



Newsletter 5

Friday 12th November 2021

Updates

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to spend some quality family time together. The children have returned feeling refreshed and ready for another fun and exciting half term.

It was amazing to see so many of you at the **Parents' Evenings** last week – there was a good turn out once again which is fantastic! To be in a position to welcome parents into the school for the first time in what feels like forever was a great feeling, so thank you to all the parents and staff for their time during these important evenings.

On **Monday 4th July**, the school will be closed in lieu of the national Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This date has been added to the term dates on the school website.

As you will be aware, we have had a few confirmed cases of Covid within the school over the last few days. This is a clear reminder that we are still in a pandemic and that in this ever-changing environment, things can change quickly. **Warn and Inform** letters have been distributed to those classes that have been affected. As a result, could we please ask that you do not send your child to school if they have a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, or if they have a loss in sense of taste and smell. IF this is the case, or your child is sent home with these symptoms, please can you ensure you take your child for a **PCR test** and then send the results to the school office.

Within school, we have reinstated some of our protective measures, including moving back to remote assemblies. We will inform you of any other changes over the coming weeks, but we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Staffing news

We have some more exciting news to share with you all. Mrs Hughes is expecting her first child and is due in March! Everyone at school is unbelievably excited for Mrs Hughes and her husband, Tom. They will be incredible parents and we look forward to meeting their baby next year.

As a result, we will be advertising for a maternity post over the next few weeks. Once an appointment is made, we will inform you and ensure there is an effective transition period.

We also have our SEND TA interviews next week and I look forward to sharing this news with you in the next newsletter.



House Points

Culm
1189

Otter
1152

Exe
1049

Lowman
1173

Uniform and hairstyles

We have noticed a slight slip in standards regarding school uniform and haircuts, and I do ask for your help at home to ensure that your children are following our policy. I have copied part of our school uniform policy below as a reminder:

- **Safe, sensible black shoes**
- **White shirt or blouse**
- **Black trousers / skirt / pinafore dress**
- **Red jumper or cardigan with logo**
- **Red & black striped tie**
- **Red and white gingham check or stripes for girls' summer dresses**

It is requested that hairstyles should be smart. Hair should be of a natural colour; long hair should be tied back and **no child should have shaved lines**. Make-up or nail varnish should not be worn to school. Children who have had their ears pierced should only wear plain studs to school and these should be removed or covered for PE. Watches are permitted but no other jewellery should be worn.

Safety is most important; please ensure clothing is appropriate, i.e. that the length of skirt/dress ensures free and safe movement, that shoes are not dangerous when children are running around at playtime.

Reminder - Admission for Primary School Places for September 2022 go live on Monday

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. This window opens on **Monday and will close on the 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 Monday. 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.

After school

Can I please remind all parents not to congregate after school and use the school site as an opportunity to socialise. I appreciate that it can be a social time, but given that Covid is in the area, we are asking parents to leave the site as quickly as possible after their children have been collected.

PTFA Message to Parents

Please help us raise funds whilst you do your Christmas shopping. Currently we get an additional £15 per person just for you signing up to Easy Fundraising by using the following link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/7RBO44/>

What a better way to support our School from the comfort of your home!

Second-hand uniform

The PTFA are continuing to collect any unwanted second-hand uniform. If you would like to make any donations, please can you hand them into the School Office who will in turn pass them on to us.

Sporting success

A report from our Year 5 and 6 football team by some of the players:

On Monday 8th November Uffculme Primary Year 5 and 6 football team played Plymtree in a hard fought at Uffculme Top School field.

First Half

Uffculme took an astonishing lead scoring three goals that lead them to victory. Everyone making sure they tried their best.

Half Time

After switching halves, we had a big team talk about staying clam and passing. We switched to team B fir the second half.

Second Half

Uffculme scored another set of goals, four in fact. We were changing positions all the time. The final whistle went for full time and we congratulated the opposition.

Written by Alyssia, Mike & Louis

Goal Scorers

Freddie, Connor x2, Louis, Alfie C, Luke, Jack B

Yours sincerely,

Fraser Wallace

HEADTEACHER