



Dear Parents/Carers,



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 17th October at 2pm

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 2pm in St Marys Church. Please could your child bring in an item of food which will be donated to the Churches Housing Action Team in Tiverton. This charity works with local people who are experiencing difficulty with housing, giving free and impartial advice and practical help. Food items will need to be *non-perishable* e.g. tea bags, coffee, sugar, chocolate, biscuits etc. Please hand in items to your child's class teacher by Monday 16th October. Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming our families to attend the service with us. Please can I remind you to park sensibly outside the church in order that the buses can still get through and that there are very limited toilet facilities at the church.



Gold School Sports Mark

I am delighted to inform you that Uffculme Primary School has achieved the Gold Sports Mark. This is in reflection of the increased participation rates in PE, in extra curricula clubs and in sporting events across the community. It has also been in reflection of giving our Sports Leaders at lunchtime the opportunity to lead play for their peers. I would please like to pass on my gratitude to Mr Carpanini who has led this initiative, the Sports Leaders in giving up some of their lunchtimes to support this, parents for taking children to events and to all the teachers and volunteers who have helped to provide the extra-curricular opportunities for all of our children.



School Council

Congratulations to Iona Wilson and Abigail Churchward who have recently been appointed to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair of our school council. Nine Year 6 pupils in total, including Nelly Nash, Lucy Fewings, Isabelle Dunster, Emily Packham, Amarae Whiteman, Finley Croft and Joe Howell stood in the election and presented some impressive pitches in assembly to the whole school. The children presented confidently and made voting in the election that followed very difficult. Votes were cast by all members of the teaching staff and the Year 6 group. Iona and Abi will be asked to represent our school at various occasions, show visitors around school and play a key role in representing the children's views across the school. The children in other year groups have been elected as follows:-

- Year 1: Jacob Knight and Allyssia Hayes
- Year 2: Hugo Walton and Molly English-Stephens
- Year 3: Charlotte Legg and Finley Hoaken
- Year 4: Jakub Arendt and Megan-Louise Jackson
- Year 5: Mikey Timms-Ahern and Isabelle Margetts

The first meeting has already taken place introducing the school council to their roles over the year and we undertook a safety walk around the school grounds. More information can be found on the school website where a blog has been set up by the school council. Please have a look!



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We have recently undertaken a risk assessment to establish how safe our school site is and whilst we feel confident that during school hours our children are safe, due to items that have either been moved or found in the school grounds, we are aware that the site is being accessed out of hours. If you have any concerns or know of any further information, please do not hesitate to contact school. Out of school hours please contact our local PCSO Legg on 101.



You may have noticed new signage in school whereby we are asking all visitors to switch off any hand held mobile devices; we would be very grateful if you could please refrain from using mobile phones in the school building. This is about ensuring the safety of our children.



New Personal Social Health Education curriculum

From September 2019, it will be a statutory requirement that the above is taught in schools. We already teach this to the children but the new requirements have been updated to ensure that it is more relevant to our children's needs. Over the next year, we will be gradually introducing content of what we intend to deliver. If you would like any further information, please have a look on the school's website, in the section on the primary curriculum for a parental leaflet.



Uniform Reminders

It has been lovely to see so many children looking so smart as the term continues. Please could we just remind you that girls should wear black knee length skirts or black trousers – they shouldn't have to feel the need to wear shorts under skirts if their skirt is the correct length. Please could we also ask that long hair is tied back to prevent nits; nail varnish is not worn to school; earrings should be only a small stud and jewellery is limited to just a watch.

All school shoes need to be black; coloured trainers are not acceptable. Due to the kind donations of recycled shoes at the end of last term, children will be provided with an alternative at school.

As winter is coming, please could we also remind you (before they are bought) that girls are not permitted to wear boots.



Theatre Trip

We are very excited about the production that Years 1-6 are going to be attending in December and thank you to those who have already paid for this. The PTFA, who raise funds to support the opportunities we can offer the children have very kindly offered to contribute £500 towards the cost of transport in order that this can be more affordable for all. This is a much appreciated gesture. Advance notice – the children who go on this trip will need a packed lunch on that day please.



Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

A reminder that the deadline for the return of forms to the County Admissions Team is 31st October and that late returns will not be accepted. Please come into school for assistance with this if internet access is an issue. Remember that you must still go through the application process even though your child is given priority for a place at Uffculme School.



Wet Weather arrangements

In the event it is wet before school, children can be brought into the main school hall from 8:45am. The children will remain the responsibility of their parents however until 8:50am when their class teachers will collect them. We have a system in place where each class will be required to line up by the sign held up for each class.

Please could I remind parents that children need to have a coat in school every day. We always endeavour to get the children out at playtimes for some fresh air if we can.



Buggies in School

Please could I ask that buggies are not brought into the school. The flow of people at such during busy periods of the day make these a health and safety risk. They can always be left in the main area outside the office whilst children are being collected or dropped off.



Macmillan Cake Sale

Year 5 will be holding a Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support after school on Thursday 5th October from 3.30 - 4.30pm. Come along to the Hall to buy some goodies! If anyone is able to bake something to sell, Year 5 would be very grateful for your support. Please bring cakes on Thursday morning and leave them at the school office. Looking

forward to seeing you there!



School Meals on Thursday 5 October

Please can we encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on Thursday 6th October. The number of dinners taken in school on this day will help to improve the funding the school receives for the year. We will be having our popular 'Fish and Chip in a bag' on this day.



Car Park

It has been brought to our notice that a car has been slightly damaged in the car park. Please could we ask that you use extra care when manoeuvring in this crowded and confined space.

Reminder

This Friday is a non-pupil day. The staff are all in school for in-service training but we are not expecting any children!

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

HEADTEACHER

PTFA



The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November 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

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)

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017 and beyond

OCTOBER		
Thursday 5 th	3:30pm	Macmillan Cake Sale
Friday 6 th		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
Tuesday 17 th		Harvest Service at 2pm at St Marys Church
Thursday 19 th		Dirt Day
Tuesday 31 st	5pm (Yrs R,1,2 &3) 6:15pm (Yrs 4,5 & 6)	Spooky Discos
Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October 2017- Half Term Break		
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 1 st		School photos (individual)
Wed 1 st & Thurs 2 nd	3:40pm onwards	Parent consultations
Tuesday 21 st	9-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
Tuesday 28 th	6pm	Christingle Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme
Thursday 30 th	10:00am	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake)
DECEMBER		
Friday 1 st	10:00am 6pm	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) PTFA Event- Beetle Drive- details to follow
Tuesday 5 th	2pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 6 th	6pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 8 th	10:00am	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12 th	3:40pm	Countries Day Open Classrooms
Wednesday 13 th	PM	Whole school trip to Pantomime in Exeter
Thursday 14 th	5pm (Yrs R,1,2 &3) 6:15pm (Yrs 4,5 & 6)	School Christmas Discos
Friday 15 th		Last day of term
Monday 18 th December to Wednesday 3 rd January 2018– Christmas Holidays		
JANUARY		
Tuesday 2 nd		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
Wednesday 3 rd		First day of Spring Term 2018
Tuesday 16 th	9-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
FEBRUARY		
Thursday 8 th		Dirt Day
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2018- Half Term Break		
Wednesday 28 th	3:40pm onwards	Parent consultations
MARCH		
Thursday 1 st	3:40pm onwards	World Book Day Parent consultations
Tuesday 20 th	9-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
Friday 23 rd	6pm	Uffculme's Got Talent tb
Tuesday 27 th	2pm	Easter Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme tb
Thursday 29 th		Last day of term
Friday 30 th March to Friday 13 th April 2018- Easter Holidays		
APRIL		
Monday 16 th		First day of Summer Term
Wed 18 th -Fri 20 th		Year 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
MAY		
Mon 14 th - Thurs 18 th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 24 th		Dirt Day
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018- Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Thursday 7 th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Saturday	11:00am-2:30pm	Summer Fete
Friday 29 th		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
JULY		
Tuesday 3 rd	3:30pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 11 th	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening in the Theatre
Friday 20 th	2:00pm	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ on field