



Uffculme School Newsletter

Summer 2021

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Farewells & New Beginnings

As always, the summer term is a time for endings and new beginnings. Getting ready to greet new pupils in September and wishing 'good luck' to pupils in Yrs 6, 11 and 13 who are moving on to new horizons.

We also say farewell to two very much valued and long-standing members of staff.

Mrs Pemberton, Deputy Head of the Chamberlain Secondary site, has worked tirelessly, during her 11 years at Uffculme, to support so many of our children and their families. She has been a critical force in the development of provision at Uffculme, supporting the transition to the Chamberlain site and more recently leading on Safeguarding across the whole school. Her knowledge and impact here led us to achieve 'Outstanding' in Safeguarding in the 2019 Ofsted visit. Mrs Pemberton will be leaving us to enjoy much earned and well-deserved retirement. Our best wishes go with Mrs Pemberton and hope that she takes up the invitation to return for visits.

We will also be sad to see Mr Charley, our PE teacher at Chamberlain, leave us. As he embarks upon some new and exciting challenges, taking on a leadership role at Heart of Birmingham. It is very likely that some of our students will see him there in the future. We wish Mr Charley joy and success for the future.

We are also saying a huge goodbye to Susan Boychuck. She has been with us for 26 years and has been a vital part of the school. We are sad that we are losing all her experience, knowledge and commitment to our students. We'd like to thank Susan for all her contribution over the years and wish her a happy retirement.

Whilst we haven't been able to invite as many of you into school as we would have hoped this term, I am sure that the children and young people will have shared the news that two of our staff are 'blooming'. Mrs Bowser (Woodlands) and Mrs Meredith (Russell Road) will both be leaving us for a short time on Maternity Leave from September. We wish the all the very best of health in the weeks and months to come.

We are delighted to announce that we will be having some wonderful new, full-time staff joining the school in September. On the teaching side Mr Boyle, Mr Convery, Ms Kirby will be joining the Chamberlain secondary team. Miss Sale-Harding and Ms Carey will be joining the Post-16 Russell Road team and Ms Taj will be joining the Woodlands Primary team. We have also had the pleasure in recent weeks of appointing a number of new Teaching Assistants; Mrs Kelly, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Al-Sammarraie, Mr Green, Mrs Bi, Miss Stokes, Ms MacGillivray, Ms Bi, Miss Farooq. Not forgetting our newly appointed Lunchtime Supervisors; Ms Norris, Ms Aziz, Mrs Ul-Haq and Miss Bibi.

As I mentioned earlier in my letter, the summer term is a time for endings and new beginnings and I hope that the new academic year will bring with it hope for a brighter future for us all. We will once again face the challenge of managing the school year with Covid-19. However, with the sustained vigilance and care that everyone has shown this year, I am confident that we will continue to share in each others success and go from strength to strength.

I hope you enjoy these few pages and can share them with your child. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved this year. See you in September for more fun!

Best Wishes

Charlotte

What Have We Been Up To?



FS1 have been for walks in the local park. We have enjoyed seeing the ducks, birds and dogs. Jacob liked walking along the bridge. Lucy and Danny talked about what they could see.

1/2B have had an amazing year learning new skills, forming friendships and embracing new experiences and challenges.



Our walk to Highbury!
Over the Summer term 3/4/5/B have been going for walks in Highbury Park. We loved going out and exploring especially blowing the dandelions.



3/4G have loved going to Forest School every week, having time to explore outdoors, learn new skills and taking part in different activities. Making a bug hotel was one of our favourite things!

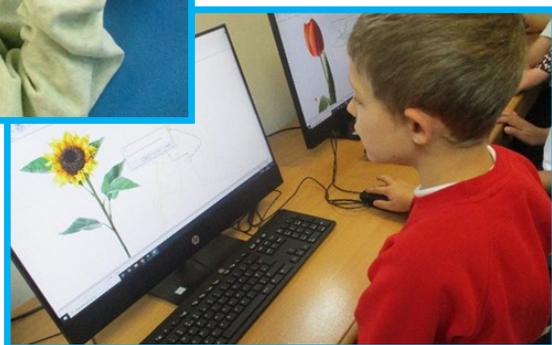




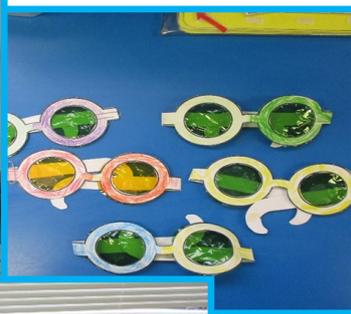
5/6E are such a caring class. Creating houses for the fairies, designing igloos for penguins and clearing the local neighbourhood of litter are just some of the amazing tasks they do to help others.

