



Newsletter 12

Friday 19th April 2024

Updates

I hope you all had a lovely **Easter break**. I do love the summer term; there are so many exciting things for the children to be involved in. Also, a bit of blue sky lifts our spirits, and we begin to plan our 'goodbyes' and 'hellos'.

We have lots of exciting plans this term, so please make sure you make note of the important dates at the very end of this newsletter. We will of course update you with further dates, such as future trips, and other events as and when these have been confirmed.

Thank you to the whole school community for your support during our recent **Ofsted Inspection** on the 26th and 27th March. We were very pleased and proud with the verbal feedback that we received, and we look forward to sharing the outcome with you all once the report has been published. I was blown away with how amazing our children and staff were throughout the two days. They really did the school proud! The report usually takes a couple of months before being published but we will inform you of when this is.

We would also like to say a **huge welcome to all our families** who have been **offered a place at Uffculme Primary**. This is an exciting time for these families, and I cannot wait to meet our new children embarking on their school journey with us. Thank you for choosing Uffculme Primary and trusting us with your precious children – we do not take this privilege and responsibility lightly. You should have received a welcome letter so please do contact the school office if you have not received this information.

I am also delighted to announce that **Alice Hughes will be the Reception teacher in September**. She is incredibly excited by this prospect, and she will make such a great Early Years teacher. Once a decision has been made later this term about teacher placements for September, we will share this with all parents and carers.

Second-hand uniform

This is a reminder that if parents are in need of any second-hand uniform, then they can email the PTFA to request items. Please indicate what you require and the size. The email address is: uffculmeprimaryschoolptfa@gmail.com.

As we are coming to the end of the academic year, if you do have any good-quality uniform that no longer fits or is no longer required, please do donate these to the PTFA so that we keep our second-hand uniform stocked up.

Free School Meal Entitlement

We are mindful of the pressures facing families during this period of rising costs of living. If your financial or living circumstances have changed, your children may be entitled to Free School Meals. Parents/Carers can make applications for free school meals online through the Devon Citizens Portal [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal). If your application is approved, your child will receive free school meals during term time, and you may be eligible for additional support during the holidays with supermarket vouchers. If you have any other questions about free school meals, your eligibility, or how to apply, please contact the school office on admin@uffculmeprimary.bep.ac

Pre-School Consultation

You should have received a letter regarding the potential integration of Uffculme Pre-School with the primary school. If not, please see below for further details:

Uffculme Primary School is working with Uffculme Pre-school with a view to the pre-school provision becoming part of the school. This should enable us to improve transition arrangements for our children and provide the pre-school with additional educational and business support through the school and the Trust.

Both the Pre-School, and the Primary School, feel this would be such a positive step forward and can only impact the children positively.

In order to do this, Uffculme Primary School need to seek permission from the Department for Education (DfE) to change the age range for the school to include younger children (from 2 years old). Before applying for this change, we would like to ensure that this would be supported by our community and would welcome your views using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qDLGDETHzk>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this consultation. We would appreciate responses by the 22nd May 2024.

Yours sincerely,
Fraser Wallace
HEADTEACHER

Diary Dates

APRIL		
Tuesday 23 rd		Open Classrooms
MAY		
Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday – No school
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th		KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)
Friday 24 th May		Ambition Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024 - Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Wednesday 5 th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Tuesday 11 th	1:30pm	1 st EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 12 th	3:45pm	Summer Music Concert
Saturday 15 th	11am – 3pm	PTFA Summer Fete
Tuesday 18 th	1:30pm	2 nd EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th		Year 4 Residential - Kilve
JULY		
Monday 1 st	2pm	KS2 Production Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 2 nd	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 3 rd	5:30PM	KS2 Evening Performance (The Venue)
Thursday 4 th	All Day	Sports Day (Uffculme School)
Friday 5 th	All day	Mix Festival (KS2 only)
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th		Year 6 Residential – Charter House
Friday 12 th		Summer Reports sent home
Thursday 18 th	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on field (for Year 6 only)
Friday 19 th		Last day of term
Monday 22nd July Summer Holidays		

