



Dear Parents/Carers,



### Sporting News

**Football** - Congratulations to all the football players who played under testing wet conditions last Monday in the finals at Uffculme School. The Year 3/ 4 team came top of the league having won all of their games over the season, and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the play offs. The Year 5/6 team came second in the league having won 2 games, drawn 3 and lost 1 over the season and were placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the play offs. The girl's football team were very successful in their first set of games winning 2 out of 3 matches. They have 2 more meetings to go. Well done everyone, great effort and the new kit looked very smart. We would like to give our thanks to Mr Everson and Mr Jones for all of the time that they have committed over this last year in ensuring all of our children are given the opportunity to compete as well as raising the standard of the football that is being played.

**Swimming** - After our wonderful 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Culm Valley Swimming Gala, the individual results are as follows:

Year 4:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Girls' Breast Stroke | Grace Baldwin 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Boys' Breast Stroke | Mikey Timms-Ahern 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Girls' Back Stroke   | Grace Elliott 12 <sup>th</sup> | Boys' Back Stroke   | Edward Selway 7 <sup>th</sup>      |
| • Girls' Front Crawl   | Elena Lampard 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Boys' Front Crawl   | Luke Thomas 11 <sup>th</sup>       |

Year 5

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|------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Girls' Breast Stroke | Martha Reynell 4 <sup>th</sup>         | Boys' Breast Stroke | Oliver Squire 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Girls' Back Stroke   | Nelly Nash 5 <sup>th</sup>             | Boys' Back Stroke   | Lewis Reed 10 <sup>th</sup>    |
| • Girls' Front Crawl   | Meski Kempster-Weldon 10 <sup>th</sup> | Boys' Front Crawl   | Aiden Furner 8 <sup>th</sup>   |

Year 6

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Girls' Breast Stroke | Isabelle Hine 10 <sup>th</sup> | Boys' Breast Stroke | Jonah Thomas 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Girls' Back Stroke   | Freya Gray 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Boys' Back Stroke   | Fraser Banks 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Girls' Front Crawl   | Louisa Gibbins 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Boys' Front Crawl   | Owen Chaplin 12 <sup>th</sup> |

Girls' Relay – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Boys' Relay – 9<sup>th</sup>

**Year 4 Athletics** – A team competed in 8 different events.. They were 400m, 50m, vortex throw, chest push, standing long jump, 5 bounding strides, speed bounce and the 600m hurdle relay. They did really as overall they placed 1<sup>st</sup> and will travel to King's School Ottery for the East Devon finals in July.

We have a number of events to follow, including:

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| • Wed 14 June            | East Devon Y5/6 Quad Kids Athletics Finals                        |
| • Fri 16 June            | East Devon Rounders Finals  |
| • Thus 22 June           | Devon Summer Games – Y4 Tri Golf Finals                           |
| • Mon 19 and Mon 26 June | Girls' Football and Pairs Crickets Uffculme Cluster competitions. |
| • Wed 28 June            | Uffculme Primary School Sports Day – details in a separate letter |
| • Tues 4 July            | Y4 Athletics Finals   |



### Term-time absences

Now that the general election is over and that the High Court have overturned a ruling that was made regarding taking absences in term that arose from the case on the Ilse of Wight, Devon Local Authority are now reverting back to the criteria on which fines can be issued in respect of parents taking children out of school during term time. Further Information has been uploaded onto the website on the Parents Page under Parental Information. If you have any queries, please do come and find me and I am more than happy to talk through requests in more detail.

Our attendance remains above 96% across the school and I think this reflects the importance that you as parents place on the value of your child's education as well as us, in that every day in school is important. Your continued support in maintaining our very good levels of attendance is much appreciated.



### Parental Survey

Your views on the overall quality of education that we provide at school are very important to us and we do appreciate your feedback in order to improve. We would be very grateful if you could find 5 minutes to complete a questionnaire which reflects this. The survey is being carried out by Survey Monkey and, if you are on our email list, you will receive an email from them in the next day or so.

