



Dear Parents/Carers,



Sporting News

Tri-Golf: Ten pupils from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Tri-Golf event against 6 other schools at Blundells this week. Our team won by 50pts and are one of two East Devon Champion teams. They go forward to the Devon Games in Plymouth in June.



Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Welch after Easter into her new role as the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Coordinator (taking over the mantle from Mrs Hayman) and Pastoral Support Lead for the school. She will be in school each Wednesday and Thursday.

I am sure those of you over the years that have been supported by Mrs Hayman in her Special Needs role join me in offering my thanks and gratitude for all that she has given to supporting our child with additional needs.

We are also delighted to extend Miss Hardy's contract into a permanent one where she will be based in the early years for next year.

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy from September for a Teaching Assistant post. Full details are on our website: <http://primary.uffculmeschool.net/work-with-us>. The closing date is noon on Friday 5 May. Please contact Lisa Batten, HR Officer at Uffculme School, on 01884 840939 if you would like to know more.



Dirt Day

Thank you to everyone who helped support our second Dirt Day. It was fantastic to see the whole school really using our school grounds and to see projects that they had planned being implemented. There is still work to be done, particularly on the school pond so we will keep you updated.

We are still looking to collect old pairs of welly boots – so when your child grows out of a pair or if you have any unwanted ones at home, we would be most grateful as we would like to use them as plant containers. Thank you in advance for any donations.



Heatree House Residential - Year 4

The children had a great trip to Heatree House, learnt new skills and it was a great opportunity for them to find out different things about themselves and each other - team work was excellent and they were a real credit to the school, themselves and you as their parents. The weather was also really kind to us. The class assembly is tomorrow on Thursday 27th April at 2:45pm and will feature a selection of photos taken on the trip. These will then be uploaded onto the school's website.



SATS -Year 2 & Year 6

With the advent of standard assessment tests this term, the Department of Education have released some information guides for parents. The link to the site is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>. If you have any questions concerning the tests, please do not

hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher. They have also released information about how your child's progress is measured, again the information can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/primary-school-progress-measures-information-for-schools-and-parents>



Lost Property

We have a small amount of unnamed lost property from last term. Anything that is named has been returned to the children's classes. Please can parents make sure that all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name. Thank you.



Internet Safety- Parental session

Would you like to know the answers to the following?

- *Do you know who has been looking at your Facebook?*
- *Would you like to know how to do that?*
- *Do you know what open source vetting is?*
- *What can be found out about you from an Internet search?*
- *Deleting search history and websites visited - does a click on delete really clear all trace of your activity? Perhaps not! Want to learn more?*

On Thursday 18th May at 6pm we would like to invite all interested parents to an internet safety talk which may help to answer these questions. The children in Year 5 and 6 will be receiving an e-safety session by Gary Page, who is an ex-policeman and whose work is also being funded by Mid-Devon District Council to raise the awareness to our children and their parents about the issues. Please look out for the flyer in your child's book bag or via email link.

This term looks set to be another busy one with sporting events, school trips, class assemblies etc so please do keep an eye on the school website, our Facebook page and what comes home via your children's book bags. If you want anything sent home electronically, please do let the school office know so this can be organised.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

HEADTEACHER



PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at school. We meet at 6:30pm for tea and coffee and aim to end at 8:30pm at the latest. All parents and carers with children at Uffculme Primary School are members of the PTFA. The PTFA raises money for extra resources and activities for our children. Our committee meetings are open to all members so please do come along if you would like to get more involved. If you would like an agenda or further information please email ptfa@primary.uffculmeschool.net



UFFCULME PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2016/2017

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Begins	Monday 5 September	Wed 4 January	Tuesday 18 April
Half Term	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct	Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb	Mon 29 May-Fri 2 June
Last day of term	Friday 16 December	Friday 31 March	Friday 21 July

Non pupil days: *Monday 1 May (Bank Holiday); Friday 30 June (Inset)*

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Half Term	Mon 23 - Fri 27 October	Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June
Last day of term	Friday 15 December	Thursday 29 March	Friday 20 July

Non pupil days: *Monday 4 September; Friday 6 October (INSET); Monday 7 May (Bank Holiday); Friday 29 June (INSET)*

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2017 and beyond:-

APRIL		
Thursday 27th	2:45pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
MAY		
Thursday 4 th	2:45pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 11 th	2:45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 9 th	6.30pm	PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 24 th	1-3pm	Swimming Gala at Tiverton Swimming Pool
Thursday 25 th		School Development Day 'Dirt Day'
29 th May – June 2 nd		Half term week
JUNE		
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	New Parents Meeting (for September 2017 intake) Year 3 and Year 5 Sleepover with the Sharks
Wednesday 14 th	All Day	Year 4 to Gaddon Woods with 'Children of the Forest'
Saturday 17 th	11:00-3:0pm	Summer Fete
Tuesday 20 th		School Nurse Community Drop in am
Wednesday 28 th	All day	Sports Day at Uffculme School
Friday 30 th	10-1pm	Non-pupil day – staff in school but no children Area Sports Day - Mr Carpanini to take selected children
JULY		
Tuesday 4 th		Year 6 Transition Day at Uffculme School
Wednesday 5 th	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Thursday 6 th	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Friday 7 th	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Wednesday 12 th	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening – Uffculme School Dining Hall
Thursday 20 th	5:00pm KS1 6:15pm KS2	School Discos
Friday 21 st	2:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on school field Last day of term
SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 5 th		First day back for the new term