



# Easter Newsletter

## 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Uffington  
Church of England  
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

### A Busy Term

What a difference three years makes: it is incredible to think that back in 2020, school was closed to all but a very small number of pupils as we came to terms with the first national lockdown. What a contrast the past term has been with so many exciting events to enrich learning and our sense of community, and looking at the diary for the summer terms, this will continue right into July.

### Celebrating Easter

This morning, we were delighted to see all the beautiful natural crosses made by the children; these are on display in the corridor to welcome KS1's guests for their coffee morning and, weather permitting, will be on the playground at the end of the day.

The KS1 coffee morning was a truly joyous occasion; it was so lovely for our children to welcome their parents, grandparents and friends into school. A huge thank you to Mrs Ludford, Mrs Staite and Mrs Ramm, as well as all the children who worked so hard to make this occasion such a success.

**There will be a service in church to prepare for Holy Week this afternoon at 2pm, with a celebration of Easter in church at 2pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Everyone Welcome!**

### School Website

Our website has recently been relaunched; please remember that this is the place to go for up to date information on school events, term dates, latest news and a wealth of information relating to school, including information on the curriculum. [www.uffingtonprimary.co.uk](http://www.uffingtonprimary.co.uk)

### Safeguarding

One of our primary duties as a school is to safeguard our children. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Simms, or her deputy, Miss Waters. Please remember that we are here to support you as well as your children; Mrs Simms is always here to offer a listening ear and can support you in times of need.

In this technological age, we are often worried about the amount of time our children spend on electronic devices. There is a wealth of information on our school website should you need advice regarding the setting of parental controls, etc. However, time on devices is not always ill-spent as you will see from this message from our eSafety Adviser:

### Video Games and Reading

*As much as people talk about the negatives of gaming, games playing can be hugely beneficial in many ways such as teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and so much more, including reading. This is particularly true for those children who are reluctant to read or who are struggling. Andy Robertson from Ask About Games has put together a great little selection of games which you can find [HERE](#).*

### **Extra-curricular Clubs for the Summer Term**

The summer is always a busy time and we find that as the weather improves, fewer children wish to participate which does mean that not all clubs on offer are viable. We are offering the following clubs in the summer term:

#### Term 5

Singing for Fun (Y2 upwards)  
Little Movers (Reception and KS1)  
Y6 SATS preparation

#### Term 6

Sewing Club (KS2)  
Cricket Club (KS2)

## **Term 4 Highlights**

### Readathon

A huge 'well done' to everyone who took part in the sponsored read; the children raised an amazing £972.50. 80% of the monies raised will go to charity with the remaining 20% being used to buy reading for pleasure books for school. Mrs Clayton and the Reading Ambassadors are looking forward to deciding what to buy!

### A Visit to Croft Farm

Our Reception class had a wonderful morning at Croft Farm where they met the animals including the newborn lambs and collected the eggs. Thank you to the Genever family for making us so welcome!

### Mothering Sunday Service

Years 3 and 4 delighted us all when they led a service for Mothering Sunday; they read and sang their hearts out in appreciation of their mums.

### Christian Values Project

The whole school has enjoyed exploring what our Christian values mean to us. We celebrated the end of our project with a wonderful celebration in church and the creation of beautiful displays which I hope you enjoyed seeing at the Open Afternoon earlier this week. If you didn't manage to come along, the displays can be seen on the school website in the School Gallery under the Pupils tab.

### School Sport

This term has seen school teams competing in local and district competitions in swimming, football, netball and rugby. Well done to the rugby team who once again won the Stamford and District tournament, and to the netball team who won the district league.

The children have also greatly enjoyed hearing inspirational speakers from Inspire+ including Olympic swimmers Joe Roebuck and Sophie Devonish.

## **Have your Say**

The governors would like to thank all those of you who responded to the parental survey. In response to the outcomes of this survey, we would like to invite parents to join two focus groups in the summer term to discuss the way forward. These groups will focus on two areas: the curriculum

and the school's Christian Vision and Values. These groups will be facilitated by governors and Mrs Simms – further information will be sent out after the Easter break.

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On behalf of everyone at Uffington School, I would like to thank you for all your support over the past term. Term ends tomorrow and we return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher