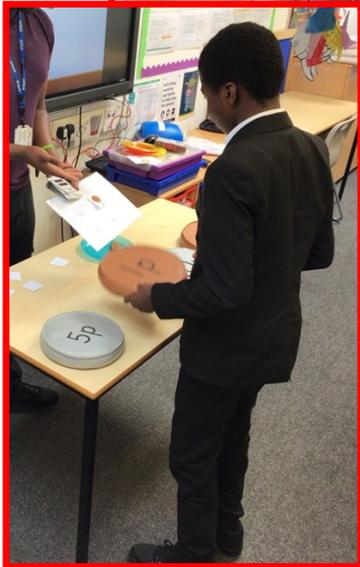
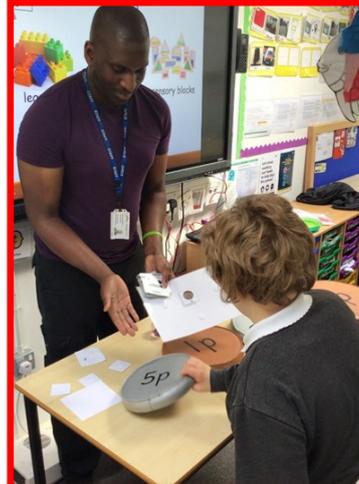
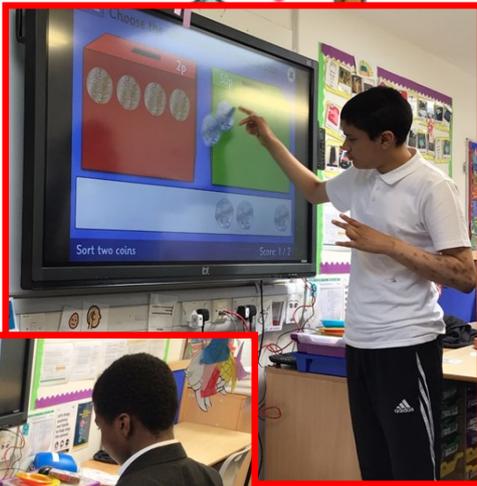
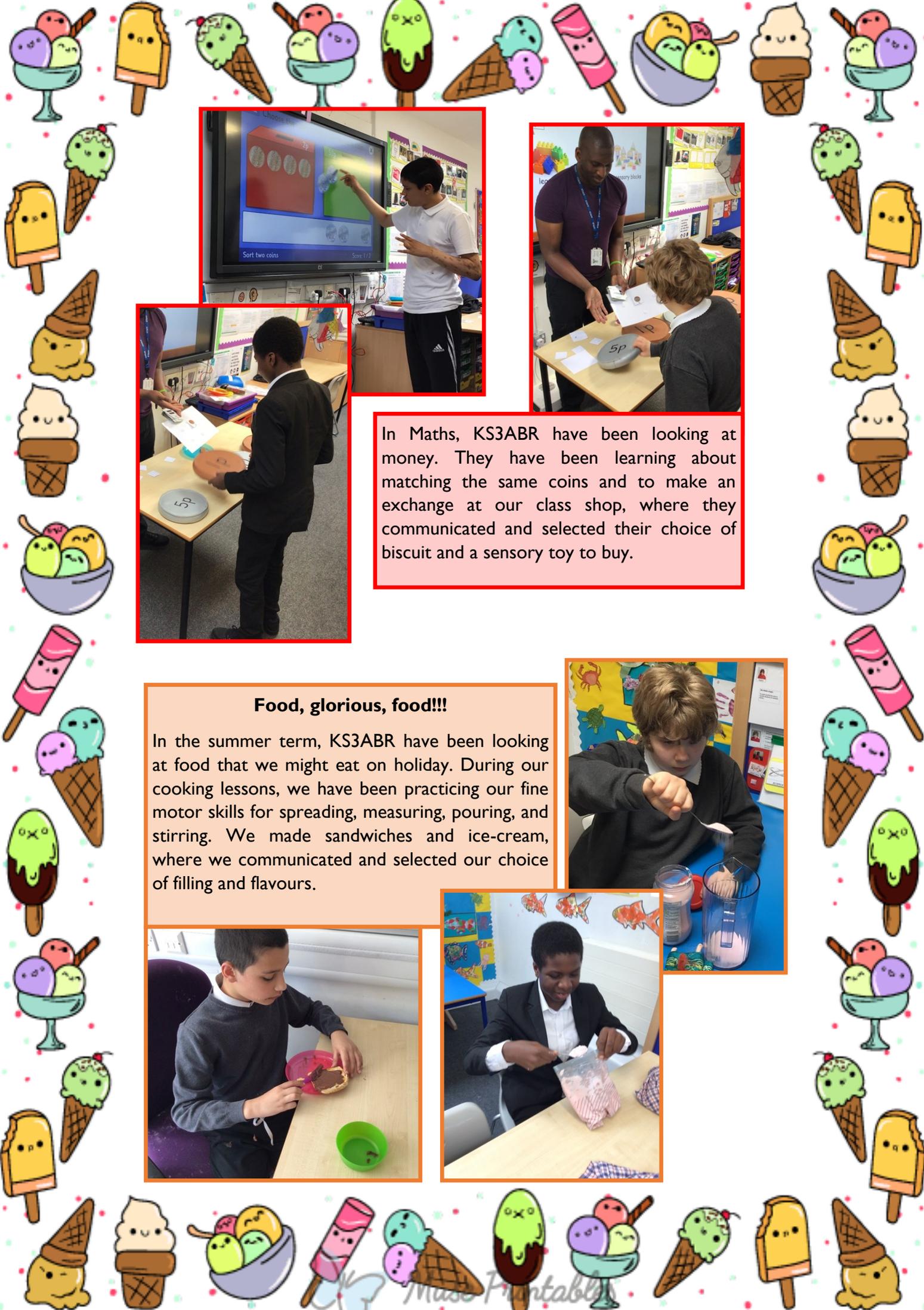


