

Newsletter

14th October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to meeting with you at the Parents' Evenings which will take place next Monday and Tuesday evenings; please make an appointment if you have yet to do so.

Musicake!

There is an informal music concert in Uffington Church from 2pm **tomorrow** to raise funds for the church. As the name implies, tea and cake will be on sale while you enjoy the performances. Everyone welcome!

PTA Mufti Day and Cookie Sale

The PTA are organising this fundraising event for next Friday 21st October. £1 to attend school in non-uniform, and £1 for plate of cookies at the end of the school day.

Staff News

Mrs Mason will be moving to a new job at the end of next week; we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Jo Slater to the staff team after half term. Mrs Slater is no stranger to Uffington School having completed a teacher training placement with us earlier in the year; she will be working as a one to one teaching assistant in KS1.

Safeguarding Update

The safety of our children is our first priority at Uffington School and we follow the guidance from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership to ensure that all matters of safeguarding are handled appropriately. All staff and governors have received training in Keeping Children Safe in Education this term. Should you have any concerns about the safety and well-being of children, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Simms who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school, or Miss Waters who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Online Safety

[A Date with Dan: Free TEAMS Online Safety Q and A for Parents and Guardians, 7th December, 6-7pm. Sign up required](#)

Over two thirds of children surveyed in the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership 2021 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that their parents didn't know everything about their online activities. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children

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about their activity online, those children were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.

We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, Lincolnshire's Online Guru and regular visit to our school, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 7 Dec 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Unauthorised Absences – FIXED PENALTY NOTICES NOW IN FORCE

Please remember that the school is now issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to parents and carers who remove children from school for family holidays and days out during term time. The cost is £60 per child, per absence and I would urge you to carefully consider this cost if planning to take your children out of school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES – TERM 2

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities next term. Please keep an eye out for communications about any of the clubs which are of interest to your child:

Mondays – Sewing Club with Two Little Birds 3:30 – 4:30pm

Mondays – Y3/4 Multiskills (Inspire) 3:30 – 4:30pm

Tuesdays – Netball with Miss Johnston and Mrs Herrick 3:30 – 4:30pm

Tuesdays – KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr Roberts (20 places) 3:30 – 4:15pm

Wednesdays – Ukelele with Mr Gibbin 3:30 – 4:15pm

Wednesdays – KS2 Singing for Fun with Mrs Simms 3:30 – 4:15pm

Thursdays – KS2 Board Games with Mrs Ludford (20 places) 3:30 – 4:15pm

Thursdays – KS1 Sports Cadets – *An active programme of activities designed to develop social skills such as working together and sportsmanship* 3:30 – 4:30pm

Please note that all clubs will finish on Thursday 8th December

ACTIVITIES THIS TERM

It has been a busy half term; here is a roundup of some of the highlights since September:

Harvest Festival



Last week, Years 5 and 6 visited the elderly in the village to present them with gifts of posies of flowers and hand-made cards. It was lovely to see so many families in church for the annual Harvest Festival and well done to all those children who took part in the service. Thank you to everyone who made donations to Stamford Food Bank.

Netball League

The team have an unbroken record this term so well done everyone – and a huge ‘thank you’ to Miss Johnston and Mrs Herrick who coach the team and help to referee matches.

The Marafiki Trust

For the past few years, we have supported the Marafiki Trust who run the Bella Ciao centre in Nairobi. The centre provides out of school care for children who have nowhere else to go. A group of Year 5/6 children had their first Zoom call with children from the centre earlier this week and were thrilled to discover that they had so much in common! We found out that the children have very few textbooks in school and so we will be raising money to buy books over the coming months.



Drop in and Read

The first KS1 Drop in and Read session this morning was a great success – thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to come and join us. The next session will be on Friday 25th November.

Who's Who at Uffington School

We have a number of designated staff whose role it is to be responsible for specific aspects of pupil welfare in school. Please feel free to contact these members of staff via the office if you have a concern.

Miss Waters

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Simms

Designated Safeguarding Lead
E_Safety Officer
Designated Teacher for Looked-after and Previously Looked-After Children

Mr Gibbin

Senior Mental Health Lead

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Dates for your Diary

POPPY APPEAL

The School Council will be selling poppies and other merchandise on the playground after school from Thursday 3rd November. Please support this worthy cause.

Friday 21st October – Term 1 ends

Monday 31st October – Term 2 begins

Thursday 3rd November – KS1 Sports Cadets

Tuesday 8th November – Open Evening for Prospective Parents 6 – 7:30pm

Thursday 10th November – Y5/6 visit The History of the Fens

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Service in Uffington Church led by Y5/6 2pm

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – Come to school in spotty / stripy accessories and play the Children in Need game for £1. PTA cake sale at the end of the school day.

Friday 25th November – KS1 Drop in and Read 8:45 – 9:15am

Friday 2nd December – Mufti Day (Tombola gifts please) and School Disco (Uffington Village Hall)



Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Friday 9th December – Open Afternoon 2:30pm

Friday 9th December – PTA Christmas Fayre 6 – 8pm

Tuesday 13th December – Nativity production in Uffington Church 2pm (child-friendly performance)

Wednesday 14th December - Nativity production in Uffington Church 2pm (quiet performance)

Thursday 15th December – Pantomime

Friday 16th December – Carols around the Tree in Uffington Church 2pm

Friday 16th December – Term 2 ends

PTA Meetings

We hold informal meetings at The Bertie Arms to which everyone is invited. You will be made really welcome at our friendly meetings so please come along to find out more about how you can support the school. Our next meetings will be held on:

Thursday 3rd November 8-9pm

Thursday 24th November 8-9pm

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will take place in West Deeping Village Hall on Saturday 12th November 3-5pm. Lots of messy fun for the children followed by a hot meal for all the family – we'd love to see you there!

Please contact Mrs Simms or Fr Aran for more information: fraranbeesley@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - PTA Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 9th December 6-8pm. This is one of our top fundraising events of the year so please support us in any way you can. We will be asking for volunteers to run stalls and for donations, with a Mufti Day planned for Friday 2nd December where we will ask children to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a Tombola prize.

And finally, I would like to thank you for all your support since the beginning of the new school year. We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening next week and hope that you have an enjoyable half term holiday.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs HR Simms', is written above a single horizontal line that extends to the right.

Mrs HR Simms

Headteacher