



# 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 have several updates for you this week. Most exciting is that the Department for Education has said that sports days can go ahead! We shall therefore be holding our sports day on **Friday 16th July**. Obviously it will be run differently from previous years. Each class will have a set time for their sports day, so that we can maintain bubbles. Each pupil will be allowed 2 adults only to attend. You will each need to complete a Covid form in order to attend, these will be sent home nearer the time and you will need to bring completed forms with you in order to enter the school field. We are allowed a group of 30 adults per year group so long as social distancing is maintained. More information to follow later. The sports day sessions will run as follows:

**Dragon class:** 9.05am to 9.45am

**White Horse class:** 10am to 10.45am

**Ridgeway class:** 13.15pm to 14.00pm

**Wayland class:** 14.15pm to 15.00pm

Other dates coming up for the children are that each class will have a World sports coaching session, learning to play a sport from another continent, these will be on 2nd and 5th July. On 9th July we welcome back Stagecoach who will provide each class bubble with a drama workshop.

Today, we are sending out our annual parent questionnaire. Your views matter to us and we hope that by sending it in this new online format, it will be more accessible and quicker for you to complete. The staff team and I, look forward to reading your responses and comments. Please use the following link to access the form:

<https://schoolwork.space/T/DGkDL78nD6ekmFDUT2>

Finally, in one of my assemblies this week, I talked to the children about the importance of manners, politeness and kindness. We have decided that at the end of term, one pupil from each year group who has made the most effort to demonstrate these will win an amazon voucher.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

### Whole School News



**Next week's puzzle piece is:**  
**Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves.**

### Messages from the PTA



**REMINDER** - There is no Treat Friday this week, however **Father's Day gift boxes** will be available for collection in the playground after school.

If you haven't already, please make payment to the PTA bank account before Friday or bring cash.

**Thanks again to those who ordered a gift box.**

**NOTICE** - **Please hold on to any old clothes instead of taking them to charity shops/bins.**

We can raise money towards our target through a charity called 'Bag 2 School': <http://www.bag2school.com/> They will collect our old clothes, weigh them and pay for them! Hold on to any old clothes and bring them to school in black bin liners in the morning on the **22nd September**.

They will collect good quality items for RE-USE:  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets, bed linen, curtains, towels, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

**Look out for more details nearer the time.**



# Class news & other bits

## White Horse

**Reception's attendance for last week was 100%.**

We have had a really wet and wild week in Whitehorse Class! The children have continued to be fascinated with facts about bears. We have made beds for bears and a suitcase for bears. We have also collaged a bear with lots of different fabric! Outside we have had so much fun with the water trays and the hose! The children have had water fights and all sorts! We have washed babies and put the washing out on the clothes line! We have enjoyed our soft play cushions and have built obstacle courses and dens for bears! Thank you for your cooperation with sun hats and sun cream. We have made sure all children with a hat and sun cream have had it applied. The children have been drinking more so we have made sure their water bottles are topped up!

## Ridgeway

**Ridgeway's attendance for last week was 93.33%.**

This week in Ridgeway class we have been exploring weight and mass, using the balance scales. We have been measuring how heavy objects are using cubes to balance the scales and have even been comparing different objects to find out which one is the heaviest /lightest. In History, we looked at different sources of information and used them to 'prove' some of facts that had been written about Grace Darling. As historians, we were critical about some of the sources, thinking about how much they could be trusted, or how they made Grace seem braver. In English, Mrs Fowler and I have been blown away by the children's descriptive language about Grandad's Island. We have used the pictures in the story to describe the island using "wow words". The children have used so many exciting adverbs and adjectives and will then be applying their ideas to writing a setting description for the Island later in the week. Our Jigsaw assembly this week was all about being unique and celebrating each other's differences. It was lovely to hear the children say what makes them special but also think about our friends and say what we think is special about others. It was a lovely moment, where everyone in the class felt special and glad to be different!

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

## Dragon

**Dragon's attendance for last week was 93.50%.**

Sadly, it is Miss Robert's last day with us today. We're really going to miss having her in class with us. She's certainly kept us all busy in her last week though. In English she has had us creating a final published copy of our animal encyclopaedia. In maths our focus has been on turns and angles and we've been focusing on vocabulary such as clockwise, anticlockwise and the compass points. We have made angle eaters and been on an angle hunt. We have even taken our learning outside and have been following directions from our friends to practice our Maths skills. In art Miss Robert's has been helping us do close observational drawings and helping us to develop our shading skills. As I said we really are going to miss her.

**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 last week was 98.21%.**

This week, in our design unit we investigated the different movements created by different cams thinking about the animals they could represent; we also learned how to use hacksaws safely to cut to the nearest millimetre of a measure for our framework. The year sixes began to put together their banner idea. We have started a unit on algebra and the children learned how function machines can be linked to maths sentences and how we can use them to look at inverse functions. In English, we are using our writing skills to learn how to write atmospheric fact files about habitats and animals in preparation for our writing to link to the moving toy project. Charles Darwin continues to be a focus for our work in science, and we are beginning to look at how children can inherit features and traits from their parents; the children created some very interesting offspring for the Mr Men and little Misses!

**Homework is on the Google Homework page for Wayland - I would ask the children to do a Doodle Maths and English activity every work day and to practise their spellings.**



## Whole School

### Tempest Photographs

Tempest Photography order and payment envelopes have been sent home with children.

If you would like to order through school please return your order envelope by next **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** at the latest ready for collection the following day.

### Wild World Heroes

#### **Summer Reading Challenge 2021**

Children can take part in the challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> September. This year the challenge is celebrating nature. Children are encouraged to read at least six library books and as they read, they collect stickers and rewards. If they complete the challenge, they will be rewarded with a Wild World Hero medal, certificate and keyring and this year will be entered into a countywide prize draw.

For ideas of books to read, games to play, competitions and more children can visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

For further information please visit:

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

### Rebecca Rabbit

A Rebecca Rabbit soft toy has been handed into the school office. It was found in the village by a parent. If you know who it belongs to please contact the school office.

### Stagecoach

Please see the link below for the **Summer Term Parent Portal**. This is a 'one stop shop' for all information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/summer2021parentportal/summer-2021-route-to-reopening>

**Summer Holiday Workshop now available to book:**

[www.stagecoach.co.uk/faringdon#workshops](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/faringdon#workshops)

### TikTok

Please be aware of a potentially life threatening trend circulating on TikTok which involves tiny magnet balls which are sold as 'creative toys' but can be easily swallowed. Please see the NHS link below which highlights the dangers:

[NHS England > Dangers of children swallowing magnets prompts NHS call for ban](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dangers-of-children-swallowing-magnets/)

**We are a nut free school.**

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