In 3/4EA we have enjoyed lots of activities around planting. We have watched our plants grow and recorded our findings. We have looked at the parts of a plant and used technology to draw our own plants.



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We have enjoyed our topic – holidays this term. We have made healthy fruit salads, a healthy sandwich and learnt about the features of a seaside.
In Design and Technology, we designed and create our own colourful sunglasses.





In Maths, KS3ABR have been looking at money. They have been learning about matching the same coins and to make an exchange at our class shop, where they communicated and selected their choice of biscuit and a sensory toy to buy.

Food, glorious, food!!!

In the summer term, KS3ABR have been looking at food that we might eat on holiday. During our cooking lessons, we have been practicing our fine motor skills for spreading, measuring, pouring, and stirring. We made sandwiches and ice-cream, where we communicated and selected our choice of filling and flavours.



KS3AM have had a fantastic term working hard in cooking to make healthy meals and consider healthy alternatives of their favourite food. We have been linking our cooking to our current maths topic of Mass and Volume. Well done KS3AM!



In the summer term KS3SA have been learning about personal care. All the students have bought their own personal care bags and use these regularly.



This term at Forest School KS3AM have worked very hard on their communication skills and building on their friendships by playing games and working together. Our favourite game is What's the time Mr. Wolf?



KS3WT

Students have been doing lots of reading from the Accelerated Reading library and have worked incredibly hard to improve their reading. Well done!



The Open Theatre is a huge hit! Students take part in drama and improvisation activities to build their communication skills and confidence. They also have a lot of fun!



This term students have also really enjoyed going to Forest School where they have been developing their social and play skills as well as learning about nature and the natural environment. In food, students have been making a range of snacks and have worked hard in developing their cooking skills. Well done!



The students in KS3CW enjoy Forest School and look forward to it weekly.



In Horticulture, KS3CW have planted sunflowers and an array of herbs such as, basil, sage and oregano. The students also tended to our playground by weeding ribwort plantain, wild onions etc.



Crazy for climbing !
During the summer term 5/6T have been climbing at Redpoint.
The children have loved learning new skills and overcome fears.



During the summer term KS5LW have had a lot of fun designing and creating T-shirts as part of an enterprise project! The students used a range of art materials and equipment including; fabric pens, paint, sequins, thread and googly eyes. The designs KS5LW created were unique, colourful and artistic as you can see from the photographs. As part of this project students also had the opportunity to show their finished T-shirts to a professional costume designer who works in film, TV and fashion. It was great to see the students developing their creativity skills.



The young people at Russell Road have continued to improve and refine their independent living skills. They have enjoyed practically applying all the skills they have learnt at Post 16 both in the school setting and where possible in the local community. As many of the young people leave us this year these skills are essential to help them lead happy and independent





The students in KS4RR have been working towards their BHS qualification in caring for horses. They have shown dedication and commitment to learning and have spent 2 days a week at Summerfield Stables where they immersed themselves in all aspects of caring for horses as well as learning to ride. We are very proud of what the students have achieved this year.



