



Uffington Church of England Primary School

"Everyone Matters"
Love, Honesty, Courage



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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs Bradbury

It is wonderful for me to be back at school. Thank you to everyone who sent kind wishes, and to the staff and governors who did a super job in my absence.

As you know, this summer term will be different owing to the national situation. Schools have been asked not to organise gatherings and events such as sports day, however we are waiting for updated information to be sent out hopefully next week by the Department for Education/OCC. I will update you as soon as possible. We are trying to organise sports and drama workshops for each class in their own bubbles so that the children still enjoy their summer term. Having begun work on risk assessing it, we will be going ahead with Founder's Day on 21st July at 11am in church, with several modifications. This will be for Year 6 parents only and will be socially distanced. Final details will be available soon. We have got some ideas lined up for our leavers so that we can make the experience as memorable as possible.

As we are now experiencing gorgeous summer weather, can I remind you to apply sun cream to your child before school and to send them in with a sun hat and water - thank you.

Whole School News



Next week's puzzle piece is:
Can express how they feel when change happens.

Message from the PTA



Treat Friday is back this week with a delicious selection of:

Ice creams £1

Sweet cones £1.50

Drinks £1

You'll also be able to grab a bargain if your kids need any school uniform to get them through to the end of the year and beyond!

There's a big selection of uniform that will be available in the playground after school this Friday.

We're asking for a voluntary contribution to help towards the £2k target.

Thanks to everyone who ordered a Father's Day gift box. It will be available in the playground on the 18th June, but if you would like it earlier just drop me (Lisa Warden) a message.

More details to follow soon about how much has been raised so far.

Many thanks

The PTA



Class news & other bits

White Horse

Reception's attendance for the last week of term 5 was 95.33%.

We have started our new topic this week 'Bears' and the children have been very interested in the bear facts! We have already made bear caves and designed our own 'glitzy' teddy bears! Due to the nice weather, we have been able to get our small collection of soft play mats out and children have been making up games to get from one cushion to another! Please can all children have: Sun Cream on before school, a sun hat (named) and a large water bottle. We have been encouraging the children to drink lots over the last few days to keep them hydrated, and the tree in the outside area has come into it's prime, making lots of shade for the children to play under out of the sun. Please send reading bags back in and I will make sure books are available ASAP for the children to read.

Ridgeway

Ridgeway's attendance for the last week of term 5 was 96%.

Welcome Back! It has been lovely to hear about the relaxing half term week Ridgeway have had. This week in maths we have introduced capacity and volume. We have been investigating whether or not the biggest container always has the biggest capacity and had lots of fun measuring with water. We have also been measuring how many 'cups' it takes to fill different containers and used this to compare capacity and volume.

In English we are enjoying our new text, Grandad's Island. We loved looking through Grandad's suitcase for some clues to what kind of character Grandad is. After reading the beginning of the story, we then have been describing Grandad's attic, writing in the first person as the character Syd.

In Geography we are continuing to use our map skills to identify places in our local area. We have been using a map of Uffington to plan a route from school to the park. Thinking about the names of roads and features that we would need to go past.

Homework will be put up on Google Classroom on Friday and consist of the usual spellings, reading and maths.



Dragon

Dragon's attendance for the last week of term 5 was 83.60%.

Welcome back! It seems that the last term of the year has brought the summer with it which has been very welcome. We've taken full advantage of the improvement in the weather to undertake some fabulous outdoor learning. At the start of the week the children learnt all about branching diagrams using liquorice allsorts. They then took these skills straight outside and used them to identify insects which they found on the field. Our intrepid naturalists found some fantastic creatures including a Ground Beetle. However, our outdoor learning doesn't stop there. As I write this I have my fingers crossed that the sun is still shining on Thursday morning as we hope to be able to view the partial solar eclipse using our own pinhole cameras.

With all this fine weather, and our hope to get out as much as possible can you please make sure you send your child in with a hat, sun cream and a water bottle.

Homework:

Children should continue to complete their Doodle Apps daily and read 5 times a week.

Please keep working on times tables.

Wayland

Wayland's attendance for the last week of term 5 was 92.86%.

What a lovely sunny way to begin this half term! Wayland took advantage of the sunny weather to move our design research outside and investigated some automata (moving toys) that use cam mechanisms. The children started to identify the cams and studied what the movement was depending on the shape of the cam - we will use this research to help make our own moving toys in the next few weeks. We also began our investigation into the Galapagos islands, to find out what was so special about these islands for Charles Darwin. Did you know there are 127 islands that make up the Galapagos Islands and we discovered one was called "Beagle"! In maths, we began to investigate volume, learning how to use cubed centimetres to calculate volume and the formula for calculating the volume of a cuboid. This term in our jigsaw unit, we will be investigating the changes year 5 and 6 children need to think about and how to ensure they maintain their self-esteem.

Because it is possible that we will be outdoors more, could your children please come to school with a sun hat, wearing sun lotion and a bottle of water - there is not a huge amount of shade on the playground!



Whole School

Safeguarding

OCC are advising parents to check children's usage of Tik Tok owing to some posts.

School Lunch Menu

Week dates have been added to the school lunch menu to make it easier to follow.

The menu is available to view on the school website.

Year 6's Transferring to FCC

All children who have requested a place at the FCC Summer School have been allocated one. Any new messages and information will be on the FCC website under 'News and Events', Summer School 2021.

Singing Club

A new singing club is running after school on Wednesdays during term time at 3.15pm to 4pm in St Mary's church.

It is initially for children in Years 5 & 6.

If you are interested, please email

Rev. Jeremy Goulston:

info@uffingtonbenefice.com

Please include the following details:

Your name and the name of your child/ren.

Contact details and who will be collecting your child/ren or if they have permission to walk home afterwards.

iRock

iRock in-school rock band lessons are available to book. Please follow the links below for further information and how to enrol.

[Letter for Parents](#)

[Enrol on the iRock Website](#)

[Parent Brochure](#)

Brass Lessons

In-school Brass lessons are available to book.

For further information and to book please

contact Sara Wallbridge Music Tuition at

sjwallbridge@outlook.com

Please remember all letters sent home are available to view on the school website.

We are a nut free school.

Please do not send your child to school with any food products containing nuts.