



Newsletter 1

Friday, 10th September 2021

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to see everyone after the Summer break and to welcome new staff and children. We have welcomed our wonderful new Reception children into school for the first time and the children have blown us away with how grown-up and settled they have been. We feel privileged that they have joined us on their educational journey, and we cannot wait until the children are in full time next Thursday (16th September).

I would also like to welcome **Esme** and **Libby** in Year 3, **Walter** in Year 4 and **George** in Year 5. I hope they have enjoyed their first week at Uffculme Primary School as much as we have enjoyed welcoming them.

We also welcome some new staff: **Miss Sarah McCann** (Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher), **Mrs Annie Elkington** (SENDCo) and **Mrs Annabel Kumeta** (Year 3 teacher). I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Primary Advisor, **Rachel Higginson**, who will be working across the Uffculme Academy Trust.

You will receive your **class newsletters** next week, detailing the timetable for your children, expectations regarding homework, and some key dates relevant to the class.

As always, if you have any questions, worries or queries, please do contact the school office via email or phone, or speak to your class teacher if it relates to classroom matters.

I would like to mention how impressed I have been with how the children have returned to school: being focussed; showing respect; displaying kindness. I hope this continues as we move through the year.

Announcements

Congratulations to two members of staff on the arrival of their **babies**.... **Mrs Genna Cole** is now the proud mother of Lily, and **Mrs Claire Hayman** gave birth earlier this week to little Florence. The whole school community is so excited by this news and our love and best wishes go to their families.

Congratulations to **Mrs Alice Hughes** (formally Brown!) on her marriage to Tom. They had such a magical wedding day and they both look so lovely in their wedding photographs.



Yearly calendar dates

We are in the process of finalising some dates for the year ahead, but I am hopeful that I will be able to share this with you next week. We will of course be led by the latest government guidelines and as we have learnt throughout this pandemic, things can change quickly.

Lunches

For parents currently accessing hot meal provision, please remember to order your child's lunch using Parent Pay.

I would also like to remind you that **lunch boxes** should be healthy. In our school this means:

- There should be a 'main' (i.e. sandwich, wrap, sausage roll); the children will be encouraged to eat this *first*.
- At least one piece of fruit/veg (e.g. carrot, cucumber, cut grapes, apple etc.)
- We allow 1 packet of crisps
- We allow 1 small cake/wafer/cereal bar

We DO NOT want the children to bring sweets, fizzy drinks, or full-size chocolate bars (e.g., Mars bars) etc. We want to encourage all our children to have a balanced diet.

Year 6 Grenville House Residential

Our Year 6 class have just returned to school after spending the week at Grenville House on their residential trip. The children had such an amazing time and were able to participate in a range of activities, such as caving, coasteering, abseiling, canoeing, paddle boarding and many more. This trip will live long in their memories and I hope they will cherish these experiences forever.

This trip would not have been possible if it were not for the staff members accompanying and leading the children throughout the residential. The staff were on call 24 hours a day and took part in most of the activities too. So, on behalf of the school, a huge thank you to Miss McCann, Mrs Sugden, Miss Saunders, Mrs Weldon and Mrs Maguire. I hop you have a well-earned and peaceful weekend.

Photographs from Grenville House will be shared with parents via a weblink once the photographs have been collated but please bear with us whilst we organise this. We will write to you with details in due course.



Yours sincerely,
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HEADTEACHER