Ice-Cream Van

Charnice Scott is a SEND Manager for ABC Teachers, a local Education Agency. They kindly visited our school with an ice cream van to say well done to the children for completing their exams and celebrate all their achievements over this eventful year. As you can see the children thoroughly enjoyed the delicious treat.



KS4KS

When we returned to school after lockdown in March, we decided we would focus on cheerful things. We listened to 'Reasons to be Cheerful' by Ian Dury and the Blockheads and then came up with our own class version...

Reasons to be Cheerful Part 4

Dressing up my hair,
Savouring a pear,
A potter called Clare
And bees.

Lambs being born,
Sheep getting shorn,
Tea on the lawn?
Yes, please!

My happy dog,
Sitting on a log,
Chatting with a frog
And bats.

Watching musicals,
Cute animals,
Motorcycles
And rats.

Family time,
Playing with slime,
Juice from a lime
And cheese.

Chomping on a Twix,
Showing off my tricks,
Favourite pics
And knobby knees.

A book on the go,
Learning judo,
Lateral flow
And hard hats.

Diving in the pool,
Rainbows looking cool,
Being back at school!
And jolly chats.

Baking yummy cakes,
Sunny summer breaks,
Jumping into lakes
Don't freeze!

Holidays in Spring,
Glamorous bling,
Looking like a king
And cats.

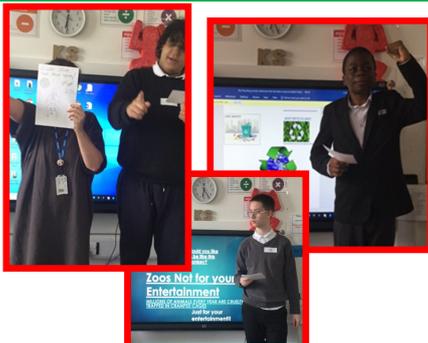
Memes that are funny,
Love the Easter Bunny,
Bees making honey
And doormats.

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Reasons to be cheerful, 2,3,4!

Corey, Maya, Jack and Nimra becoming part of a sculpture outside the library of Birmingham.



Corey, Nimra, Jack, Jamie, Maya having a spooky moment under the canal bridge in the Gas Street Basin

