



# Uffington Church of England Primary School

"Everyone Matters"  
Love, Honesty, Courage



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## Newsletter

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### Note from Mrs Bradbury

I must start this week by saying how proud I am of everyone! Some of the work done by the children has been fantastic. I have really enjoyed receiving Italian classwork back and think that some people will be fluent by the time they return to school! I have also loved responding to your comments about assembly - most of all it was reading a comment posted by Elsie congratulating others for being nominated for the Headteacher award which I felt summed up our school values of "everyone matters" and therefore we celebrate others achievements.

The teachers have been thrilled by some of the lovely comments you have sent in about the online lessons - thank you! They have asked if I could remind you to read the timetables so that you know what is happening each day and to not panic over the amount of work completed - we know that you are all doing your best and juggling a lot. We have a very limited supply of laptops, some of which we have already loaned out and have asked the DfE to supply us with some more, however they are currently only able to offer us four devices. If you are in dire need of a laptop/chrome book, please email me directly. We can also print out any work for families who are struggling, again please email the school office.

I have also taken part in meetings this week to encourage the reintroduction of food vouchers for families in need of support. The DfE has today emailed to say they are hoping to re-establish these next week. If you think you might qualify please email the school office.

Here in school, the staff are working really hard every day and as always are putting the children first. As I am sure you have seen in the news, most schools have more pupils in school in this lockdown than the previous one. We have had to make carefully considered operational decisions to ensure that we are supporting our critical workers, especially those in the medical profession, whilst being mindful of health and safety considerations, when offering places. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally please do not forget to reply to the school office about your preferred method of communication. Although I am not seeing all of you at the moment, you are very much in my thoughts. I hope that you have a good rest of the week.

### Whole School News



Next week's puzzle piece is:  
Keep trying even when it is difficult.

### Recommended by the DfE and PHE

#### **Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home**

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. We hope it helps in some way.

Please click the link below:

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_issue\\_7\\_digital211220](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220)

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Stay safe, The Family First Team



# Class news & other bits

## White Horse

Well done to everyone! You are all working so hard, mummies, daddies, grandparents and children!  
Please do not get stressed about the work. Just do what you can when you can!  
Some examples of some lovely pirate work from last week!



## Ridgeway

This week, remotely, Ridgeway class have been using the book 'Lost and Found', by Oliver Jeffers, as a stimulus for writing different sentence types. We have been helping Percy the Penguin write question and exclamation sentences about different parts of the story. We have been great at using the correct punctuation mark and have even been applying this to correct Percy's mistakes for him!



In Maths, Year 2 children have been looking at multiplication by using arrays to represent multiplication sentences. We have been finding creative ways at home to learn. Year 1 children have been consolidating place value, looking at the ten's and one's which make up numbers within 20 and beyond.



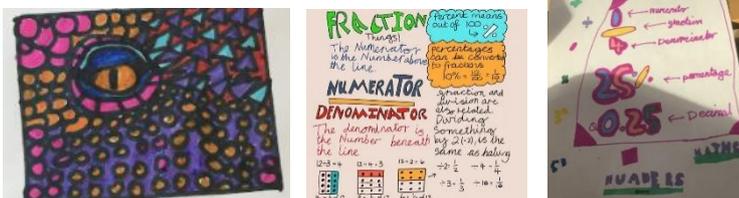
## Dragon

I want to start with saying just how proud I am of all of Dragon Class. They have all thrown themselves into the remote learning and their enthusiasm and have a go attitude has been admirable. They haven't let learning at home stop them and they have been very busy focusing on multiplication skills in Maths. In English they have been investigating our new text Stone Age Boy and I have been very impressed with the book reviews and story maps they have turned in. I also really enjoyed our drama work as we stepped through the story on Wednesday. Who knew you could do drama on a video call!



## Wayland

It has been amazing to see how well you adapted to the online learning and the effort you are all making in your home-learning. It is fantastic to be able to see you every day even for a little while and find out how you are all doing. Last week, I had some wonderful Arabian tile designs, some great Arabian stories and lots of fabulous maths work. I have attached pictures of some lovely work I have seen this week.



## Whole School

### Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Save the Children and the Christmas hamper competition.

**In total we raised a huge sum of £166.80 which will all be donated to Save the Children.**

### Reception Admission

#### September 2021

**The closing date for Reception applications is tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

(Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2016 & 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2017)

**Apply on-line at:**

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

### Breakfast Club - Term 3

All bookings have been cancelled and payments have been credited to SchoolMoney accounts.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

#### Uffington Primary School

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Teaching Assistant. The post is initially a one-year temporary contract. Please use the link below to view the advert, job description and personal specification on the school website:

<https://www.uffingtonprimary.org/vacancies.html>

**Closing date for applications is today, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### School Money Accounts

We kindly request that parents check their SchoolMoney accounts and pay any arrears.

**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.**