If you do not normally receive emails from school, hard copies of the survey can also be obtained from the school office. If you could complete this by 5<sup>th</sup> July it would give us time before the end of the school term to reply to anyone if this has been requested, as well as feedback to the whole school community.



### School Grounds

The school grounds are looking great at the moment and reflect all of the hard work that everyone has put into this over the past year to ensure we have welcoming outdoor learning environment. We all want it to stay this way!

Please could I ask therefore for your support in ensuring that at the beginning and end of the school day children do not have access to the woodland areas, the school pond or the gardening beds on the slope. The children are aware of boundaries that are in place during school hours and really they are no different outside of school hours.

In the mornings, the children are under your direct supervision until the teachers come to collect the children from the playground at 8:50 to start the school day. During this time, the children can gather on the playground and use the MUGA, however not for football please. The climbing equipment is for KS1 children only. All other areas are out of bounds - this includes the school field, the pond and woodland area and the green turfed area. At the end of the day, the same applies. The playground needs to please be vacated by 3:45pm. I would be very grateful if the children are kept off the field as there are often sports clubs about to start. If you feel that there is any inappropriate behaviour by any of our children, please do come and find us in school and we are more than happy to address this as we want to ensure all are safe.

## SUMMER FETE

### School Summer Fair – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

A reminder that our annual Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June and opens at 11:00am. The PTFA are working very hard to prepare for this event and would appreciate your help with any donations of books, toys, tombola prizes, luxury gifts etc that can be left in the box in the main corridor opposite the office **before Friday lunchtime**, please. **NB – NO CHOCOLATE for tombola prizes** as we anticipate a hot sunny day! The PTFA would also appreciate any help that could be given on the day either setting up in the morning, helping on a stall during the fair or to clear up at the end of the fair. Let's hope that the sun shines and we all enjoy a good day.



### Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone that supported the cake sale on the last day before half term. The PTFA made £125.44 which will be put towards purchasing new goal posts and football kit.



### Poster Competition- Uffculme Parish Council

Uffculme Parish Council has recently received an unprecedented level of complaints about dog mess, either not being picked up or bags being left once the mess has been picked up! In an attempt to tackle this and educate dog owners about being responsible the Parish Council is inviting children to design a poster. The Council will then select 6 posters, three from each age group, to be made into signs to be displayed in and around the Parish. The poster should be hand drawn and on A4 paper with the child's name, age and contact details on the back, or a separate piece of paper. Winning posters will be selected at the September Parish Council Meeting so all entries will need to be received by 31 August 2017. Age Groups: 3 – 7 year olds 8 – 11 year olds

Please drop your poster to 7 Ashley Road, Uffculme, EX15 3AY or contact the Clerk, Verity Aldridge, to arrange submitting entries at [uffculmeparishclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:uffculmeparishclerk@btinternet.com) or 01884 693023

Yours sincerely,

*Jo Dentith*



### UFFCULME PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

		Spring Term	Summer Term
Begins	Tuesday 5 September	Wed 3 January	Monday 16 April
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)



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### Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2017 and beyond:-

<b>JUNE</b>		
Saturday 17	11:00-3:0pm	Summer Fete
Tuesday 20		School Nurse Community Drop in am
Wednesday 28	All day	<b>Sports Day</b> at Uffculme School
Friday 30	10-1pm	Non-pupil day – staff in school but <b>no children</b> <b>Area Sports Day- Mr Carpanini to take selected children-</b> <b>details to follow</b>
<b>JULY</b>		
Tuesday 4	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition Day at Uffculme School Meet and great sessions after school for Year 1-6 classes.
Wednesday 5	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Thursday 6	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Friday 7	6:30pm	KS2 Production- School Hall
Wednesday 12	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening – Uffculme School Dining Hall
Thursday 20	5:00pm KS1 6:15pm KS2	School Discos
Friday 21	2:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on school field Last day of term
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 5		First day back for the new term Home visits to take place over this week for the new Reception intake.