

# Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

## **Welcome Back!**

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. The end of term was not as we would have wished, but I hope that you all had a good Christmas and were able to enjoy time with family and friends.

I am delighted to report that the wave of COVID which hit school towards the end of last term seems to have passed and that the vast majority of children have returned to school. Even though we haven't been together for the best part of three and a half weeks, the children settled in very quickly yesterday and we are now looking forward to the term ahead.

There is no doubt that the Omicron variant is still spreading through the community and so we shall continue to exercise caution by ensuring that classrooms are well-ventilated and that we continue with our enhanced cleaning regime. All visitors to school are asked to wear a face covering unless exempt.

As last term, we continue to ask that you do not send children into school if they are displaying any COVID or cold-like symptoms until a negative PCR test result has been confirmed.

Last term, a number of carbon dioxide monitors were fitted in areas of the school where maintaining good ventilation is a potential problem and we are now collecting data in the hope that the Department for Education will fund one or more air cleaning units for the school.

## **Parking**

Before Christmas, I received a letter from the Clerk to the Parish Council expressing concerns about the state of the grass verges in the vicinity of the school. They have kindly asked that you refrain from parking on the grass verges when dropping off and collecting your children.

### Lost Property

In spite of our best efforts to return lost items to their owners, we always seem to have a large quantity of sweatshirts, PE kits, hats and gloves in our lost property box.

In order to manage lost property, please note the following:

**From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, anything that is unnamed will be kept for 2 weeks. After that time, if it is unclaimed and in good condition, it will be given to the second-hand uniform shop.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BEST WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS IS TO NAME THEM!

### Extra-curricular Clubs

Clubs will resume from next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January:

Monday – Sewing Club *(Please note that all places have now been booked.)*

Tuesday – Football Training with Mr Roberts (KS2)  
Recorder Club

Wednesday – KS2 Singing for Fun with Mrs Simms and Mr Roberts  
Cooking Club

Ukelele Club with Mr Gibbin

Thursday- Football League matches (Y5/6)

### Staff Vacancy

Our school caretaker, Mr Edgar, has tendered his resignation having been offered full-time employment elsewhere and so we are seeking a replacement. Please see the advertisement at the foot of this newsletter if you or someone you know might be interested in the position.

Yours sincerely



Mrs HR Simms

Headteacher

We are currently seeking to appoint a



Uffington  
Church of England  
Primary School

# CARETAKER

15.5 hours a week during term time plus overtime to cover minor repairs and maintenance / holiday cleaning

Salary Grade 4: Scale Point 9 to 12

*(£19,948 to £21,153 subject to **pro rata** based upon 37 hour full-time contract)*

Further details and application forms are available from the school office

(01780) 756236 / [enquiries@uffingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@uffingtonprimary.co.uk)

Closing date for applications:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January

*This post is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.*

