



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sport**



**Basketball and High 5s:** Our teams are playing well and maintaining their positions in the league. The Basketball Team is currently in second place, and the High 5s Team third.

**Football:** Our Y5/6 boys team played well in a match against Sampford Peverell yesterday. They won 1-0 with a penalty scored by Finlay Croft. Mr Everson was extremely pleased with the way the boys represented the school.



### **Fundraising Christmas Hampers**

Thank you to everyone who has helped us with donations towards the PTFA Christmas hampers, which complement the staff hamper that is raffled on behalf of the PTFA each year.

We still need raffle prizes so if each child could donate a small, new item (approx. £1), together you will create some fabulous hampers to be raffled and won just in time for Christmas.

Please bring all items to school by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.



### **Forward Planning for Christmas**

The Lantern Parade and Christmas Lights Switch-On is taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is a community event which starts with the Parade. If you are taking part in the parade, please be at the entrance to Pathfields ready to set off at 6.00pm. Wheelbarrows for the Wheelbarrow Carnival need to be at the Surgery in Commercial Road ready to join the parade as it passes.

We will be holding a lantern making session in school on Wednesday 29 November, so please could you start collecting your plastic bottles if you would like your child to be involved in the parade.

The Christingle is being held on Tuesday 28 November at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church. All are welcome and thank you in advance to the team of volunteers who will be making the Christingles in Church on Monday 27 November. Please can you let school know as soon as possible if you have not yet ordered a Christingle. Christingles will be handed out during the service before the circle of light takes place. The school staff will light the candles but we would please ask you as parents/carers to be responsible for your own children once these are lit. Please could we also ask that all long hair is tied back!



### **KS1 and EYFS Christmas Plays**

Our Nativity productions are underway and all parents in these three classes should have received full details. Please see the diary of events below for when these are taking place.

Unfortunately, parents will be unable to take photographs during the performances as it does distract the children with flash photography. School will take photographs before the production. Parents may however wish to take individual photographs of their children in costume but would need to arrange this with their child's class teacher. During the performance, videos can be taken for personal use (but please **not** to be uploaded onto social media or circulated through Facebook as not all parents have given permission for images of their children to be used in this manner). Parents will have to remain seated as we cannot block the aisles because of fire safety regulations. If you use an ipad or similar for videoing, please be considerate of those seated around you so that everyone can enjoy an uninterrupted view of the performance. Thank you for your co-operation.

***I would be grateful if this message could also be passed onto grandparents or other family members who may be attending the Key Stage 1 Performances.***



### **Christmas Jumpers**

Christmas jumpers may be worn on our Christmas Dinner Day (8 December) and also on the last day of term (15 December). This is entirely optional. The last day of term is national Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and you are invited to send in a small donation for this cause if you wish.



### **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](http://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.



### **PTFA CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards are now available and orders are going well. Christmas cards are based on class designs and are being sold at the bargain price of £1 for a pack of 10. Packs will be made up from the 5 designs that your child's class has produced. Order forms are still available from the school office if you haven't received one yet. The deadline for the return of order forms with payment is **Friday 24 November**.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Dentith looks forward to returning to school the week beginning 27 November on a phased return for mornings only then back to normal from the beginning of December.

Yours sincerely,

*Claire Hayman*

**ACTING HEADTEACHER**



### **PTFA**

The next PTFA meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
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 6<sup>th</sup> October; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January; Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (Inset)*



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Last day of term	Friday 21 December	Friday 5 April	Friday 19 July

**Non pupil days:** *Monday 3 September; Tuesday 4 September; Friday 12 October (INSET); Monday 6 May (Bank Holiday); Friday 28 June (INSET)*

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017 and beyond;-

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Christingle Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake)
DECEMBER		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 6.00pm	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) PTFA Event- Beetle Drive- details to follow
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 & 5.00pm	Reception Class Nativity
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	New parents Open morning (for 2018-2019 intake) School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Countries Day Open Classrooms
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Whole school trip to Pantomime in Exeter
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm (Yrs R,1,2 &3) 6:15pm (Yrs 4,5 & 6)	School Christmas Discos
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018– Christmas Holidays		
JANUARY		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but <b>no children</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		First day of Spring Term 2018
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
FEBRUARY		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Dirt Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018- Half Term Break		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm onwards	Parent consultations
MARCH		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:40pm onwards	World Book Day Parent consultations
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11:00am	School Nurse Community Drop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	Uffculme's Got Talent <b>tbc</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Easter Service at St Marys Church, Uffculme <b>tbc</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018- Easter Holidays		
APRIL		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>		First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
MAY		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Dirt Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018- Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Saturday	11:00am-2:30pm	Summer Fete
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Non-Pupil Day – staff in school but <b>no children</b>
JULY		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:30pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Primary Presentation Evening in the Theatre
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ on field