



Uffculme Primary School Newsletter 5

8 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



Sport

East Devon Cross Country Competition – congratulations to the Year 3/4 boys' team and the Year 5/6 girls' team who both qualified to represent the school at the Devon Winter Games in March. The Year 3/4 boys' team came second overall and the Y5/6 girls' team brought home the trophy.

Highest finishers were: Y3/4 girls - Beth Gray (8th); Y3/4 boys -George Budden (2nd); Y5/6 girls – Martha Reynell (1st); Year 5/6 boys - Finlay Croft (11th).



Children in Need – Friday 17th November

We will be joining in by having a cake sale after school with all profits going to Children in Need. We would be very grateful for contributions of cakes to sell - please drop them off at the office on the morning of 17th.



Admission for Primary School Places for September 2018

Applications for primary school places for 2017/2018 are co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team at Devon County Council. Devon schools offer admission to primary school as a single offer point if the child was born between *01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014*. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from *15th November 2017 to 15th January 2018*. The deadline for primary school places for 2017/2018 is **15th January 2018** and unfortunately applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school. The school is holding open mornings (please check the school diary at the end of this newsletter) when parents will be given the opportunity to see the school during a normal working day and ask any questions from the Head Teacher.



Poppies for Sale and Remembrance Day Service

We have poppies for sale in school this week. If you would like your child to buy a poppy please send your donation into school and the poppies will be brought round to your child's classroom each day by children from Year Six. There is an Act of Remembrance taking place in the village on Saturday 11th November and all are welcome to participate.



Community Calendar Competition with ABN Mill

Thank you to everyone who took part in the calendar competition. The entries were very creative and it was really impressive how much thought and care everyone had put into thinking about how we can all think about sustainability by 'Going Green'. So, the School Council had to make some tough decisions but the winners are as follows:

Kingwood Childcare – Poppy Brewer; Uffculme Pre-School - Keelyn; Reception – Mabel Dunster; Year 1 – Maddox Welch; Year 2 – Molly English-Stephens & Addy Coulibaly; Year 3 – Cienna Penfold & Gilbert Herniman; Year 4 – Marie Penfold; Year 5 – no entries!; Year 6 – Finlay Croft, Abigail Churchward & Lucy Fewings

Each will receive a book token and their picture as one of the months of the year.

The overall winner who will receive a family day out ticket to a local attraction is Marie Penfold and her picture will be on the front cover.

Well done to all of you. A representative from ABN Mill will be joining a celebration assembly to give out the prizes and the published calendars - a copy of which every family in school will receive, hopefully just in time for Christmas. Date to be confirmed later in the term.



Bikes in School

Please could we remind you that bikes should **not** be on the school playground at the beginning or end of the day. They should be parked in the pod outside the headteacher's office. Children should also be wearing helmets if they are riding to school.



Photo Orders

If you haven't ordered your child's photo online direct from Ward Hendry, order forms should be with us by the end of this week.



Staffing news

Mrs Askew is due to start her maternity leave on 15th November and Mrs Pethick will be covering this in her absence.

We are delighted to announce that the Uffculme Stork has visited Reception again - many congratulations to Miss Hardy who is expecting her first child in April. She hopes to start her maternity leave after February Half Term. Further staffing details will be made available to you in due course.

Mrs Dentith's spinal surgery went according to plan and she hopes to be back in school on a phased return from Monday 27th November.



PTFA CHRISTMAS CARDS

The PTFA is producing packs of Christmas cards based on class designs and these will be available shortly at the bargain price of £1 for a pack of 10. Packs will be made up from 5 designs from your child's class. Order forms will be with you by the end of this week.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Hayman

ACTING HEADTEACHER



PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 9th January. 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 12 – Fri 16 Feb	Mon 28 May-Fri 1 June
Last day of term	Mon 23 – Fri 27 Oct	Thursday 29 March	Friday 20 July
	Friday 15 December		

Non pupil days: Friday 6th October; Tuesday 2nd January; Friday 29th June (Inset)

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

Diary Dates for 2017/18-

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 21st	9.00-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
Tuesday 28th	6.00pm	Christingle Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme
Thursday 30th	10:00am	New Parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake)
DECEMBER		
Friday 1st	10:00am 5.00pm	New Parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) PTFA Event- Snowman Drive at Village Hall - details to follow
Tuesday 5th	2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 6th	6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 8th	10:00am	New Parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12th	3:40pm	Countries Day Open Classrooms
Wednesday 13th	AM	Ys 1-6 trip to Pantomime in Exeter
Thursday 14th	5.00pm (Yrs R,1,2 &3) 6:15pm (Yrs 4,5 & 6)	School Christmas Discos
Friday 15th		Last day of term
Monday 18th December to Wednesday 3rd January 2018– Christmas Holidays		
JANUARY		
Tuesday 2nd		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
Wednesday 3rd		First day of Spring Term 2018
Tuesday 16th	9-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
FEBRUARY		
Thursday 8th		Dirt Day
Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018- Half Term Break		
Wednesday 28th	3:40pm onwards	Parent consultations
MARCH		
Thursday 1st	3:40pm onwards	World Book Day Parent consultations
Tuesday 20th	9.00-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
Friday 23rd	6.00pm	Uffculme's Got Talent tbc
Tuesday 27th	2.00pm	Easter Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme tbc
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018- Easter Holidays		
APRIL		
Monday 16th		First day of Summer Term
Wed 18th-Fri 20th		Year 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
MAY		
Mon 14th- Thurs 18th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 24th		Dirt Day
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018- Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Thursday 7th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Saturday 16th	11:00am-2:30pm	Summer Fete
Friday 29th		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but no children
JULY		
Tuesday 3rd	3:30pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 11th	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening in the Theatre
Friday 20th	2:00pm	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ on field