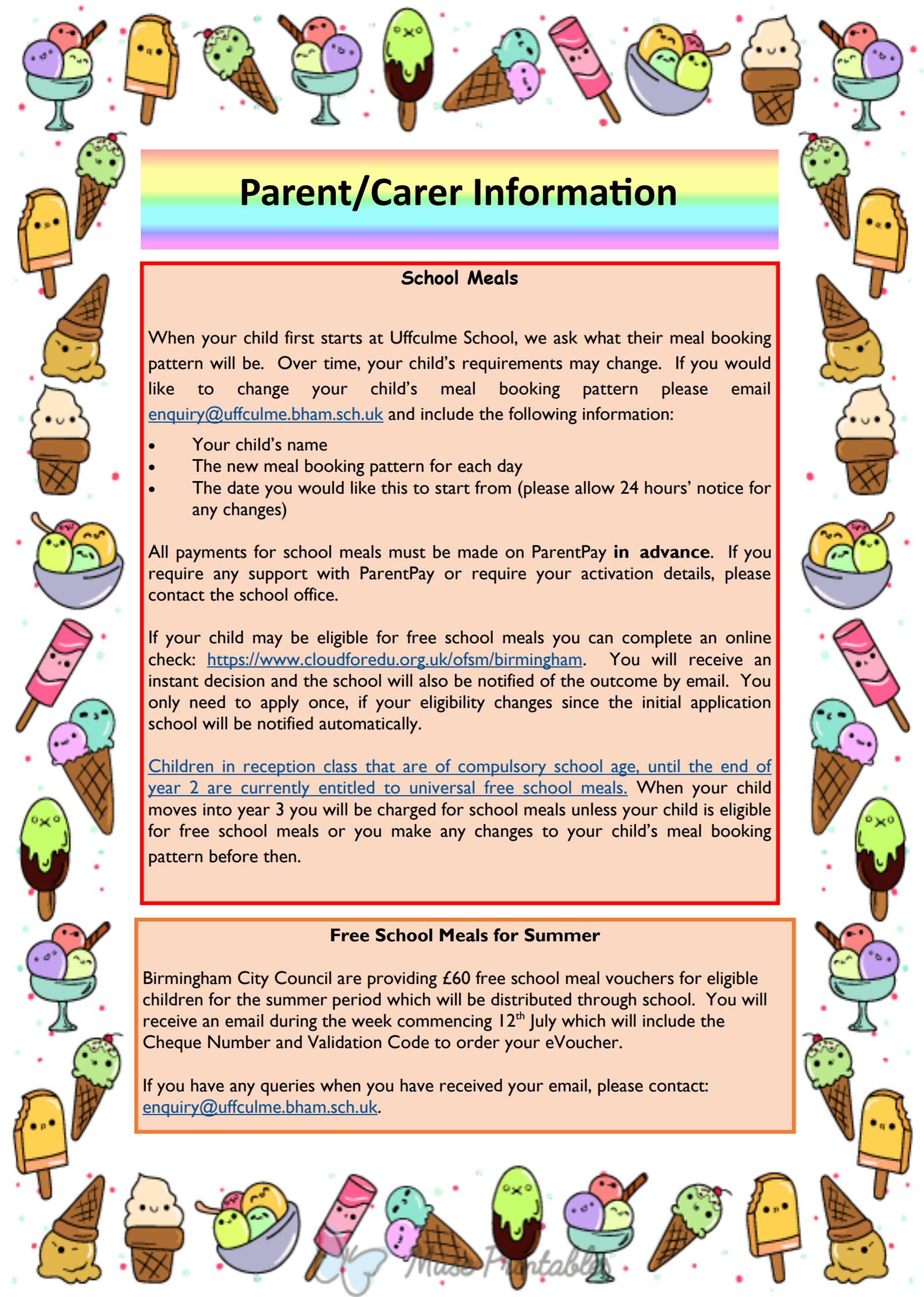


Speakers Corner

KS4KS took part in a speaking and listening activity based on Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. They learned about the meaning of the phrase "to get on your soapbox" and chose a topic to speak passionately about



KS4KS class enjoying their golf lessons



Parent/Carer Information

School Meals

When your child first starts at Uffculme School, we ask what their meal booking pattern will be. Over time, your child's requirements may change. If you would like to change your child's meal booking pattern please email enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk and include the following information:

- Your child's name
