

Easter Newsletter

30th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

A Busy Term

In spite of the considerable disruption caused by COVID, I am delighted to report that life at school does seem to be returning to some sort of normal at last!

In recent weeks the children have been able to take part in a range of enrichment activities, including clubs, music tuition, visitors to school and a history experience day at Peterborough Museum.

Music

Years 3 and 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their term of whole class tuition in guitar organised through the Lincolnshire Music Service. Although this has now come to an end, we look forward to repeating this next year.

A number of children have also enjoyed Ukelele Club led by Mr Gibbin and Singing for Fun with Mr Roberts and I.

One of the highlights of our week is what is known as the 'Friday Tootle' with children being given the opportunity to perform a musical piece in front of the school at the beginning of our Merit Assembly.

The Faraday Trust

This term, Years 5 and 6 have been studying a thought-provoking unit of work in RE: Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary? We are enormously grateful to the Somes Trust who funded a visit from the Cambridge-based Faraday Trust who helped to deepen the children's understanding.

Virtual Reality Experience

The PTA generously funded a VR experience for children in the Foundation Stage and KS1. The children were thrilled to have the opportunity to explore the universe to complete their topic on Space.

Really Roman Day

The PTA also funded a wonderful history experience day at Peterborough Museum. This was the first KS2 visit since the pandemic and was the perfect end to their study of Roman Britain. The children had the opportunity to work in clay, meet a 'Roman centurion', experience being a slave as they worked to prepare a Roman feast and handled local Roman artefacts.

Your children were an absolute credit to you and we were congratulated on their conduct and positive attitude towards everything on offer.

If you and your family would like to visit the museum, it is open most days and entrance is free. The Roman centurion is usually there on a Tuesday! <https://peterboroughmuseum.org.uk/>

Visit to Croft Farm

Visiting the lambs at Croft Farm has always been a highlight of the Reception class' school year and this year was no exception: Miss Waters' children had a wonderful time on their recent visit. Many thanks to the Genever family who provide this opportunity.

School Sport

The football team entered the Stamford and District tournament recently and were placed fourth out of the eight schools taking part.

PTA

The PTA organise a range of fund-raising activities to support the school. It was great to see so many children having a great time last Friday at the Hotdogs and Bingo event, and the Mothers' Day Shop was as special as ever.

Our next big fundraiser is the Uffington Scarecrow Festival over the early bank holiday weekend. The PTA are running a barbecue and sweet tombola on Sunday 1st May and need lots of volunteers – if you can spare an hour to help, this would be greatly appreciated.

We shall also be holding a sponsored Colour Fun Run on May 20th to raise funds for Thea in Miss Waters' class who will be having major surgery soon.

Summer Term Clubs

Clubs for next term will include: Cricket and Rounders for KS2; Sewing with Two Little Birds; and Reading for Pleasure Club for Reception and KS1 which will take place at lunchtimes.

Internet Safety

An important part of our computing curriculum is internet safety. An incident which occurred in the home recently has been brought to my attention and so I would like to draw your attention to the following advice provided by our eSafety advisor:

Setting Up Devices for Children

Many of the parents/carers I speak to whose child has been involved in a serious child protection issue are not aware of the features that are available on devices, broadband etc. which can be used to help protect their children. Internet Matters have a huge range of advice and guidance, which includes simple guides to set up devices including tablets, phones, gaming devices and much more. A good starting page which is [THIS](#) one.

Summer Term

We return to school on Easter Tuesday 19th April.

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On behalf of everyone at Uffington School, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs HR Simms
Headteacher

You are invited to join the
children and staff for a
special service for Easter led
by Fr Aran.

Tuesday 19th April

2:30pm

Uffington Church

