



Uffington Church of England Primary School

"Everyone Matters"
Love, Honesty, Courage



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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs Bradbury

In this, our final newsletter for this academic year I would like to praise and thank the staff, children, governors and all of you for your support and efforts in making this year a success despite the pandemic. As you will see from our upcoming events in the next few days and the video which will be online on Monday - the children have coped brilliantly and produced some beautiful work. Thanks too to our fabulous PTA who continue to raise money in order to benefit every child.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Rob Hart as Chair of governors this term. For the past few years he has volunteered a great deal of time to support the schools strategic vision and direction. Our thanks to him. Updates regarding our governing body will be available in September.

As Founder's Day this year is strictly limited to Year 6 families only, I am pleased to share with you the results of our annual awards for the other year groups. The John Little award is given to two Year 6 pupils and two Year 2 pupils who have given something extra to others in school e.g. Voluntarily supporting others at break time, demonstrating our school values. The winners from Year 2 are: Amelie Warden and James Jenkins.

Annual Reading award winners from nursery to Year 5 are: Florence, Belle, Kasper, Katie M, Edward W, Maggie and Danyal.

The White Horse writing award winners from nursery to Year 5 are: Elin, Lily-Rose, Maisie, Vianne, Patrick, Leo and Imogen.

Just for this year, we also introduced a politeness award. The winners from nursery to Year 5 are: Sarah, Callum, Jack, Avril, Imogen C, Jack G, Dominic.

All prizes will be handed out next week and I have told the children today - well done to everyone!

I hope that all of you, have a well-deserved, super summer break. Good luck to our dear Year sixes - I am sure that you will flourish at your new schools. I look forward very much to welcoming everyone else back in September.

Whole School News

Wednesday 21st July

Please note that term ends for all classes at 1pm on the last day of term.

School opens on Thursday 2nd September
(Wednesday 1st September is an INSET Day)

Messages from the PTA

Wow, wow, wow! What a fantastic **Break the Rules Day!**

Thanks to all our lovely rule breakers,
we raised an impressive **£346!**

It was really great to see the kids so excited and we loved seeing some seriously crazy hair styles. It wouldn't have been possible without you, so thank you for supporting the day. We're well on our way to achieving our goal to pay for the Christmas trip!



PTA Treat Friday is back again tomorrow for the last time selling a delicious selection of ice creams in the playground after school.

Cash only and social distancing measures apply.



Have a great weekend everyone.

Sports Day

Tomorrow, Friday 16th July

An information email has been sent to parents via Teacher2Parents.

Please remember to apply sun cream/sun hats. Please make sure that your child has enough water for the day.

Any queries please contact the school office.

The PTA have kindly bought ice lollies for all the children to enjoy after their Sports Day.

Ingredient lists have been sent to children with allergies. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Class news & other bits

White Horse

Reception's attendance for last week was 96%.

We have had another great week in Whitehorse Class! We have been preparing for Sports Day and we have been discussing our Teddy Bear's Picnic!

For Sports Day, please can ALL CHILDREN have: a sun hat, sun cream applied before school, 2 drinks (1 for class and lunch and 1 for Sports Day!) I think it is going to be hot so please dress the children in as little as you can! The Teddy Bear's Picnic is on Tuesday 20th July and Kyle (Our fabulous Uffington Cook) is going to make lots of cheese and ham sandwiches.

Please can you sign up for a contribution of food for the Teddy Bear's Picnic? The board will be out until Monday afternoon. Please make sure you don't forget your favourite teddy bear on Tuesday 20th! Please bring food in either on Monday or Tuesday Morning. Please return all reading books tomorrow, I will not be changing reading books from now on.

I just want to say a big thank you to all parents/carers for their support this year. It has been tough at times and we all have pulled together to try and give the children an education that they deserve. I believe they will all be fabulous in Year one and Miss Keen is a very skilled and competent teacher. The children have had a visit from her and a story and they all loved her. I know this seems silly but it makes me happy that they will progress and flourish with her. What's even better, I can poke my head through the window and see how they are getting on!

Have a lovely, restful half term and although we are losing reception, I will be gaining nursery as my reception children, and they are all little stars in the making! I can't wait for you all to start back in reception in your uniform! Be Safe! Love the Foundation Team x

Ridgeway

Ridgeway's attendance for last week was 96.98%.

This week in Ridgeway Class we have been reflecting on our seaside topic and our work in English. We have loved sharing our work with each other and reading it aloud to the class. In RE we have thought about the bible stories we already know and have been thinking about why they are important to us today. The story of Joseph and Zacheaus teach us an important lesson about forgiveness and remind us it's never too late to change for the better. We have also been practising ready for Sports Day, which has been lovely in the sunny weather!

There is no homework this week, however please remember that Google Classroom will be unavailable to use during the Summer Holiday. If there are any helpful resources under the KS1 help section, then download and save them before the end of term. Phonics and handwriting is a great thing to keep practising so that children develop/keep good habits!

Thank you for all your continued support in what has been a strange year! We are excited to see you all on Friday for Sports Day!

Dragon

Dragon's attendance for last week was 95.20%.

This week has flown by! We can't believe that it is the last full week of the academic year already. Since our last newsletter we have had a Stagecoach workshop and we all had a go at drama work, singing and dancing all based on Disney's Aladdin. In our writing this week we have been focusing on writing our Founder's Day letters which has led to a lot of reminiscing about all the different things we have been up to. Our Iron Age topic day was definitely a highlight of the year as was the PTA's break the rules day. Not only that, we have been writing scripts and filming which we will be sharing with you next week and of course we have also been practising for Sport's Day. It has really been a very busy week.



Wayland

Wayland's attendance for last week was 98.93%.

So we are heading to the end of term and we have been working hard to complete our moving toys, ready to evaluate; we had great fun decorating the habitats for the animals! The focus mostly this week has been on coping with transition (exploring and investigating new secondary schools for the year 6, thinking about our personal learning targets for next year) and our Founder's Day preparations: the banner is complete, the children have rehearsed what they want to say and we are looking forward to sharing our work with you - an email has been sent out to explain what the children need to bring on the last day. It looks as though the weather is going to improve, so please make sure children have sun hats and apply sunscreen.

Finally, I would like to say, thank you for all your support this year and have a wonderful summer!

Whole School

Breakfast Club - Term 1

Breakfast Club sessions are now available to book online for Term 1 in September. Because COVID guidance has changed we have been able to increase places from 10 to 24 for each session.

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Wayland - w/c 13th to 17th September

Dragon - w/c 20th to 24th September

Ridgeway - 27th September to 1st October

If you have not already done so, please complete the online permission form as soon as possible.

Any queries please contact the school office.

Payments can be made in instalments on SchoolMoney.

Oxfordshire Adult Learning

A new prospectus is available for courses starting in September 2021.

For more information and to enrol:

<https://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/part-time-evening/>

Tel: 01235 216400

Stagecoach

Summer Workshops

Please see the Parents Information Board and the link below for various workshops running during August.

www.stagecoach.co.uk/faringdon#workshops

iRock

iRock in-school rock band lessons are now taking bookings for September.

For more information and to book please refer to the September sign-up letter on the school website.

School Money Accounts

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

School Dinners need to be paid for in advance.

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.