



# News from us

Summer Term Newsletter

Week Ending 14/05/2021



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## From Mrs Mayo

What a start to Mental Health Awareness week with Miss Jones being able to return physically to the classroom. She has shown determination through her journey the last year and no doubt some of it has been challenging mentally and physically to say the least.



We also had another fantastic surprise this week when we had a delivery of 10 Microsoft Window tablets. This came from The Daily Mail Campaign Mail Force Computer for kids which has seen a group of companies come together to donate computer equipment to support.

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, we have also recapped strategies that can help children to look after themselves. We particularly focused on getting outside as connect with nature is the focus of this year's campaign. For those on our Facebook page I suggest we post some places that we enjoy going for recommendations to help us all get outside. I know that I have had some good tips over the years off the children about different places to go.

## EARLY BIRDS DROP OFF

In the morning, for those who access Early Birds, there is going to be a change in the drop off routine. Please could you now walk the children around to the sunshine room like parents/carers do for the after-school club. This will ensure that no one is left waiting at the front door or the gate. I will make contact with the church as the clock seems to be running a bit fast at the moment.

## R/1 — Mr Skelton



The ship mates have all been fantastic this week and nobody has had to walk the plank! In Maths this week, we have been learning how to share out our treasure, so that we have half each in Reception, and grouping our treasure in Year 1, using repeated addition to find out how much gold we have. In our English work we have been writing questions that we would like to research, and find out about pirates using our question opener words, and question marks correctly. Ship spotted on the portside bow me hearties! This week we have been designing and building our very own pirate ships in DT, and next week we will be testing them to see if they will float. In science we have had a focus on different materials and their properties, finding out what materials items in the classroom are made from.

## Year 1/2 Miss Jones

GUESS WHO'S BACK! No, it isn't a dream, as some asked me on Monday. It has been wonderful, and started as an emotional morning with us all beaming with smiles from ear to ear. A huge thank you for all of the smiles, waves, brownies and banners. We have had a week of division, and started by sharing starbursts between mini figures to help us divide. This is something you can do at home by sharing anything so have a practise and share your pictures on seesaw. In English we created some fabulous pieces to finish our story part of cloudy with a chance of meatballs. We have now began looking at features of a non-chronological report and planning questions for our own. Can you guess what it is going to be about?



## Year 3/4 Miss Earp

This week we have been super busy! We have started to create our very own Roman vehicles. We've been using saws to cut the wood to the sizes we need and next week we will be adding the axles and wheels. In English, we have created an information text to share all our great knowledge about Roman roads. For maths, this week we have used column method for addition and subtraction to find the total and change. We have also started music this week. We listened to Hans Zimmer's, 'The Battle' and created a picture to tell the story of the composition. Next week we will be composing our own film score, so have been using the key words, such as tempo and pitch to help us describe music.

As it has been mental health week, we have been taking moments throughout the day to pause and practise mindful breathing; breathing in, to smell the flowers and breathing out to blow the candle out.



## Stars of The Week



**Year R/1— Thomas C & Henry**

Thomas C for his great work on halving and counting in twos

Henry for super knowledge about materials

**Year 1/2— Lydia**

For showing good listening and being organised

**Year 3/4 — Honey & Lewis**

Honey for being respectful to everybody in school

and for completing super maths work

Lewis for persevering with his maths work



## Bug Club

### Bug Club – Overview of the past week

**15 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Eva and Henry with 3 books!  
(8/20 children have read at least 1 book so 40% engagement – up 31% from last week)**

**5 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Martha with 2 books!  
(4/10 children have read at least 1 book so 40% engagement – down 20% from last week)**

**24 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Ben and Maria with 4 books!  
(13/24 children have read at least 1 book so 54% engagement – up 18% from last week)**



**28th May - Break the Rules Day**

Half Term 31st May – 4th June

Inset Day - 7th June— School Closed

8th June - children back to school

**21st June— Hartpury Student in school all week— cricket club starts**

22nd June – Bags to school collection at school

9th June—School Leavers Photographs

2nd July—Taster Day at St Nicholas Middle School— letter emailed to parents 28/4

5th July—Taster Day at St Nicholas Middle School

2nd July—Sports Day - date changed — see below

w/c 5th July last week of clubs (gardening, football, eco gardening, singing)

6th July— Swimming finishes today

**8th July—Brass Instrument Taster Session YR 2 & 3 —visiting tutor from Brass Band England**

**9th July—Sports Day**

12th July—Sports Day (back up 1)

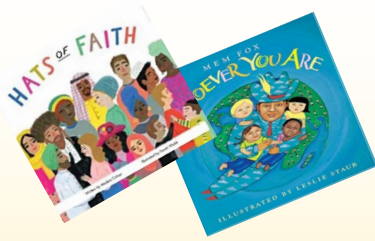
Wed 21st July—Leaver Service (tba)

Last Day of Term—Wed 21st July

**\* New or Amended Dates — in red**



## This Weeks Worship at Upton Snodsbury School



### Worship Theme: Respect other religions

Continuing with respect, we focused on different religions and how we may not believe the same things as others, but we still need to be respectful. We looked at how people have many different Gods and religions. We discussed different beliefs by addressing the different types of clothes or jewellery that children may be wearing that are recognisable as symbols of their religion. We followed this up by reading the story 'Whoever you are' and 'hats of faith'. On Wednesday, we also looked at Eid Mubarak. We looked at how people would be celebrating it and compared it to some Christian celebrations.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** — If your circumstances have recently changed, you may be eligible to receive Free School Meals. This also enables Upton Snodsbury School to access enhanced funding. Please speak to Mrs Price in confidence.

