under whole school gallery .



The children cheering during Mr Skelton's workshop all about Jesus coming to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Celebrating Easter in the community

We wanted to celebrate Easter with the community, so we created some Easter baskets for the local community which included some Easter eggs, a bunch of daffodils and an Easter card. They were then delivered by Mrs Mayo in a Covid secure way.



E- Safety Competition

Thank you to everyone who designed a poster for our school competition, after much deliberation I am happy to announce that the winners are:

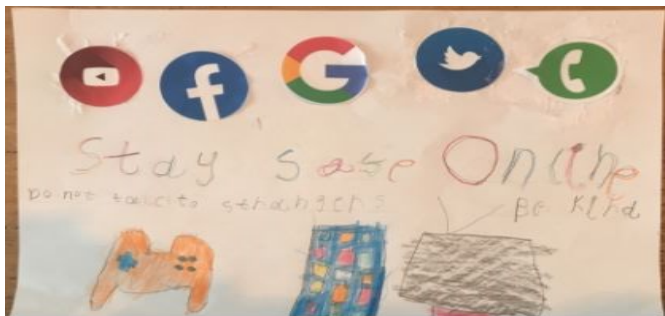
Year R/1 Max

Year 1/2 Martha

Year 3/4 Arthur

The overall winner who will have their poster displayed throughout the school is Martha.

Congratulations to all our winners.

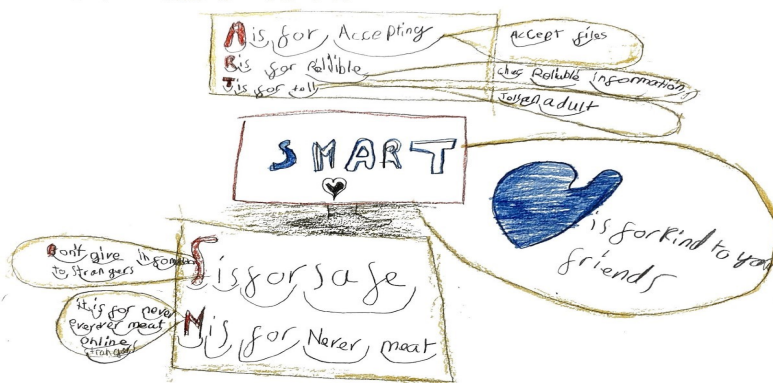


Year 1/2 winner:

Max

Year 1/2 and overall winner:

Martha



Year 3/4 winner:

Arthur



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.

Worcester Food Bank

Friday the 2nd of April (Good Friday) - OPEN - 11.00am-2.00pm

WEEKEND - CLOSED AS USUAL

Monday the 5th of April (Easter Monday) - CLOSED

From then on, usual operating hours will resume which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

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.



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

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter please email the

School Office: office@upsnodsfirfirst.worcs.sch.uk

If you have any queries please do get in touch : Mrs Rachel Mayo, Headteacher, 01905 381288

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

(A422 Worcester Road, Upton Snodsbury)(Temporary Closure) Order 2021

Proposed Order: to close that part of A422 Worcester Road from its junction with B4082 Pershore Road to its junction with U43005 Churchill Mill Road.

Reason: Carriageway Patching by WCC

Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: A422 Worcester Road, A422 Broughton Hackett to Upton Snodsbury, A422 Alcester Road, A44 Evesham Road, A44 Evesham Road Egdon to Stonebow Road, A44 Worcester Road, A44 Allens Hill, A44 Abbey View Road, A44 Wyre Piddle By Pass, A44 Evesham Road, A44 Worcester Road, A44 Chadbury By Pass, B4088 Evesham Road, B4088 Alcester Road, B4088 Iron Cross (Warwickshire County), B4088 Dunnington (Warwickshire County), B4088 Evesham Road (Warwickshire County), A441 Evesham Road, A422 Worcester Road, A422 Alcester Road, A422 High Street, A422 Worcester Road, A422 Alcester Road, A422 Worcester Road and vice versa.

Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: 8 days Commencing: 27 April 2021

Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester



Community Learning Courses

Health and Wellbeing

Moodmaster
Positive Me
5 Ways to Wellbeing
Mind Matters
Mindfulness & Meditation
Baked Bean Project



Art and Craft

Funky Arts
Funky Watercolours
Creative Mindfulness
Introduction to Drawing

Easy Knits
Sew and Reap
Tantalising Textiles
Upcycled Jewellery

More new courses coming soon!

All Community Learning Courses are **FREE** to attend until 31st July 2021.

All our courses are online. We offer support in joining us via; phone, tablet, ipad or laptop.

To find out more course information and to book a place, search the course title at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or call 01905 728537