



## Newsletter 3

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Updates & Reminders

Parent consultation evenings are taking place next week so please ensure you have made an appointment using the MCAS app. Please contact the school office if you are having trouble booking an appointment.

Another reminder that it is the PTFA Bags2School morning this morning, so please bring along any of the following items to the school gates: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing (no uniform or workwear), shoes (tied together), handbags, belts, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels & bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers) in waterproof bags please.

The school is looking for someone to sponsor the school football team so that we can buy new football kits and equipment. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please contact the school office.

We are mindful of the pressures facing families during this period of rising costs of living. If your financial or living circumstances have changed, your children may be entitled to Free School Meals. Parents/Carers can make applications for free school meals online through the Devon Citizens Portal [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal) If your application is approved, your child will receive free school meals during term time, and you may be eligible for additional support during the holidays with supermarket vouchers. If you have any other questions about free school meals, your eligibility, or how to apply, please contact the school office on [admin@uffculmeprimary.bep.ac](mailto:admin@uffculmeprimary.bep.ac)

### 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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

Yours sincerely,  
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HEADTEACHER