



Newsletter 2

Friday 22nd September 2023

Updates & Reminders

I cannot quite believe that we are fast approaching the end of September already! It feels like we have only just returned. We continue to feel proud of how our children have settled into the new school year and we are especially proud of our incredible children in **Reception Class** who continue to go from strength to strength, so a big well done to them and their families.

I would like to remind parents that next **Friday 29th October is a non-pupil day**, so school will not be open to children.

You should have received a letter today regarding **Open Classrooms** next week. We hope to see many of you there.

We have been receiving reports that some children's behaviour to and from school is becoming unacceptable and unsafe. Some children have been seen running in between cars and generally not following the Highway Code. If your child walks to and from school on their own, could you please speak to them about behaving safely and appropriate behaviour. Classes will be doing some work on this in the coming weeks.

At the end of the school day, could we ask that parents do not arrive before our gates open at 3:20pm as we cannot 'buzz' you in due to lessons, such as PE, still being delivered and the safeguarding implications of this.

Admission for Primary School Places for September 2022

Applications for primary school places for 2024/2025 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 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15th November 2023 to 15th January 2024. 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 15th of November. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email. The deadline for primary school places for 2024/2025 is 15th January 2024 and unfortunately, applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school. The school's prospectus will be available on the website soon. This year, our school Open Mornings will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 16th November
- Tuesday 21st November
- Thursday 23rd November

Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2023 is now open. Parents of Year 6 pupils will have received 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 2023**. 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.**)

We would also like to remind Year 6 parents that the Secondary School Open Evening is next Thursday at 6pm-8pm.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 26 th		Open Classrooms
Friday 29 th		Non-Pupil Inset Day
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 4 th TBC	2:00pm	Harvest Festival (Church) - Food donations to CHAT
Wednesday 18 th	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings (incl. SENDCO meetings)
Thursday 19 th	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023 - Half Term Break		
Monday 30 th	All day	Non-Pupil Day Trust-Wide Day
NOVEMBER		
Friday 10 th		Armistice Day (2-minute silence)
Thursday 16 th	9:15am	Open morning 1
Friday 17 th		Children in Need – non-uniform day
Tuesday 21 st	9:15am	Open morning 2
Thursday 23 rd	9:15am	Open morning 3
DECEMBER		
Sat 2 nd - Sun 3 rd		Christingle Weekend at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 5 th	2:00pm	Years 1&2 production dress rehearsal (pupils only)
Wednesday 6 th	2:00pm 5:30pm	Years 1&2 afternoon performance Years 1&2 evening performance
Thursday 7 th	3:30pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 8 th	3:30pm	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th	2:00pm	Reception afternoon dress rehearsal (pupils only)
Tuesday 12 th	2:30pm	Reception afternoon performance (for parents)
Wednesday 13 th		Whole School Pantomime Trip – Northcott Theatre
Thursday 14 th	1:45pm	KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 15 th		Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 19th December to Tuesday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays		

Yours sincerely,
Fraser Wallace
HEADTEACHER