



# Upper Arley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 14th May 2021

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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

We have made a great start to the summer term and I can not believe we are four weeks in already!

It has been a busy time for everyone. By now you will be aware of our conversion to an academy and maybe had the opportunity to meet Emma Pritchard the CEO who visits the school each Tuesday to support with transition. I thank you all for your patience as we adjust to new systems in school that operate our finance and booking systems.

I am glad today to receive further [guidance](#) regarding the reduction of protective measures from 17th May. **This, of course, still remains subject to change should cases rise locally.** These are the notable changes:

- Children aged 11 years plus must wear masks on public transport
- Adults only to wear masks in communal areas of school where social distancing can not be maintained.
- Clear visors worn with those working closely with children (e.g. speech and language support)
- domestic residential education visits can take place
- it remains important to continue to minimise mixing between children, where possible
- keep children in consistent groups every time they attend the setting

Staff and children in school maintain regular handwashing and safe distancing, as well as remaining separate in their bubbles when on the playground and around school. Thank you for your support with maintaining a safe distance on the school driveway during pick-up and collection times, this does really help when staff are dismissing children at the end of the day.

We are hoping to be able to plan the summer events, albeit with some adaptations to comply with safety measures. Please watch this space for further information as it comes about.

Please do take a look at what the children are learning about this term, they are working hard to build up learning momentum again after having their routines interrupted over the last year. I am really proud of their efforts and want them to feel positive about their summer term before they break for the holidays again. We are hoping to include you in these by way of inviting you into school or at least sharing the outcomes of their efforts with you via video. Take a look at what Falcons are involved in this half term on the next page, it has been incredible to see their enthusiasm and more noticeably their compassion for the elderly residents. Well done Falcons class.

I hope you can enjoy some sunshine this weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Tracie Langfield,

Head Teacher

## Suitcase Project—Falcons Class

Falcons have taken on a huge opportunity this half term. Through the suitcase project, and working with residents from **Burcot Grange**, the children have been learning about life in the 1950s. The children have worked with Drama specialists to communicate to



residents in the home.

Zoom meetings with residents gives the children a chance to talk and develop relationships, alongside finding out what their fondest memories are.

These memories are then used through dramas to create a short film that can be replayed time and again.

It will be an exciting time on **10th June** when we get to watch the premiere of **our film** on YouTube.



## Being a good servant

This half term we focus on what it means to be a good servant. Children will participate in discussions in class and Collective Worship times reflecting on the following statements...

**Service is....**

**Spending time on others**

**Enjoying giving help**

**Responsibility in action**

**Volunteering willingly**

**I second, you first**

**Committing to a task**

**Everyone offering their talents and gifts**



We would like to thank Nick Taylor for helping to rescue the injured mallard duck from our pond area last week. He was skilful and gentle, meaning the duck came to no further distress.

Please support your child through discussions at home. More information can be found on our school [website](#)

## Nursery care for 3-5 year olds

Please contact the school office or [happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk) directly if you would like a place in Nursery for September. **You can apply for funding from the term after your child is 3 years old, however, we are able to take your 3 year old from September free of charge whilst you apply for a funded place the following term.**

Our nursery staff work closely with school staff in Owls class, planning and assessing learning and development. This term, the children are enjoying learning with the older children in Owls class and accessing their resources as well as weekly music sessions with Mr Carrigan and Forest School with Sandra Hill. Please tell your friends and neighbours and share our [website](#) and facebook pages.



## Happy Hares Nursery

We play, learn and wonder in a safe and natural environment. Our aim is to develop lifelong skills in a holistic way that supports the healthy growth of children from 3 years.

Play  
Learn  
Wonder...



Weekly open session for parents with children 0-3 years.



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## FREE sessions



### 'Forest Friends'

at Upper Arley Primary School



Families come along and join us for fun in our forest school.

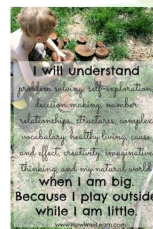
Activities including leaf printing, mud pie mixing, mini beast hunting, den making, story times, songs and games, all in the wonderful surroundings of Upper Arley Primary School's Forest School site.

All you need to bring is a good pair of wellies, waterproof coat and trousers, hat, gloves and a willingness to embrace all that nature has to offer and we'll provide the rest!

#### Free sessions

(Includes refreshments for children and adults)

Please book with the school office 01299 861260 or [happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk)



**I will understand**  
problems arising with confidence  
and understanding, making  
relationships, positive, complex  
and that readily recognise  
thinking and my own world  
**when I am big  
Because I play outside  
while I am little.**

#### Session dates and times

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.45-11.15
28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.45-11.15
12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45-11.15
19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45-11.15
28 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45-11.15

#### HALF TERM

9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45-11.15
16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45-11.15
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.45-11.45
30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45-11.15
7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.45-11.15
14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.45-11.15

Bring along your child (ages 0-3) to make some

'Forest Friends.'

All sessions planned and delivered by a qualified Upper Arley Primary School Early Years leader.  
For details of how to reserve your place, please contact the school office: 01299 861260

## Please share

During the summer term we will be offering FREE open sessions for parents and children between 0 and 3 years. These sessions will be run by our experienced and qualified Early Years staff. It will be an opportunity for you to make new friends and enjoy some time outside in the fresh air in our beautiful and peaceful setting.

There will be time for play, fun, games and songs and of course a drink and biscuit too!

Please book your place at the office by calling 01299 861260 or email

[happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:happyhareswac@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk) or [head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk)



## **DIARY DATES — SUMMER 2021**

### **MAY**

Thursday 20th DanceXchange Birmingham work with each class in school each Thursday

Friday 21st Trigolf tournament for Swifts class

Wednesday 26th

**New Entrants parent induction evening**

Thursday 27th

Rainbow Arts project—cross schools virtual

*Friends* meeting 7.30pm

Friday 28th

**Break up for half term**

### **JUNE**

Monday 7th Children return to school

Wednesday 9th Teddy Bears pic-nic for new starters

**Saturday 12th**

**Friends event Queens Tea and plant sale**

Monday 21st

Sports Week—try something new

### **JULY**

Monday 5th

Whole School Dance Festival (school outdoor site—pending weather and restrictions)

Wednesday 7th

New Entrants Stay and Play

Friday 9th

Reports out to parents **Transition Day**

Wednesday 14th

New entrants join us for lunch time

Thursday 15th

Sports Day (TBC pending restrictions and weather)

*Friends* meeting 7.30pm

Friday 16th

Meet your new teacher morning

Wednesday 21st

Leavers assembly

Wednesday 21st

**End of term and year**

**Other dates may be added as restrictions are lifted and we can confirm events.**

## **Safeguarding and Mental Health and Wellbeing support**

**SafeToNet** <https://safetonet.com/>

SafeToNet is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst always respecting their child's rights to privacy.

The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free-for-life access to the SafeToNet safeguarding solution during coronavirus.

Using the code: SAFE, parents can get free access to the app which has wellbeing activities and adds a safeguarding keyboard to the child's phone.

### **Updated Information for parents**

How to support your child and family with mental health and well being the pandemic. [Link to DfE guidance Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Keeping children safe from abuse and harm](#) Advice for parents and carers about the main risks children may be particularly vulnerable to at this time and information about available help and support has been updated to add extra links to support to help keep children safe.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): keeping children safe online Advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online](#) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been updated to include links to extra resources added to help keep children safe from online harm.