

Newsletter

6th January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of everyone at Uffington School, I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! We hope that you have had a good Christmas; the children were certainly very excited to tell us all about their holidays when they returned to school on Wednesday!

As we look forward to the spring term, I am writing to update you on a range of topics as well as to give some polite reminders regarding matters relating to school.

CURRICULUM

When the governors last surveyed parents, a number of people felt that they did not know enough about the school curriculum. I would like to remind you that there is a wealth of information about English and Mathematics on the school website but we thought you might also like to have copies of the curriculum Knowledge Organisers which summarise the content of the topics which the children will be studying this term. Please find these attached to this email; I have also uploaded the information to the website:

www.uffingtonprimary.co.uk

CHRISTIAN VALUES

We are running a whole school project exploring our Christian values this term. These values have recently been reviewed by governors and staff and underpin everything we do here at Uffington. Each week, the children will focus on one of the values both in class and in collective worship. The project will culminate with a display in school which will be complete by our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 28th March and a service of celebration in church to which everyone will be invited (details to follow).

Our Christian Values are: Thankfulness, Kindness, Forgiveness, Fairness, Friendship, Trust, Hope and Inclusion

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We are offering a wide range of after-school clubs this term. Mrs Lawson has already sent out information regarding the various activities; some of the clubs are almost full so please don't delay in returning your reply slips.

SEVERE WEATHER

At the time of writing, we are experiencing unseasonably mild weather but we always need to be prepared for snow and possible school closure. In the event that school needs to close for health and safety reasons, we will post information on the school website, Facebook, WhatsApp groups and inform you by Parentmail as soon as we can. Please don't attempt to contact the school by telephone

SAVE OUR CARPETS!

You may have noticed that the playground has been very muddy this week due to children crossing the playground having been on the field. From next week, the children will be asked to carry their school shoes

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in a suitable bag to the field gate. They will change into their school shoes before crossing the playground to go back into school.

PLEASE SEND A SUITABLE CARRIER OR SPORTS BAG INTO SCHOOL BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S NEXT PE LESSON (WEDNESDAY).

Many thanks for your support in this matter!

PARKING

Please remember to park with consideration for local residents and the safety of our children. There is plenty of space to park in the layby in Bertie Lane and in the car park of The Bertie Arms.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS VERGES, ACROSS JUNCTIONS OR ON THE YELLOW ZIGZAGS AT ANY TIME!

EVENTS THIS TERM

We have planned a number of special events for the children this term; the full calendar for this term is now on the school website. This is updated on a regular basis so please remember to check from time to time.

The first event of the term is the EYFS / KS1 Indian Experience Day generously funded by the PTA; this has always been a wonderful event so look out for pictures of Facebook and the school website.

Mrs Clayton will also send out information about this term's Readathon which we hope everyone will enjoy.

Parents' Evenings will take place in the week before half term; we look forward to meeting you then but please remember that if you have any concerns, we are always happy to meet with you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs HR Simms

Headteacher