

Uppingham Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic half term break with your children and families. The children have all been telling me about their holiday adventures. It is lovely to be back at work and I am looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Only 52 days until Christmas!

The children have all been working very hard this week and I have been delighted that Oliver and Ti'Enna came to share their work with me, earning them a star on the Wall of Fame. I look forward to seeing more children this term and celebrating their achievements. Remember if you have any amazing achievements at home that your child would like to share please bring them in for Celebration Assembly on Friday.



Open Morning

We are holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 8th November for parents of children interested in Pre School or who are starting school in September 2018. More information can be found in the advert below so please pass this message on to any of your friends and family who may be interested.

Starting school in September 2018?
Looking for a Pre-School place?

Uppingham C of E Primary School
and Stepping Stones Pre-School

Open Morning

Wednesday 8th November 2017
9.30 – 12.00



Tours of the school
available between
9.30 - 10.30 and
11.00 - 12.00

**Come and see our school in action.
There will be a chance to meet children, staff and
governors during your visit.
We look forward to seeing you!**

Letters and messages

We believe that it is important for children to build their independence at school and take on appropriate responsibility for themselves. Please can you support this by ensuring that any letters and slips are brought to school by your child, who will then give them to the class teacher to go to the office. Class teachers will remind children to check their bags and with your reminder in the morning I am sure they will remember.

If you have a quick message for your child's class teacher please ensure you are on the playground with enough time to have a quick word when they come out to collect their class. This way messages can get straight to the adult who needs to know.

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School work incredibly hard to raise funds for the school and they are very, very close to their target for buying a set of ipads for supporting learning in school. The AGM is being held on Thursday, 9th November after school in the Happy Hideaway, if you have a spare few minutes then please come along.



Staffing news

Congratulations to Mrs Chiverton who gave birth to Hannah at the end of last term. She is having a wonderful time getting to know the latest addition to the family!

Mrs Simpson is also expecting and has begun her maternity leave this term. We are very pleased that Mrs Goatley will be covering her day in Squirrels Class. The children already know Mrs Goatley as she teaches in Rabbits on a Thursday and Friday and has been working with Squirrels for shared reading.

Parent Pay

Please can you check your Parent Pay accounts and ensure that any outstanding debts are paid off in full. Remember Foxes Class you have to pay for school lunches now, as children are only entitled for Universal Free School Meals in Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers class (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1).



Donation of Old Coats

One of our parents Mrs Dalby is collecting any unwanted coats to donate to a homeless charity. If you have any good condition adults or children's coats that you would like to go to a good home then please bring them into the school office and we will pass them on.

Owls Class Visit to Oakham Museum

What a fabulous way to start to our topic this term – 'An Unknown Journey' - by visiting Oakham Museum for a morning all about 'Life on the Home Front' during WW2. The children experienced a hands on approach to learning, which engaged them and stimulated their interest for our topic. Owls class learnt about the role of the ARP warden and what they needed to do if the air raid siren went off. They were also tasked with the job of spending their 48 clothing coupons for the year; there were some interesting combinations and many of the boys thought 1 piece of underwear would be enough for the year! Gas masks and identify cards were made as well as exploring the museum on a treasure hunt, finding out the different farming equipment the Women's Land Army would of used.



As can be seen from the Sporting News it is a very busy period for our school teams. Please can you check that any school sports kit (shirts, shorts or socks) is returned to school as soon as possible once it has been washed.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

J. Exton
Headteacher

Sporting news from Mr Heyworth



Boys' Football Tournament – 10th October 2017

The boys' Year 5 and 6 football teams competed in the second round of the Rutland Boys' Football League on Tuesday 10th October. Uppingham 1 captained by Charlie and including Freddy, Ivo, Greg, Alex, Ben, Callum, Ryan and Zach played their first match against Great Casterton. The match was very closely fought with some great saves by Greg and some telling shots from the forwards. Unfortunately, Great Casterton were able to score a couple of times and the game ended in a 2-0 loss. The second game against St Nicholas saw the team competing against one of the strongest teams in the competition. Despite battling to the end the team lost 6-1. Freddie salvaging the teams pride with a great goal. The team's final game of the competition was against Hallaton. Putting their lost games behind them the team came out battling. Two goals by Alex and one by Ben saw the team conclude their competition with a great win. All the boys should be very proud of their efforts and the sportsmanship they displayed.

