



Dear Parents/Carers,



Sporting News

Area Sports Day at Exeter Arena: We are so proud of our Athletics Team who reached sixth place in the Area Sports. Children from Years 3-6 took part in events ranging from the vortex throw to sprint. Everybody in the team was exceptional and a credit to the school.

East Devon Quad Kids Athletics Finals: 8 children from Y4 competed against 9 other schools in the Quad Kids Athletics finals at Kings School Ottery. They had to take part in 4 events with each child scoring points throughout. Events were: 50m sprint, 400m run, vortex throw and long jump. Following the event it was announced that we came in sixth place which is a great achievement for our school. Individually, in the boys' section Karim Coulibaly came 11th, Edward Selway 24th, Luke Thomas 25th and Gabriel Hurved-Shelley 27th. In the girls' section Elanor Maddicks finished 10th, Chelsy Ingram 17th, Grace Baldwin 26th and Minnie Nash 28th. Congratulations to all.

Sports Day: Results - in 6th place Italy 779 points, 5th Germany 818 points, 4th USA 835 points, 3rd Spain 857 points, 2nd Australia 861 points and 1st South Africa 906 points.

Some individual highlights of the day: YR – Alyssia Hayes won the sack race and Isla Thomas won two events; Y1 – Madison Rich won 4 events, Utku Yaris won the vortex, and Jamain Rajabian won the 50 m; Y2 – Cienna Penfold won 5 events with 3 school records, Max Jackson won 3 events with a school record; Y3 – Jakub Arendt won 3 events and came second in two others, Amelia Kujawa won 2 events and Caitie Mitchell-Richards took the long jump title; Y4 – Beth Elston won the discus and Luke Thomas won the 100m; Y5 – Martha Reynell won 4 events with 3 school records and Joe Penfold won 3 events; Y6 – Edward Fry won the shot, Oliver Venn discus and Louisa Gibbins won 3 field events.

26 new records were set in total across the school. What an outstanding achievement by all involved!

Thank you to everyone who was involved with Sports Day, from the excellent organisation of Mr Carpanini and his very able Sports Leaders, to the PTFA providing refreshments (a total of £299.10 was raised); to yourselves for supporting the event despite the drizzle and for the sheer determination and participation of all of our children. It was a great day!

This year the Spirit of the Games Awards (a new award for Sports Day to recognise students for exceptional behaviour, effort and inspiration went to Sophie Phillips YR, Isaac Tanner Y1, Sophia Little Y2, Caitie Mitchell-Richards Y3, Harley Welch Y4, Abi Churchward Y5 and Finlay Tinworth-Tanner Y6.



Primary Presentation Evening

We look forward to seeing Year 6, the school council, the choir and the children who will be receiving awards at tonight's Presentation Evening. The evening starts at 6:00pm at school and will be approx. 45 minutes. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards by the PTFA. Please could all children attending wear their school uniform. It is going to be a squash and a squeeze, so please bear with us. Next year, we hope to be in the new Theatre at Uffculme School!



School Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Freya Gray, Chair of School Council, and all of the school council. They have represented the school at various events throughout the year. On each occasion they have shown pride in their school, fulfilled their roles extremely well and have been great ambassadors for Uffculme Primary.



Joseph and the Amazing Coloured Dream Coat

What an amazing production! We were stunned and staggered by the sheer talent of all of the children that took part. Thank you to all who contributed towards this show – from the art clubs, to choir, to the props, time given by Mike Kemspter, props from UADS, sound and lighting from David Tucker and to the time, nurture and patience of the staff and to all the parents that have been listening to the words for the last six weeks as their children have practised.



Lost Property Items

Please could I ask that you have a look in the lost property box before the end of term. If there are any unclaimed items of lost property still in the box by **Friday 21st July** these will be recycled over the summer holidays. I would please like to thank Mrs Squires who has voluntarily, each week, sorted through this box, religiously returning items that are named. One of the reasons this has been manageable this year is due to the generosity of her time in doing this and we are extremely grateful!



School Meals from September 2017

We hope to have the menu for the Autumn term early next week. As soon as it is available we will send it out to parents. Please could we remind you that order forms **must be named**. We have a surprisingly large number of order forms that come in with no name and we have absolutely no way of discovering who they are from. Thank you.



Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all that cast votes in our recent parent governor elections. Russell Wilson had come to the end of his term as serving on the governing body and as there were several parents who volunteered their services to become involved in the governance of the school, an election was held. It was very tightly run and we are delighted to welcome Jamie Jackson to the Local Governing Body. We would like to thank Russell for all of the time and commitment that he has given to the school and I think a reflection of how well supported that the school now is that so many more parents now have volunteered and wish to be involved. Thank you to all of those who took part in the election.

More details on how we intend to improve the governance at school will be delivered in the autumn term.

Parental survey



Thank you to all who took part in our parental survey. 79 responses were received. The full results of the survey will be available next week on our website under the parental information section. We are delighted with the overall positive responses that have been received and the confidence that is expressed in many aspects of how school is managed; we

have fed back your comments to the relevant teachers and for those who requested direct responses, this has now taken place. Some of the strengths include:-

- 93.67% feel that your child is happy at school
- 90% feel your child is safe at school
- 94% feel that your child's safety and wellbeing are a priority of the school
- 91.9% feel that your child is taught well
- 91.89% feel satisfied with your child's achievement and progress
- 83.5% feel that your views as a parent will be listened to
- 86% feel happy with the amount of information which you receive from school
- 91% feel that your child enjoys taking part in school clubs, activities, school trips, residential visit and sporting opportunities

School discos



These will be taking place on Thursday 21st July with the same arrangements as before. Tickets (£1.50) can be bought on the door (which include a drink, snack and ice pop), only children of the school are invited and parents are not expected to attend. Years R-3 are invited to the first disco from 5:00-6:00 pm and then Years 4-6 at the second session from 6:15-7:15pm. Despite the daylight hours, please can I

remind you that children will not be allowed to walk home alone after the disco for safeguarding reasons, so please can you ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to collect them at the end.



Attendance at School

Thank you to everyone for helping to achieve 96.6% attendance last month as a whole school. I appreciate that we have had our fair share of coughs, colds and bugs this year but do appreciate everyone's efforts in ensuring that we continue to maintain a high attendance rate. Well done to the 24 number of children who have managed to be here every day over the past year. Badges are

on their way!



House point winners

Currently in the lead in Exe House. Final house points will be counted next week and the winners announced in the Children's Newsletter on the last day of term. Well done to everyone in working so hard to achieve your house points. These are awarded for effort within learning by class teachers at an individual level (for which the children also receive certificate in school each time they reach certain levels). The overall house winners will receive their red pencil next week.



Outstanding Dinner Monies

Please ensure that all outstanding dinner monies are paid **by the end of this week** as we need to reconcile before the end of term. Payment can be made on ParentPay or in person at the office.



Uffculme Farewells

The last day of term is Friday 21st July. As the school year draws to a close I believe we can look back on another very busy and successful year. Our children in Year 6 have achieved the best results the school has ever had, working 21% above national standard for Key Stage 2 for their reading, writing and maths with a combined score at 82% (with national at 61%). We would like to wish all of them who are leaving Uffculme Primary every possible success in the future. We look forward to welcoming all the parents of Year 6 to their end of year assembly at 2:00pm on the last day. As it is just Year 6 parents attending this year, there are no restrictions on the number of adults that wish to come. If you are intending to join us afterwards to a BBQ on the field, please could you return the slips to the office indicating this for catering purposes.

We wish Mrs Cheetham our very best wishes as she embarks on early retirement with her husband and to Mrs Mosdell as she moves a new school nearer to home in Somerset. We are delighted that Mrs Cole who has trained with us this year has secured employment in her first teaching post in Taunton.



THANK YOU!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, grandparents and friends who have helped the school during this last year. Undoubtedly your support has helped to enrich the children's educational opportunities so again thank you and, if at all possible, please come back and help us during the next academic year! Our PTFA continues to thrive, with new members joining and through their support raising over £2000 this year which goes directly to supporting the children across the whole school.

Finally, I hope you all have a happy, safe and relaxing holiday with some warm sunny days to enjoy and look forward to working with you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

HEADTEACHER



PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at school. 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

The PTFA are looking forward to a busy Autumn term. We are running the following events for you all to enjoy:

- A family fun walk in and around Uffculme
- A 'Beetle Drive' style evening for our families
- Creating a fundraiser Cook Book with the help of the school and the wider community of Uffculme
- A Halloween disco

We hope that you will be able to help us with these events and support us with your company.

**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 Summer Term 2017 and beyond:-

JULY		
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 5th		First day back for the new term Home visits to take place over this week for the new Reception intake.