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS/TOURS** -If you know of someone looking for a new start for their primary aged child in September, do encourage them to make contact, as the limited places we have available across the school may go! School Tours can be booked via the School Office.

[Office@upsnodsfirfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Office@upsnodsfirfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

### School Grounds Improvement



We would like to thank Mr Strefford, for helping to collect and move slabs last weekend for the school. They have now been put into place by Mrs Wadsworth and her team. Looking amazing!

Thank you also to Mrs While, Mrs Foxley, & Mrs Tiffin for your kind donation of items which will go towards our mud kitchen, grounds, afterschool games and crafts.

### Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

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**Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust**

## **Clerk To Governors**

**Required for Upton Snodsbury Cof E School from 1st September 2021 or sooner**

**Grade PR2 SCP Level 5 - £11.46 per hour (1.34 hrs per week)**

Upton Snodsbury C E First School is an inclusive, friendly, family focused school where our children thrive in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. Our children and staff are enthusiastic about learning and strive for excellence. The Headteacher and Governors wish to appoint a skilled clerk to engage with the headteacher and the school's governors to ensure efficient delivery and effective governance.

The post:

Applications are welcomed from individuals who can demonstrate good interpersonal skills, the willingness to work in a team and who are supportive of the school's ethos. Training will be provided for the right candidate.

Desired qualities would include:

- Administrative and organisational support including arranging and clerking meetings
- Giving guidance to ensure that the Governing body works in compliance with the appropriate legal and regulatory framework
- A commitment to providing the highest quality service
- Excellent communications, literacy and numeracy skills
- Willingness to work flexible hours, Governor's meetings are usually held on Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm approx.
- Knowledge of schools and Governing bodies would be an advantage.

Our School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to have an Enhanced DBS check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines.

For further details please contact Mrs Joyce Price on 01905 381288 or email [office@upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

Applicant packs can be found on our website [www.upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications: 11th June 2021

Interviews will be held: TBA



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



## Tesco Bags of Help Community Grant

Thank you to Tesco Warndon Villages. Through their Community Champion Angie Tune we were able to secure a grant for the school, to go towards a training course for our Mental Health Champion Miss Earp.



### Mental Health Staff Raffle

Thank you to Morrison's Evesham, Odeon Cinema Worcester, Tesco Warndon Villages, Craft of its own, Marriott's Little Bakery, Anytime Fitness Droitwich for their support and donations towards our staff mental health week raffle.



### Friday Treat—Donut Day

A little surprise treat on Friday for all the children and staff. From the Upton Snodsbury School Governors. Thank you for all you hard work throughout the last year.



**Thank you! From The Governors**

The Governors of USFS wanted to thank the staff, for all their hard work, its been a year we won't forget. Every member of staff were given a self-care goodie bag! So they will remember to take some time for themselves. Our Mental Health Champion in school is Miss Earp and she is supported by Our Mental Health Governor—Mrs Wyllie.



To help the Children's Commissioner understand what young people are thinking and feeling, Dame Rachel is asking for every young person in England to answer a questionnaire. **This questionnaire is called The Big Ask.**

The Big Ask will be the largest ever survey of young people in England. It is only a short survey, and it will ask you:

**How old you are, what things worry you, what things make you happy, who you live with and which people help you?**

The Children's Commissioner will collect the answers from all the young people in the UK and take them to the Government, to show them what young people think, and what young people want to see in their future.

**Deadline to complete is 28th May.**

To take part please visit:

**<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/#msdynttrid=6XvH7lqMXNLYRkp1dOwdh-nigCCiaTfxHvYaO9g4eA4>**

## FUSS Fundraiser—Break the Rules Day!

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, is 'Break the Rules Day'. For every rule broken you will be fined £1.

\*Fancy Dress or PJ's    \*Crazy Hair    \*Juice in lunchbox

\*Not allowed to use a pencil    \*Wear Make-up to school



## FUSS LAUNCHES — YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



Welcome to Upton Snodsbury First School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers, Grandparents, and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

To purchase a ticket please visit the link below.

**<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/upton-snodsbury-first-school>**

### **Next draw takes place on 5th June 2021**





# 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.

## FUSS— Preloved Uniform Sale—more stock added



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](mailto: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.**

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

### Purchases through Amazon/Easyfunding

Fuss have set up two online reward accounts which raise funds for the school, whenever anyone makes a purchase. If you are considering a purchase please remember to go through these sites fundraising sites. Thank you



Upton Snodsbury C of E First School—Private Facebook Page



[https://www.facebook.com/groups/545648073002478/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/545648073002478/?ref=group_header)

New - Upton Snodsbury C of E First School— Twitter

[@UptonSnodsCofE](#)

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