- The new meal booking pattern for each day
- The date you would like this to start from (please allow 24 hours' notice for any changes)

All payments for school meals must be made on ParentPay **in advance**. If you require any support with ParentPay or require your activation details, please contact the school office.

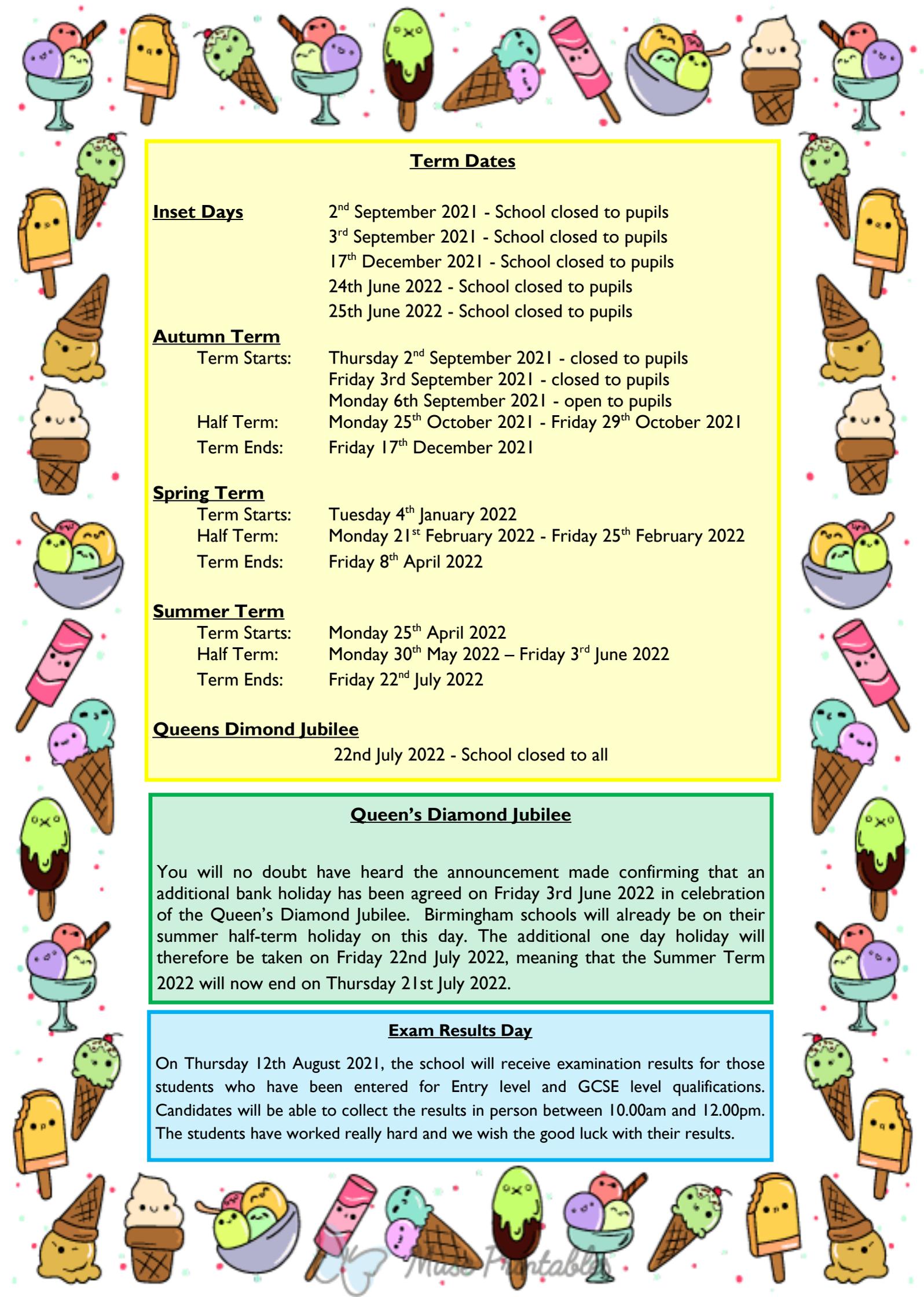
If your child may be eligible for free school meals you can complete an online check: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>. You will receive an instant decision and the school will also be notified of the outcome by email. You only need to apply once, if your eligibility changes since the initial application school will be notified automatically.

