



FEBRUARY 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a curious start to the year, so forgive me a little reflection. These short days make me think that whilst we are busy trying to cram everything in to the day we often forget to look after ourselves. Our bodies are telling us to slow down and keep cosy but the school day demands otherwise. School staff often struggle against colds and illness to get in to make the day consistent and purposeful for our learners. It's easy to get back in to the rhythm when the runny nose and cough have disappeared, not so easy when the health issues are less obvious. This half term our staff have faced some very real and painful personal challenges. I'm sure you will all send your love and best wishes to all that are struggling.

Our children's needs rarely reflect the changing seasons or our own emotions. As challenging as that can be, the joy and happiness that we continue to share with our children and young people really do make it worthwhile.

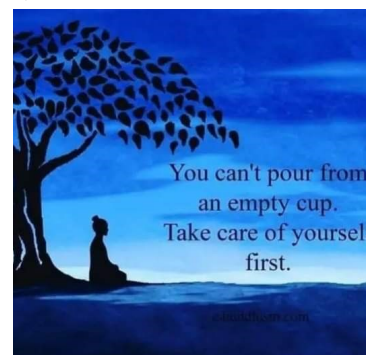
I hope that you all manage to get out and about over this holiday. Time to enjoy the daffodils and snowdrops and to say goodbye to those dark nights. Spring is soon on its way.

If you are struggling with life and its many challenges, please reach out to someone.

Samaritans offer a **24 hour service on 0330 094 5717.**

With best wishes.

Miss Charlotte Stubbs, Head Teacher



Congratulations to Billy who attended the Inclusion Session with Bishop Challenor Judo Club. He made some new friends and had great fun!



KS3AS- Physical Education

Our year 7 students have had their first experience of circuit training at Chamberlain this term with Mr Charley.

They are experiencing various pieces of fitness equipment and learning how to use them safely and effectively. The focus of these lessons were agility, balance and coordination.



4/5A have been enjoying yoga bugs! We are really good at listening, looking and copying the different moves.



On Thursday 19th December, KS3PF went on a theatre trip to The Repertory Theatre in Birmingham. The students took part in an interactive theatre production based on the story of Peter Pan, which was run by Open Theatre, with whom the students have been working in school. The students were able to interact with the characters and physically go on to the stage to be part of the performance. The students' task was to help Peter Pan search for the lost star!

After the performance, the students were able to make their own magic stars to take home with them using their creative skills. The whole class, including the staff, thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

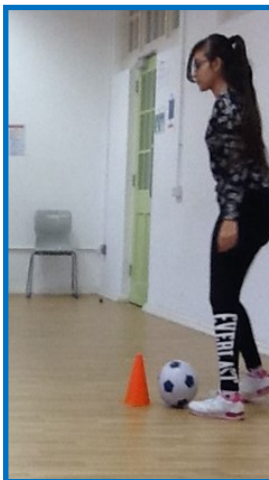
It certainly got everyone into the Christmas Spirit as they were also able to see the Big Wheel in Centenary Square and the Christmas lights during the visit.



Year 10 Sport Studies Football

Despite the current cold and wet weather, our year 10 students have been able to continue their physical education accreditation course indoors with Mr Charley. They are currently working on different technical skills each week that can be used in football, as well as learning about the importance of teamwork, communication and decision making.

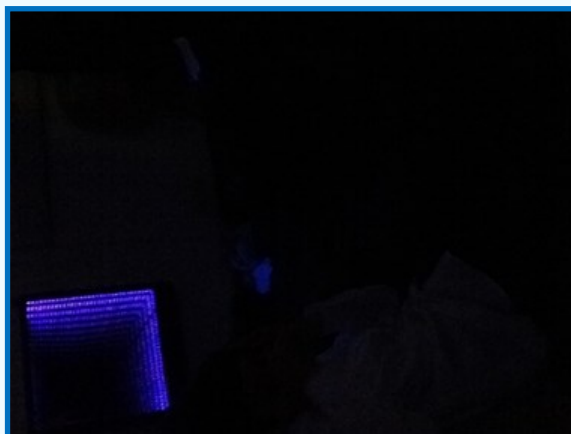
As a school we currently follow the OCR specification and have had a number of students gain a qualification in Physical Education in each of the last 3 years. Good luck year 10!!!!!!!



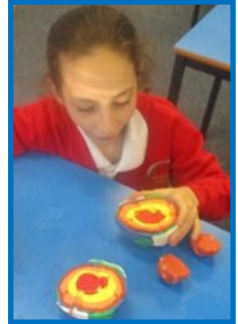
Learning in KS3AS

In Science the students explored light and shadow. They went into the sensory room and explored being in the dark and they explored some sensory light in a mainly dark room. They then explored how to make shadows.

This was a good introduction to our learning about shadows and light.



6E have been enjoying exploring our local park with Polly, a researcher from the University of Birmingham, and using her Go Pro to film their discoveries!