The school's other team, Uppingham 2, was captained by Hali and included Freddie, Oliver, Joshua, Charlie, Harvey, Shay, Thomas, George and Fin. The team's first opponents were Langham. Langham had a strong team and the boys had to battle to stay in the match. George, who had moved out of goal, proved to be a real asset scoring a 'scorcher' of a goal. However, Langham held on and eventually won the match by two goals. The team's second match was against Brooke Hill. This was a very close fought match with Charlie and George both scoring. George's goal being witnessed by our other team as they passed the opposition's net on their way to watch the match! The team's heroics were not enough to prevent Brooke Hill scoring the decisive goal to win the game 3-2.

Both teams should be very proud of their achievements and the spirit in which they played the matches – well done boys!

Boys' Football Tournament – 31st October 2017

Our Uppingham 2 team completed their final pool matches of the Rutland Boys' Football League on Tuesday 31st October. The team faced strong opposition from English Martyrs and Bringhurst. All the boys played really well but were unable to overcome two very skilful teams. Harvey's performance, in goal, was noteworthy and was an example of not giving up when things get really tough – well done Harvey!

Boys' Football Tournament – Next Matches Tuesday 21st November

Both Uppingham 1 and Uppingham 2 now have a few weeks off before the finals of the Rutland Boys' Football League which will be held at UCC on 21st November 2017. Details of the matches and timings will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Tag Rugby Clubs

The Tag Rugby Clubs continue after school on Mondays (Year 5/6) and Tuesdays (Year 3/4). New members are very welcome – contact Mr Heyworth.

Mile Club

We are starting a 'Mile Club' on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. The aim of the club is to encourage children to walk or run a mile during their lunchtime. Children can only complete one mile during each session and will be awarded certificates when they have covered 10, 20 and 30 miles. Because the 'track' is partly on the field children must wear trainers or old shoes during the winter months. All the children have been told about the club and we are looking forward to large numbers taking part.

Girls' Football Tournament – Next Matches Tuesday 14th November

The final matches for the Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team will be held at UCC on Tuesday 14th November 2017. Details of the matches and timings will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Diary Dates

Monday 6th November **Family and Individual Photos – 8.30am onwards**

On Monday the children will be having their individual and family photos taken. If you have a younger sibling who is not at school and would like a group photo, then please come to the main entrance at 8.30am. Throughout the morning the children will have their photos taken and as soon as the proofs come back we will send them home for you to look at.

Wednesday 8th November **Open Morning 9.30 – 12.00**

Tours of the school available between 9.30 – 10.30 and 11.00 – 12.00

Friday 10th November African Drumming Day

Friday 17th November Children in Need

We will be raising money in school for Children in Need.



Friday 24th November



FOS Film Night – Doors Open at 5.50pm

Film starts at 6.00pm

We will be showing 'The Trolls'

Wednesday 29th November **Bags 2 School Collection – 9.30am**

Your child will be bringing home a Bags2School bag with them next week. Please fill it with any clothes, shoes or bags that you no longer need and bring it back to school on 29th November. All the donations are then collected, sorted out and recycled in an ethical way.



Tuesday 5th December **Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers Christmas Production – 2pm and 6pm**
'A Home of our Own'

Order your tickets nearer the time to come and see a wonderful Christmas production.

Friday 8th December **Christmas Fayre – 3.40pm – 4.30pm**

Get ready for Christmas by joining us at our Christmas Fayre where the children will be selling Christmas craft items they have made to raise money for the school.

Friday 15th December



Disco – organised by The Friends of the School

5.00 - 5.45 Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers

6.00 – 7.00 Foxes, Rabbits, Woodpeckers and Owls

Please come along for a dance, remember all money raised goes towards the school.

Monday 18th December **Christmas Carol Service – 2.00pm**

Please come and join us at church as we celebrate Christmas with carols and readings.

Tuesday 19th December Last day of Term 2