



Dear Parents/Carers,



Sports Relief Day 2018

The final total raised was a staggering £2255.96 was raised. Brilliant effort everyone!

Hockey News

Congratulations to our children that play for the Tiverton Junior Hockey Clubs - Jack, Tilly and Gilbert Herniman; Mikey Timms-Ahern, Luke Thomas, Hannah Bird, Freia and Iona Wilson. They have had a very successful season.

Both the Tiverton White Eagles Ladies Club (TWEHC), and the Tiverton Men's Club come together every Wednesday night between 5pm and 7pm from September to March to teach children from 5 years to 14 years to play hockey. This season they have had over 120 children registered at the club. Two U10 girl's teams were entered into the Devon County Finals for the first time at Plymouth Marjon and they came 4th and 5th. The U10 Boys team battled hard and won the Devon County Finals, and will now go on to the Regional Finals in May. Roz Thomas Junior coordinator for the junior section says "We are very excited to be taking the U10 boys to the Regional Finals and are putting Tiverton on the map for the future of hockey as a sport." Children who won awards included for the U8 Boys-most improved: Gilbert Herniman; U10 Boys - player of the season: Mikey Timms-Ahern.

The club is busy arranging some coaching sessions throughout the summer months, but weekly Wednesday training will start again in September 2018. For more information please visit our website

<http://www.twehc.com/juniors.html> Facebook page, or email Stacey Randell srandell.twejuniors@gmail.com

Cricket

Culmstock Cricket Club warmly invite all children, young and old, new to cricket or returning members to play cricket this summer. Practice starts from Monday 16th April and continues every Monday until 3rd September. There are 2 age groups: 5:30-6:30pm for children in Reception to Year 5 and 6:30-7:30pm for Years 6 and upwards. There is a cost of £20 per season. For any further details please contact Rob Lamyman (Youth Coordinator) at robertlamyman@hotmail.com or Lewis Fountain (Head Coach) at Lewfountain13@gmail.com

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that Emma Hardy had a little girl called Ava Grace delivered on 1st April. We wish them both our best wishes and look forward to meeting them in due course.

Unfortunately over the Easter holidays, Mrs Pethick had a stroke. She is currently off work until further notice whilst further investigative procedures take place. She has relayed that she misses the children and that she looks forward to returning to work as soon as she is able. We all pass on our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs Tucker is currently taking some time off school to be with her husband who has recently had major surgery. We wish them both well and hope to see Mrs Tucker back soon.



Heatree House Residential in Year 4

The children had a fantastic 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 on Thursday 3rd May at 2:45pm and will feature a selection of photos taken on the trip. These will then be uploaded onto the school's website.

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.

Thank you!

We would like to pass out thanks onto Brigitte Norland who has kindly donated 40 tulips which have been planted at the front of the school. They are just starting to bloom and are really brightening up this area of school. The children have enjoyed planting and watching them grow- so thank you Brigitte, much appreciated.



Eco-Team (Greenie update and Drawing Competition)

The Green Team have been working extremely hard over the last 6 months to improve Green Issues at Uffculme Primary School. The Eco-committee is meeting regularly to monitor how improvements are going. The Green Team are building a special RE-create project for the foyer (watch this space), have created their own website and blog: <https://uffculmegreenies.weebly.com/> and have lots of others ideas and plans afoot. We are hoping to start one very big change soon: composting our food waste. We hope to move from a rubbish 11% to at least 35% of our waste being reused. We have another waste audit in June to see if we can meet our target. Please help us by making sure children do not have any unnecessary packaging in lunch boxes – it is a bonus that lots of healthy foods have no packaging (e.g. apples)!

We would also encourage anyone who wants to see their *art work on the side of a recycling lorry* to enter a MDDC competition, “We have 6 new lorries that need names and some lovely artwork. All the lorries have a split body where food and garden waste is collected and stored separately. The theme is ‘what Mid Devon District Council collects as part of the kerbside food waste and/or subscription based garden waste collection’. The drawings should give a positive message to inspire people to recycle their food and garden waste. The drawings need to be A4 in size and landscape using paint, crayon, chalk or any other type of drawing material. On the back, please write the title: RECYCLING DRAWING COMPETITION, name, age, home address and postcode and Uffculme Primary School.” *The lorries will be named after the winners!* More information and some useful websites are on an information sheet that can be collected from the school office. Final pictures need to be handed in at the office by **Friday 4th May** and will be sent in together from the school. Good luck!



Parking

Please could I request that if you are using Meadow View for parking in delivering and collecting children from school to show consideration for the residents that live here. I have been specifically asked for parking not to take place opposite driveways that may prevent access for those that live in these properties. Often all it needs is for the parked cars to move a few yards. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

HEADTEACHER



PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May. We meet in the school staff room 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

Easyfundraising – raise money for the school as you shop online!

If anybody would like to join and help to raise funds for the school, just go to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/uffculmeprimaryptfa>

It is really easy, just register with Easyfundraising and go to the website/app before you shop. There are links to 100s of retailers including eBay, Amazon, Argos, Groupon, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Trainline, and lots more!

ALL funds raised will be donated back to the school to benefit your children's education.

Have you followed the PTFA on Facebook?

For all the latest news on school events, fundraising and lots more, follow the PTFA on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/UPS.PTFA/>.

You can contact us via this page if you have any queries or ideas, or if you would like to become more involved with the PTFA.



UFFCULME PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Begins	Tuesday 5 September	Wed 3 January	Monday 16 April
Half Term	Mon 23 – Fri 27 Oct	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: *Friday 6th October; Tuesday 2nd January; Friday 29th June (Inset)*



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Half Term	Mon 22 - Fri 26 Oct	Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb	Mon 27 May-Fri 31 May
Last day of term	Friday 21 December	Friday 5 April	Friday 19 July

Non pupil days: *Monday 3 September; Tuesday 4 September; Friday 12 October (INSET); Monday 6 May (Bank Holiday); Friday 28 June (INSET)*

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017 and beyond:-

Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services

APRIL		
Monday 16 th		First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 18 th		Year 3 Egyptian Day in school
Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th		Year 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
Tuesday 24 th	All day	EYFS trip to Pennywell Farm
Wednesday 25 th		Class Photographs
Thursday 26 th	3:00pm	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 27 th	6:00pm	Uffculme's Got Talent
MAY		
Wednesday 2 nd		Year 1 trip to Knighthayes
Thursday 3 rd	3:00pm	Year 4 Class assembly
Thursday 10 th /Friday 11 th	All day	Year 3 & 5 Sleeping with Sharks/Plymouth Trip
Monday 14 th - Thursday 17 th	3:00pm	KS2 SATs week Year 5 Class assembly
Thursday 24 th		Dirt Day
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018- Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Thursday 7 th	9:30am All day	New Intake parents meeting Year 5 Trip to Cold Harbour Mill
Tuesday 12 th	9-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop in Clinic
Wednesday 13 th	3:00pm	Year 1 Class assembly
Saturday 16 th	11:00am- 2:30pm	Summer Fete
Tuesday 20 th	All day	KS2 to attend The Devon Music Mix Festival
Wednesday 27 th	9:15-2:30pm approx.	Sports Day
Friday 29 th		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
JULY		
Tuesday 3 rd	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Thursday 5 th	1-3:30pm	Area Sports Competition
Monday 9 th		Snap shot end of year reports to parents
Tuesday 10 th	6:00pm	KS2 Production at The Venue (Top School)
Wednesday 11 th	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening at The Venue (Top School)
Friday 20 th	2:00pm	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ on field