



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Well done Year 6

Well done to all the children in Year 6 – they have worked their socks off this week. We are all very proud of their positive attitude towards their SATs and the determination they have displayed throughout the week.

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Moses

Parents you are invited to join us for this special “Open the Book” performance as part of Mission Week. Members of the Open the Book team will retell the story of Moses with the children bringing it to life. If you would like to pop in and join us we will be starting at 10.30am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – it would be lovely to see you!

## Lost Property

Please, please, please make sure that all your child’s uniform is labelled. This way it can be returned to its owner if it gets lost. If you accidentally have someone else’s uniform at home then please return it to school as soon as possible.

## Handwashing

We have spoken to the children about the importance of handwashing as we have had a few bugs going round the school. Please can you remind them of this at home as well to reinforce this important message!



## Scooter Safety

It is wonderful to see so many children scooting and biking to school however this means that the scooter and bike rack are very full! We are exploring ways to increase the storage at school so that it is easier for children to leave their bikes and scooters but in the meantime please can you support children to put their bikes and scooters away sensibly, especially the younger children.



There have been occasions this week where members of the public have spoken to the school because they are worried about the safety of children from our school out scooting. Children have been scooting very dangerously in the middle of roads and using the speed bumps as ramps. I have spoken to the children in school about safety but please can you ensure that you talk to your children about the importance of scooting and biking safely.



## Co-op

Friends of the School is one of the community projects supported by Coop for the next few months. So far over £500 has been raised for the school by people shopping at Coop. If you do not have a Coop membership card yet then please sign up for one and nominate us as the community project you wish to support – it's really easy! Then when you shop at coop, show your card at the checkout and the school can receive 1%. We are currently raising money for a class set of I pads to support learning in school.

## Internet Safety

The school has recently been alerted to a case a 10 year old using the website 'Omegle.' Omegle is a free social networking site which uses the strapline 'Talk to Strangers'.

Police advice is that this site is **not appropriate** for anyone under the age of 18 and there is no benefit to any child or Young Person using this as there are many other sites, more commonly used and much safer for chatting to people.



The internet is a huge part of young people's lives so it is important that we take an interest, just as we do with their activities in the real world. It is also worth being mindful that parental controls alone are not a solution and it is still important to talk to children and young people about their online safety.

The web can be a fantastic place for children and young people to socialise, explore their interests and learn, but as this case shows every parent needs be aware that there are risks too and communication is key in protecting children from online exploitation. Teaching children internet safety is a key part of our curriculum and together with parents we need to support and educate children so they can be safe. If you have any questions or would like further information then please contact the school.

## Look out for a Parental Questionnaire coming home tonight

### A message from the Governing Body

As you are aware Uppingham Community College and Uppingham CofE have been working hard this year to establish a Multi Academy Trust which would benefit the students at both of our two schools. To complete the process, permission has to be given by two organisations: the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Diocesan Board of Education. Changes to the policy of Peterborough Diocese mean that this permission can no longer be granted to schools who wish to join a MAT run by a non-Church organisation. The Diocese and the RSC have also stated that they require MATs to contain more than two schools, ideally with a student numbers in excess of 1500. Therefore it has become clear that is no longer possible to create a MAT between UCC and our school. This does not stop our two schools working together in other ways, however, and we both are committed to maintaining the excellent collaboration we already enjoy into the future.

The factors which made the Governing Body look for a formal partnership with other schools have not changed. However, Uppingham CofE remains too small to thrive alone in today's educational world. We are therefore very pleased to announce that we are already actively pursuing an alternative partnership with the Rutland Learning Trust, a highly-successful and established MAT of church primary schools in Rutland. More information, and further consultation, will come very soon.

Best wishes,

## Term 5 and Term 6 - Diary Dates

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.30 Open the Book – Moses</b> Parents you are invited to join us for this special Open the Book performance as part of Mission Week.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Woodpeckers and Owls trip to <b>Kidzania</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>First day of term 6</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Badgers class visiting <b>Leicester Botanical Gardens</b> . Please see letter sent home for further information.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Class Photos</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Rabbits Class <b>Collective Worship to parents</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Strawberry Fayre</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>2.45 New Parents Meeting</b> for children who will be starting school with us in September.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Induction Day</b> <b>U.C.C. Induction Day</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Badgers Class <b>Collective Worship to parents</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Sports Day</b> Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers in the morning with a whole school picnic lunch outside with parents. Foxes, Rabbits, Woodpeckers, Owls in the afternoon. Timing and more information will be sent out nearer the time.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Squirrels Class <b>Collective Worship to parents</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>French Day</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>2pm Leavers Service at Church</b> – please join us as we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils and look back on the year.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school</b>