In KS3AS this week, the students have been exploring with their senses in Art and in Music.



They loved exploring textures in Art.



In Music they have been exploring the sounds instruments make. They are also really good at following the instructions 'stop' and 'play'.





This half term, 50 have been learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic. The children made their own igloos using papier-mâché and then painted them. They look great!



FSC visits to Highbury Park

This half term the pupils have been for walks around Highbury Park.

Pupils have enjoyed linking their learning; they have looked at big and little by comparing birds and leaves and tall and short trees.



In 3G, we have enjoyed exploring different materials for making sculptures and have tried to find ways of melting an ice cube and looking at the changes that occur.



AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT BECKY'S FUNDRAISER!

Becky Bowser, a class teacher at our Primary site, would like you to support her husband Ross when he runs a half marathon for Uffculme, by making a donation and spreading the word!

"Do you want to join me in making a difference? My husband Ross is running a half marathon in September 2020 to raise money for the school I work at, Uffculme School in Moseley, Birmingham.

The school is for autistic children and we are currently fundraising to develop areas of our school."

For details of what the money raised will do for the school, please go to Becky's fundraising page at gf.me/u/xibqwj

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.

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.

If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office.

Parents & Carers Group

Following on from a series of successful workshops with Parents and Carers, we will be launching a new working party to establish and run a 'Friends of Uffculme' group. We have big dreams for this group in the future and know it will take time for it to form. Our initial plan is to run a series of fundraising events for Forest School and Outdoor Learning.

If you are available to meet on Tuesday 3rd March, we will be planning opportunities for the rest of the academic year. The meeting will be at the Portakabin at Woodlands at and will run from 9:30am - 11:00am.

If you have any ideas for how we can support Parents and Carers in the future, please come along. We will also be hosting some drop in sessions for coffee and a chat so watch out for these!



5/6T had a wonderful time at the Lickey Hills. It was very cold but we had great fun running in the wind, exploring the castle and eating our snacks at the visitors centre!



Parking at Woodlands

If you are a parent or carer that drops off and picks your child up from Woodlands, you will be aware of the proposed changes made to the parking on Queensbridge Road. Following a meeting with parent representatives, Senior Travel Demand Management Officer from BCC and Martin Welds, we are able to confirm that the changes will be going ahead during the Easter holiday. Representatives from Travel Management confirmed that a variety of options have been considered by BCC to enable parents of Uffculme School to continue to park safely and in close proximity to the school.

However, in order to ensure that there is no negative impact on the road traffic or pedestrian access to pavements, double yellow lines will be added to both sides of the entire length of Queensbridge Road. As discussed at the Parent meeting in November, parents who drop pupils off are reminded that they should apply for a Blue Badge for their child as a matter of urgency. If you are applying for a Blue Badge, we are keen to support this application and have a standard letter from Uffculme for you to use as evidence in your application. Councillor Welds has also written a letter that we are able to use. Please contact the school office if you would like copies of these to support your child application.

Applications for Blue Badges can be completed through this link:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20062/disabled_parking_blue_badges/121/apply_for_or_renew_a_blue_badge

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new Website will be going live after half term. If you have any ideas on how we can improve the site and make it useful for Parents and Carers we would be happy to hear them. In the first instance please send your ideas to the enquiries@uffculme.bham.sch.uk.



PARENT/CARER INFORMATION



Parks 4 Play run evening, weekend and holiday play schemes based at Uffculme School.

For information call: 0121 441 4682

Attendance

In the unfortunate event that your child is ill, please call the school first thing in the morning to report your child's absence.

School needs to speak directly with parents/carers.

If you are not able to call, the Attendance Officer will make attempts to call home as required under safeguarding procedures.

On your child's return please send in written confirmation with the date of absence, a reason why your child was absent and a signature.

If we do not receive written consent, we will send out a letter.

A GENTLE REMINDER...

We would be grateful if parents would refrain from parking on the zigzag markings when dropping off/picking up children outside school.

This creates a potential danger for our pupils and we would be grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

Allens Croft Disability Resource Centre

If your child is in the primary section of Uffculme we have a partnership with Allens Croft Disability Resource Centre, who often send a support worker to our coffee mornings.

The centre offers advice and support for families with children aged 0-11 with SEND, running various sessions and events throughout the year.



Information can be found on their Facebook page or they can be contacted on **0121 675 0362**

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Term Ends: Monday Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20th April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2020

Inset Days: Friday 14th February 2020
Friday 3rd July 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

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DIARY DATES

11/03/20

**YEAR 5 OPEN DAY
AT CHAMBERLAIN
10.30am-11.30am**

18/03/20

**YEAR 5 OPEN DAY
AT CHAMBERLAIN
1.30pm-2.30pm**

27/03/20

**POST 16 PREFERENCE
MEETING
AT CHAMBERLAIN**

Further details/timings to follow...