Children in reception class that are of compulsory school age, until the end of year 2 are currently entitled to universal free school meals. When your child moves into year 3 you will be charged for school meals unless your child is eligible for free school meals or you make any changes to your child's meal booking pattern before then.

Free School Meals for Summer

Birmingham City Council are providing £60 free school meal vouchers for eligible children for the summer period which will be distributed through school. You will receive an email during the week commencing 12th July which will include the Cheque Number and Validation Code to order your eVoucher.

If you have any queries when you have received your email, please contact: enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk.



Term Dates

Inset Days

2nd September 2021 - School closed to pupils
3rd September 2021 - School closed to pupils
17th December 2021 - School closed to pupils
24th June 2022 - School closed to pupils
25th June 2022 - School closed to pupils

Autumn Term

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021 - closed to pupils
Friday 3rd September 2021 - closed to pupils
Monday 6th September 2021 - open to pupils
Half Term: Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021
Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half Term: Monday 21st February 2022 - Friday 25th February 2022
Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 25th April 2022
Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022
Term Ends: Friday 22nd July 2022

Queens Dimond Jubilee

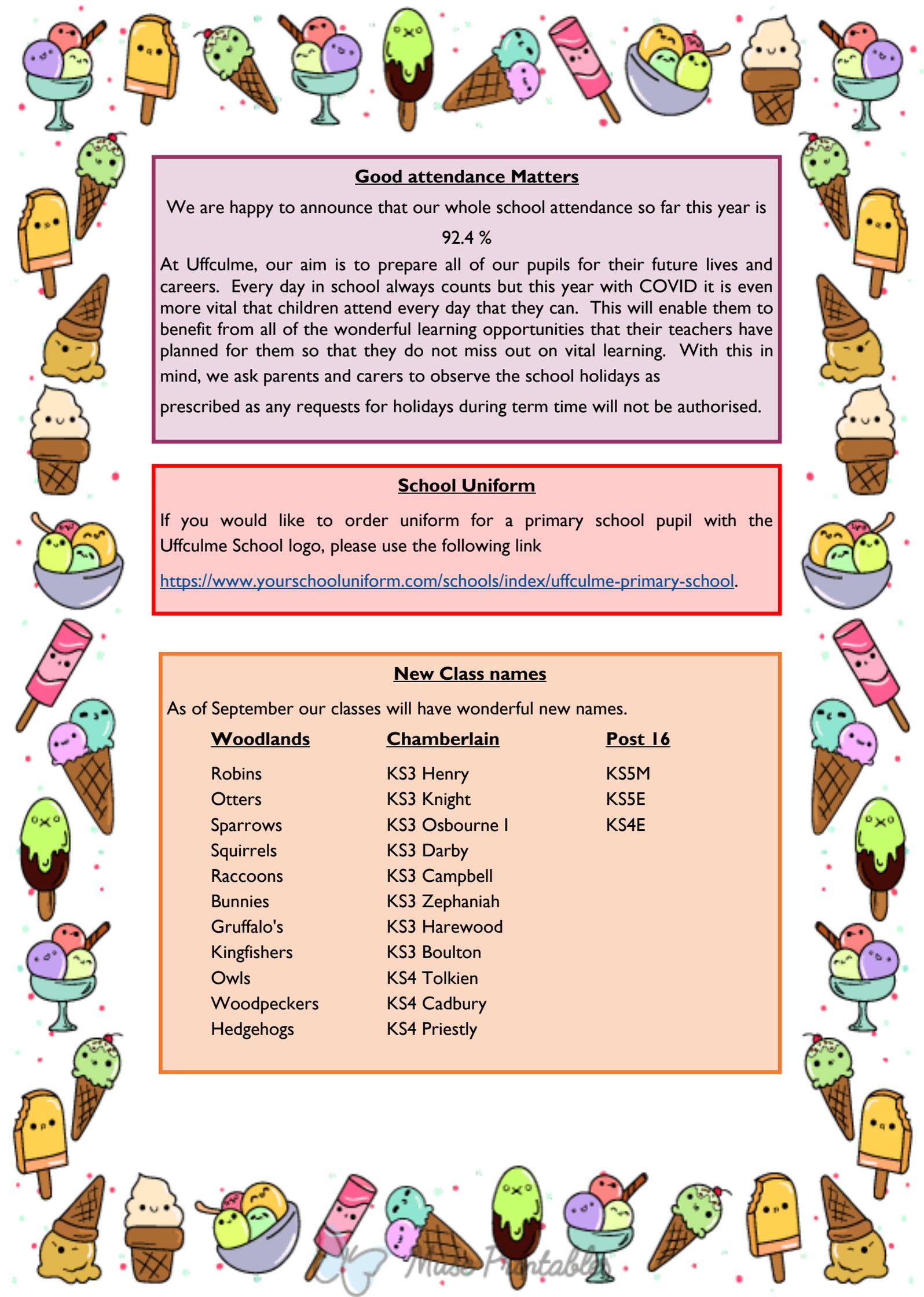
22nd July 2022 - School closed to all

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

You will no doubt have heard the announcement made confirming that an additional bank holiday has been agreed on Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Birmingham schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this day. The additional one day holiday will therefore be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Exam Results Day

On Thursday 12th August 2021, the school will receive examination results for those students who have been entered for Entry level and GCSE level qualifications. Candidates will be able to collect the results in person between 10.00am and 12.00pm. The students have worked really hard and we wish the good luck with their results.



Good attendance Matters

We are happy to announce that our whole school attendance so far this year is
92.4 %

At Uffculme, our aim is to prepare all of our pupils for their future lives and careers. Every day in school always counts but this year with COVID it is even more vital that children attend every day that they can. This will enable them to benefit from all of the wonderful learning opportunities that their teachers have planned for them so that they do not miss out on vital learning. With this in mind, we ask parents and carers to observe the school holidays as prescribed as any requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised.

School Uniform

If you would like to order uniform for a primary school pupil with the Uffculme School logo, please use the following link

<https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/uffculme-primary-school>.

New Class names

As of September our classes will have wonderful new names.

Woodlands

Robins
Otters
Sparrows
Squirrels
Raccoons
Bunnies
Gruffalo's
Kingfishers
Owls
Woodpeckers
Hedgehogs

Chamberlain

KS3 Henry
KS3 Knight
KS3 Osbourne I
KS3 Darby
KS3 Campbell
KS3 Zephaniah
KS3 Harewood
KS3 Boulton
KS4 Tolkien
KS4 Cadbury
KS4 Priestly

Post 16

KS5M
KS5E
KS4E



Transport

Travel Assist will contact parents directly regarding transport arrangements for next term. They will write to all parents during July and the first half of August to provide you with full details of your child's transport arrangements.

A newsletter will be available on a monthly basis which can be found on the Local Offer website:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport-news/>

If you have any queries or complaints regarding transport these should be directed to Travel Assist using either of the following contact methods:

Tel: 0121 303 4955, *Option 3 then Option 2*

Email: travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk

If the bus has not turned up at the usual time and you need to find out where the bus is please contact National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) on 0333 241 2745.

