

Newsletter

1st December 2021



Uffington
Church of England
Primary School

COUNTDOWN TO AN UFFINGTON CHRISTMAS



Dear Parents and Carers

On the first day of Advent, it seems the perfect opportunity to send out reminders of all the exciting activities that we have planned for the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Fayre

The PTA have worked very hard to plan a COVID-secure Christmas Fayre for this Saturday, 4th December. The fayre will run from 11am to 1pm and will largely be set up outside so please come dressed for the weather!

We are asking that all adults wear face coverings if they wish to enter the buildings to take children to visit Father Christmas in his grotto or take part in indoor activities. Windows and doors will be open and hand sanitiser will be available on entry to the buildings and on individual stalls.

If you have yet to volunteer, we would love any extra offers of help. Please let Sarah in the office know, or contact your PTA Year Rep.

Christmas Art Day

All classes will be having a Christmas Art Day tomorrow, **Thursday 2nd December**. We do have protective aprons / overalls in school but children are welcome to bring in their own if they wish.

Christmas Post

Year 6 will be running a Christmas postal service from Monday. Your children are invited to write cards to their friends in school and post in the post box. **Please make sure that the names and classes of the recipients are written clearly on the envelope!**

Nativity

Tickets for the Nativity will be sent out this week. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with the stage, either at 3pm this Friday to take the blocks over, or at 3pm on Sunday to erect the stage in church.

We would be grateful for as much help as possible to dismantle the stage and carry the blocks back into school after Wednesday's performance.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

The School Council would like to invite the children to come to school in their Christmas jumpers on **Friday 10th December** which is the same day as The Farm Kitchen will be serving Christmas lunch.

The School Council will be making a collection in aid of Save the Children - **£1 to wear a Christmas jumper**.

Santa Dash

All the children will take part in the South-West Lincolnshire Santa Dash on **Wednesday 15th December**.

We earned a Gold Participation Award for the One Mile Challenge before half term and we hope to achieve a second award for taking part in this event.

Pantomime at The Cresset

We are all looking forward to going to see the pantomime on **Thursday 16th December**. Thank you to the PTA who have subsidised the cost of this event.

Carols around the Tree

Due to concerns about COVID, we have decided to make this an outdoor event.

We would like to invite you to join the children and staff on the playground at 2pm on the last day of term, Friday 17th December, to sing carols together and hear the children sing their class carols. The PTA will be serving mulled wine and mince pies after this event. All children will be free to leave school with their parents / carers afterwards.

OTHER NEWS

Poppy Appeal

The School Council raised an amazing £189.41 by selling poppy merchandise and would like to thank you all your generous support.

PTA Auction

Thank you for supporting this event by offering items to be auctioned or by bidding over the weekend. The auction raised an incredible £1248 which will be used to benefit your children. A huge thank you to those who organised the event!

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Y56 Tag Rugby team who won the Stamford and District tournament last week. It has been great to be able to take part in inter-school sport this term and the netball team have won all but one of their matches in the Stamford and District League this term.



COVID Update

We have a number of positive cases in school at the moment with children isolating at home. As you know, this does mean that we are having to make some adjustments to our plans for Christmas and we would like to thank everyone for their co-operation in keeping children at home and seeking a test if they are displaying any COVID or cold-like symptoms. We continue to practise our daily control measures to limit the risk of infection including the wearing of face coverings by visitors to school.

Yours sincerely

HR Simms

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Headteacher