

Newsletter

13th December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

COVID hits!

What a weekend it has been with the number of positive test results soaring over the past two days! Firstly, I must thank you for your rapid response to the crisis: through the power of Whats App, we managed to reach almost everyone to keep them abreast of the situation and I would like to thank you for your dedication to keeping our school family safe by testing your children before sending them into school.

The wave of COVID has come at a point when we are all looking forward to the end of term and Christmas which is why I am supporting any families who wish to keep their children safe at home this week. **However, if your child does test positive on a lateral flow device or develops symptoms while at home, please let us know as soon as possible and book a PCR test.**

Sadly, we have had no choice but to cancel the trip to the pantomime and Carols around the Tree. The Cresset Theatre have agreed to carry our deposit over to next year and you will receive a refund for your contribution in due course. **Please note that all after-school clubs have also been cancelled until the new year.**

For the time-being, we remain open while we await further instructions from Public Health. They are aware of the situation but we need to share outcomes of PCR tests with them before they will make any decisions. **Please let Mrs Lawson know any PCR results as soon as possible.**

From this morning, all classes will operate in 'bubbles' to limit mixing. This means that playtimes will be staggered and there will be no collective worship as a whole school. In order to reduce mixing in the dining room, **we have cancelled all hot school meals with effect from tomorrow** so please send your child to school with a packed lunch as well as the usual water bottle. Children will eat their packed lunches in their classrooms this week.

Other News

Amongst the COVID chaos, we must celebrate the joy of the Reception and KS1 Nativity performances last week. The children were wonderful and obviously loved the opportunity to be part of something very special. The PTA Christmas Fayre was also a great success, raising over £1000 for the benefit of your children. Thanks to careful planning and a commitment to making everything work, the move to an outdoor event went smoothly.

Thank you to all those who were involved in the planning and running of the fayre, and to those who came along to support us.

It is sad that, once again, we are unable to invite you into school to enjoy the children's Christmas displays but hopefully the photographs at the end of this newsletter will give you a flavour of that special time of year which is an Uffington Christmas.

Whatever the outcome of Public Health's assessment of the situation, I would like to thank you all for your continued support in challenging times. On behalf of everyone at Uffington School, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Mrs HR Simms

Headteacher





Shepherds and Sheep by the Reception class



KS1



The Nativity by Years 3 and 4

Candles of Hope – Whole School

