



Dear Parents/Carers,



Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone for the kind donations at the Harvest Festival yesterday. They will be greatly appreciated in the local community. The children enjoyed the service; their singing was superb and the poems and songs were lovely.

Sport

Well done to Chelsy Ingram and Grace Elliot, Year 5 who played in their first football match with their team, Cullompton Rangers U11's girls football team on Sunday 1st October. They showed great spirit and enthusiasm. Well done girls.

We would also like to pass on our congratulations to Karim Coulibaly who has been selected to play as No 18 for the Under 10s Exeter City Academy Team and to Mikey Timms-Ahern who has been selected to play for Plymouth Argyle Under 10's team. Well done boys!



Safeguarding:

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

ICT Use in school

Our guidance for the children's use of technology in school has now been uploaded onto the school's website in the safeguarding section for your information. The rules are also visible in every classroom to remind and encourage the children how to be safe with their computer usage in school.

ICT at home

We are aware that some of our children are you-tube watchers. We have uploaded some advice for parents /carers about how you can ensure their safety online in our section under safeguarding on our school website. If you would like a hard copy, please do let the school office know.



Christmas Dinner

A reminder that children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 *do not need to pay* for their Christmas Dinner as it is still part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.



MacMillan Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting the Year 5 Macmillan Cake sale. I think it was a record time in which cakes were bought. The children had worked hard and thanks you as well for all of your kind donations. A total of £222.85 was raised which we know will be used to support this very worthwhile cause.



Parent Consultation Boards

Meetings will take place after half term for all year groups. The signing up sheets are available in Reception. If you are unable to come into school to sign up for a meeting, please could you ring the office who will happily add your name to the most convenient/available slots available.



Going Green in Uffculme

We will be launching our annual Community Calendar this year in conjunction with ABN Mill with the theme of 'Going Green in Uffculme'. This is in line with a focus that we are developing in school this year on sustainability. The entry forms with all details on have been circulated to the children in school. As before each family will be given a free copy of the calendar and the winning entry from each year group will receive a prize. The overall prize winner will have their picture on the front of the calendar and receive a family day out to Creally Park. The closing date is Monday 30th October. We look forward to receiving all of your entries after half term.



Poppies for Sale and Village Act of Remembrance

We will have poppies for sale in school during the week beginning 7th November. If you would like your child to buy a poppy please send your donation into school during that week and the poppies will be brought round to your child's classroom each day by children from Year Six. The Act of Remembrance this year is taking place on Saturday 11th November and the children are more than welcome to attend

with you.



Flu Vaccinations

The Boots flu vaccinations for Year R – 4 will take place on the morning of Thursday 30 November. School staff are going to be available to help support the process and monitor the children after they have received their nasal dose. Thank you to everyone who has returned their consent slip for this to

take place.



Dirt Day – Thursday 19th October for Years 1-6

On Thursday, we are going to be having our first Dirt Day of the year which is a collapsed curriculum day focusing on science and the environment in the school grounds. Years 1 and 2 are going to be experiencing forest activities at Gaddon Woods with the other remaining classes taking part in activities at school. The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes which you do not mind them getting dirty in. If children have welly boots please could they bring them to school alongside another pair of shoes to wear inside; however there is no need to go out and buy them specifically. Lunchtime arrangements are as normal. We are checking the weather forecast as some of the activities are weather dependent. If there are any changes we'll put a notice on our facebook page.



School Photos

The photographer will be in school for individual photos on Wednesday 1st November. If you would like a photo with older or younger siblings who are not at this school, please contact the office for a slot. These will start at 8.30 sharp. *Please do not just turn up and expect to be fitted in as we are on a very tight schedule with the number of children we have in school.*



Spooky Disco Reminders

The PTFA is running a Spooky Disco on Tuesday 31st October. Years R-3 from 5.00-6.00pm and Year 4-6 from 6.15-7.15pm. The entry fee £2 (includes snacks, drinks and a spooky goody bag). Prizes for the best/spookiest costume!

Only children of Uffculme Primary School are invited to the disco and parents will not be expected to attend. The disco will be supervised by school staff and members of the PTFA, who are fundraising by hosting this event. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone after the disco as it is dark and after school hours, so please can you ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to collect them at the end. At the beginning of the disco, the children will be asked to queue from the door outside the green astro-turf but at the end of the disco, parents will come through the door located closest to the kitchen to collect their children then leave school via the main corridor and entrance which will be open. Again, this is to help reduce congestion at the beginning and end of this event. Any queries please come and find Mrs Hayman or any member of our PTFA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO DANCE CLUB ON THAT DAY



Half Term

This seems to have come around very quickly this term but I do hope you will all be able to enjoy some free time with your children over half term. The half term holiday is from Monday 23rd October until Friday 27th October. We look forward to welcoming the children back with school reopening on Monday 30th October.

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 19th		Dirt Day
Tuesday 31 st	5pm - Yrs R,1,2 &3 6:15pm -Yrs 4,5 & 6	Spooky Discos in the school hall
Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October 2017- Half Term Break		
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 1st		School photos (individual)
Wednesday 1 st & Thursday 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 30th	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 18th December to Wednesday 3rd 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 12th to Friday 16th 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 tbc
Tuesday 27 th	2pm	Easter Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme tbc
Thursday 29 th		Last day of term
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018- Easter Holidays		
APRIL		
Monday 16 th		First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th		Year 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
MAY		
Monday 14 th - Thursday 18 th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 24 th		Dirt Day
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st 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