



## Newsletter 3

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Welcome to our youngest children



I wanted to share again how wonderfully proud we all are of our youngest children in Reception Class. They have settled so well into class routines and have already made so much progress with not only their academic work, but also their resilience and independence. A huge thank you also to Mrs Sharpe and the rest of the Reception Class team who go above and beyond to ensure our children get the best possible start to their school life.

### Admission for Primary School Places for September 2022

Applications for primary school places for 2021/2022 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 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) from 15th November 2021 to 15th January 2022. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 from the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email.

The deadline for primary school places for 2022/2023 is 15th January 2022 and unfortunately applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school. The school's prospectus is online on the website and we are currently planning some open mornings on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>



#### House Points

Culm  
**458**

Otter  
**445**

Exe  
**476**

Lowman  
**531**

### **Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2022 is now open. Parents of Year 6 pupils will receive a letter from the Local Authority giving details about applications for secondary schools. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications either on-line or send a paper copy to the Admissions Team at Devon County Council by **31st October 2021**. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please ask school for assistance and we will happily support your application (All children who currently attend this school will automatically get a place at Uffculme School regardless of whether they live in the catchment area or not, ***but you will still need to go through the Devon County Council application process.***)

### **Staffing news**

Miss Saunders and Mrs Moon are sadly leaving the school at half term. We will make the most of these last two weeks, and will say our goodbyes at a later date. This means we are currently advertising for a full-time EYFS TA, preferably with experience of working with children in early years. We are also advertising for a SEND TA and a mealtime assistant. Further details can be found on our school website and our E-Teach page. The closing date for these posts is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Celebration...**

I would like to share with you all the amazing achievements of Alyssia and Fred Hayes who have been taking part in a charity event at home over the past few weeks. Having lost their nan and great grandma in quick succession to cancer, both Alyssia and Fred wanted to turn this tragedy into a positive. As a result, they both undertook the 26 miles in 26 days challenge. This required them to walk, run or cycle 26 miles in 26 days. They both decided they wanted to run the event. They achieved this feat last Sunday, even though Fred was carrying an injury. They went out in all kinds of weather; despite the fact they also take part in numerous sports clubs during the evenings and weekends. They managed to raise a mammoth £800 for Macmillan Cancer and there are still a few promised donations to come in. If you would like to contribute, please get in touch with the school office and details can be passed on. What an inspirational achievement and mindset to do something so positive when both children were hurting. Well done you superstars!

### **Countries day**

Just a reminder that 'Countries Day' is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This year, the whole school will be celebrating China. The day will be a non-uniform day. However, we would like the children to try and dress in the colours of the country's flag (red). Please ensure though that the clothes they wear are practical and not 'best' as classes may be doing activities such as art, cooking, dancing and other themed activities.

### **Thank you for your food donations to CHAT**

These were very gratefully received, and Rev Thomas collected them on school's behalf- thank you so much for your generosity in these very challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

*Fraser Wallace*  
HEADTEACHER