Dear Parent or Carer

If your child is eligible for Home to School Transport, you will receive a letter over the summer with details of your child's individual travel arrangements.

However, in the meantime, I write to let you know details of your school's main Home to School Transport provider from September onwards.

For your school the main transport provider will be National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT).

This provider will cover the majority of pupil journeys for your school. However, as we finalise the arrangements for your child's transport for September, you will be written to confirming their provider, their child's approximate pick up and drop off times and details of their route.

As we work to improve the Home to School Transport service, we are keen to receive your feedback which is already helping us to shape the service you want to see. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments or ideas:

Travel Assist – Tel: 0121 303 4955

Email: travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk

Or leave feedback on the Local Offer website - www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Mary Jefferson

Head of Service, Home to School Transport

Education and Skills Directorate, Birmingham City Council





Lateral Flow Tests
Secondary and Post 16 Only

We are mindful that with Covid guidance changing and the uncertainty of when restrictions will end, that we need to assume Lateral Flow Tests will be with us still in September.

To prepare for this we'll be sending home a box of Lateral Flow Tests with all students at the end of term. If your child is taking part in the Lateral Flow Test they do not need to test during the Summer break. Your child should start testing again on the Wednesday night or Thursday morning, ready for school on the 6th September.

All results should be reported to covid@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow device, you will need to inform NHS Test and Trace, www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result and also inform the school by calling 0121 464 9634.

Your child will then need to take a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR test). Tests can be booked by telephoning 119 or visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

If this test returns as positive, your child and household must isolate in the home for ten days and inform school.

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to let you know about **Bring it on Brum!** Free and exciting school holiday activities will be available to your child throughout the summer holidays (21 July – 5 Sept 2021).

Some clubs will take place at schools and, where schools are not running activities, Birmingham City Council has carefully chosen partners across the city who have lots of experience in running activity programmes with food for children aged 5-16.

Your child will be able to enjoy all sorts of fun age-related activities including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music as well as a meal each day. The daily programmes will vary depending on the site and location of each local club. Most clubs will run for a minimum of 4 hours a day, Mondays to Fridays.

If you are interested in finding out more about the venues and activities and want to register your child, please visit the website www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Wishing you all a very happy and restful summer break.

Best wishes

Kevin Crompton
Interim Director Education and Skills
Birmingham City Council

SEND transport update

12/07/2021

Home to School Transport

Dear Parent or Carer

We write with further information on 'Home to School' transport to keep you up to date and let you know what you can expect from our service during the summer. The government are signalling an end to all COVID restrictions at the moment. When term resumes in September we will be returning to pre-COVID travel arrangements, so there will no longer be bubble arrangements for home to school transport. This means that passenger numbers on each vehicle will be governed by journey times and pupil needs.

We will continue to carefully follow health and safety protocols, including increased cleaning regimes on vehicles and transport staff may choose to continue to wear face coverings (drivers are not required to wear them whilst driving). We ask that pupils wash their hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser prior to boarding. In addition, if your child has any [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 or has been required to isolate, they must not travel.

Extra cover for routes

The Council's contractors already build in contingency to cover staff sickness and vehicle breakdown. In addition, the Council is also securing a small amount of additional contingency transport capacity as requested by the Department for Education, to cover any additional transport which may be needed. In effect, from September, we are able to call on alternative providers to quickly cover for any problems, we minimise any disruption to families, passengers and schools.

Families will also be aware that the **Clean Air Zone** went live on 1st June. Families should be aware that September sees increased traffic volumes and this along with new routes people take outside the clean air zone may mean journey times take a few weeks to settle at the start of the year. This is quite normal and could be more so as some people return to offices for the first time.

Generally, these routes settle in the first few weeks of term and will ultimately lead to quicker journey times.



What happens next?

We (either the Council or the transport operator) will be in regular touch over the coming weeks to let you know:

- Your operator details
- Your guide details
- Your route details
- Your drop off and pick up times
- Details of your meet and greet session

We would be very grateful if you would wait for us to contact you rather than contacting us.

Please also let us know of any **changes to your circumstances** so that we can adjust your arrangements as necessary.

The Home to School transport operation is very complex and details of **routes and services may change** over the summer; however, we will let you know about any changes as soon as they occur. Thank you in advance for your patience.

We are pleased to say that currently our transport is running 99.6% of all its routes on time, and we are determined to build on this improvement.

Parents and carers are also politely reminded that they need to bring their child to the agreed pick up point in the mornings.

Get in touch

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