

Summer Term Newsletter
Week Ending 21/05/2021



# From Mrs Mayo

This half term seems to have gone by extremely quickly and I for one cannot believe that it is nearly half term. We are busy organising transition days in school, whole school events, and hopefully if the easing of restrictions continues, we can invite you in to share some of them with us.

There has been a number of illness this half term and a lot of nasty bugs going around. Unfortunately, I know this all too well, as this week, I ended up in hospital with my eldest. Luckily, she is on the mend now and it has highlighted to me once again, how lucky we are to have the NHS. Thank you for all of the extra precautions that you have been taking to ensure that the whole school community stays safe. Please can I remind you that after sickness and diarrhoea the children need to be clear for 48 hours before they return to school. In addition, please can you email the office@upsnodsfirst.worcs.sch.uk address with information regarding illness as my emails are checked regularly but not as regularly as the office.

For singing and lego club there will be an additional session added, due to them being cancelled this week.

Please remember to book your child into Early Birds and Little Owls. You have until midnight the day before to make bookings or amendments.

#### **School Lunches**

The online menu options for w/c  $7^{th}$  June have now been uploaded onto Innovate's website. Please remember to order school meals by the deadline which is midnight on Saturday  $5^{th}$  June.

Innovate have two Theme Days planned before the summer holiday. Menus are available on their website.

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Thursday 15th July Day at the Seaside

# FUSS Fundraiser Break the Rules Day!

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





Please support the school lottery 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

#### R/1 - Mr Skelton

Ahoy there me hearties, this week the crew have been very busy and working hard again to keep the ship afloat so that we can find the untold golden treasures! In Year 1 we have been introduced to fractions by halving shapes and different amounts making sure that we always have two equal parts. Reception have been busy making repeating patterns using different objects and colours; the challenge has been to make some complicated patterns! In English we all set sail with Tom in the story 'The Night Pirates' and the children made predictions about what would happen next in the story and then looked at the different characters and settings. The highlight of the week was when we tested our pirate ships on the high seas (the water tray!) to see if they would float successfully and be able to be used for long, exciting adventures!

#### Year 1/2 Miss Jones

Would you like to know what we have been up to this week? Well read on to find out more.

We have been finishing off our non-chronological reports on food and as you may have noticed we have been including questions and command sentences. We started off by creating posters of information in groups and even presented them to one another. Some of us were so nervous to read out loud but we were amazing! I shall post some videos on our class gallery next week. In maths we have been exploring halves and quarters of numbers. We are investigating whether all numbers can be halved and quartered. In PSHE the children have been talking about what it means to be kind and unkind. Then we listened to a story called 'act of kindness' and created our very own kindness envelopes for our friends to write nice things about us in. They really did put a smile on our face when reading them!



# Year 3/4 Miss Earp

This week we have started to explore time in maths. The children have been exploring the analogue clock and started to explore the digital clock too. The children got to play their favourite maths game; Gladiators to help them with their instant recall of identifying the time. Please continue to practise the time at home! For topic this week the children have been exploring music notation. They were able to read the notes to play Baa Baa Black Sheep and they have started to think about writing their own compositions to tell the story of a Gladiator's battle! In English, the children completed incredible information texts all about Roman roads and have started to explore the features of a poem to create their own next week! We have talked a lot this week about the 'power of yet' and persevering. The children have helped me create a display in the library for us to reflect on having a positive mind-set and not giving up! Well done for a fantastic week! One more week to go!





# Stars of The Week



#### Year R/1— Amelia & Florence

Amelia for showing great listening and understanding in her maths work Florence for some fantastic independent writing when describing Caption Patch from the

'The Night Pirates'

Year 1/2— Henry

For fantastic independence and focus in his learning

Year 3/4 — Rosie & Holly W

Rosie for working really hard in all lessons, especially spelling! Holly W for persevering with her maths work and challenging herself.



# SevernArts



Mrs Virgo, our music teacher from Severn Arts, will be coming into school on Monday 24th May, to demonstrate, the keyboard, violin and the ukulele.

Mr McLaughlin from Brass Bands England will also be visiting on 8th July, to demonstrate various brass instruments.

Following the demonstrations, and to gauge interest in learning an instrument, we shall be sending out a sign up letter to parents, for lessons to start from September 2021.

# School Grounds Improvement

Another busy week for Mrs Wadsworth and her many helpers. Lots of slabs were collected around the community. Big shout out to Mr Strefford, Mr Cameron, Mr & Mrs While, and Tom (Miss Earp's partner).

Finally, we have a few new additions to our Forest School area.







Our new bug viewing table.

# Art Display

Following our Arts Week, here is just some of the amazing work, drawn by each class, which Mrs

White has put together and is displayed in school.



Vincent Van Gogh









# **Bug Club**

# Overview of the past week

- 15 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Max with 5 books! (7/20 children have read at least 1 book so 35% engagement down 5% from last week)
- 11 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Millie with 5 books! (5/10 children have read at least 1 book so 50% engagement up 10% from last week)
- 11 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Seb and Darcey with 2 books!

  (9/24 children have read at least 1 book so 37% engagement down 16% from last week)





24th May - Violin, Ukulele & Keyboard Demo by Alison Virgo—in school

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 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

Finishing our theme of Respect this term, we focused on respecting people and traditions. We started at looking at different traditions that we have as families, and children shared ones that they have as a family. It included places that they always go together as a family, and having pancakes for breakfast on birthdays. We looked at different traditions from different countries and their traditional clothing. We talked about how it can be hard not to giggle when we see things that are very different, to what we wear, to ensure that we think of other people's feelings when this happens. Looking forward to Tokyo 2021 we spoke about sport traditions and how we can show respect at sporting events. What family traditions do you have and do you think you could start any new ones?







### Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Just some of the entries to the Heroes Stamp Design Competition being run by Royal Mail. Good luck everyone!



Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

are

Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust



# 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

# 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.

Thank you for supporting the school!

# 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@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.

# More items have been uploaded onto school money shop.



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