



Upton Primary Moving Times

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Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

School Vision- To offer inspiration to young lives.
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Bible quote for the week:

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP

On Monday Year 5, accompanied by Mrs Malpass, Mrs Wills and Mrs Hollier, had the once in a lifetime opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

Following an amazingly smooth journey into Central London, the children were fortunate enough to go on a sight seeing tour of some of the key London sights, spotting the London Eye, the Shard, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace, amongst others.

Upon our arrival at the Houses of Parliament Education Centre, security was completed, which went smoothly apart from Mrs Wills' handbag causing a headache for the security staff. From here the children were able to experience a virtual tour of the House of Commons, followed by the House of Lords. Moving on from here the children entered St. Stephens Chapel, leading onto Central Lobby. The children were exceptionally fortunate to see the procession of the speaker, John Bercot even waved to the them as he passed. We were taught about the expression 'Hats off to strangers' and 'bumped' into a Lord, who taught the children about the four entrances, representing the four parts of the UK.

Mini tours followed, with the children being given access to Debating Rooms and the Grand Hall. To stand on the steps where Nelson Mandela once stood was quite something.

The children then learnt all about the voting system and took part in a mini election, having carefully chosen their own manifestos. Henry was elected as Prime Minister, possibly one of the youngest Prime Ministers to date. Harriet Baldwin, MP for West Worcestershire, took time out of her busy parliamentary role to speak to the children and share with them about being an MP, as well as answering some very thought provoking questions from the children.

From here we embarked on our return journey. Traffic was hideous, due to the tube strike. After 3 hours we had just made it to the edge of London with over two hours of traveling to our planned tea stop. Hasty phone calls were made as a new pit stop was located. The irony of the restaurant name was not lost on us, 'The World Upside Down'. The service we received from this Crown Carvery Restaurant was over and above and we were very grateful.

We eventually returned to school around 10.30 pm, having almost given up any hope of getting back as the motorway junctions from the A417 all seemed to be closed.

The children behaved impeccably throughout the day, which was commented on a great number of times. To say we all had an amazing day, is something of an understatement.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMPLAINTS

Social media has a significant role to play in modern lives and many of you will use a variety of social networking sites. I would like to request that nothing negative is posted regarding school and pre-school. It is our aim as a school to work effectively with all our parents from pre-school to Year 6, we work in partnership with you. I am available on the school gate each morning and appointments can always be booked to see me through the school office. We take any complaint very seriously and I work with the Governing Body to rectify any issues effectively to ensure there is no disruption to children's educational experience. We have a complaints policy and we do respond quickly on the few occasions when we have a formal complaint. Sadly those complaints which are anonymous prevent us from responding directly to the complainant and are unhelpful.

**CHARITY DAYS
THIS TERM**

NSPCC Number Day
Friday 3rd February

World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March

Further details on themes for these days will be detailed on the Newsletter over the next few weeks.

SCHOOL SHOES

We have had a few enquiries over the past week about our uniform policy on whether boots can be worn in school, instead of shoes.

Our School's Prospectus clearly states that shoes have to be:

'Flat black shoes (no trainers/boots or open-toed sandals)'

Boots can be worn to and from school but children **MUST** wear their school shoes whilst in school.



Friends

of Upton Primary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

27th January
Parents' Film Night - 8.00 pm
'Bad Moms'

10th February
Disco

6th March
Rags 2 Riches Collection

24th March
Film Night

DEFIBRILATOR

We would like to remind the Local Community that we have a defibrillator located on the school premises. This is on the school wall by the gated entrance and can be accessed by a code, which will be given when '999' is called.

STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Gabriel had a baby girl on Tuesday 10th January. Mum and baby are doing well and we would like to wish Mrs Gabriel and her family all the best with their new bundle of joy.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Spring Half Term Break | Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 24th February 2017 |
| Easter Break | Monday 10th April 2017 to Friday 21st April 2017 |
| Summer Term Starts | Monday 24th April 2017 |
| May Day (Bank Holiday) | Monday 1st May 2017 (school closed) |
| Summer Half Term Break | Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017 |
| Summer Term Ends | Friday 21st July 2017 |

Thank you everyone from Mrs Julie Wills and the Upton Team