



# DECEMBER 2019




Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Well, another term has gone by in a whirl. We have all been struggling with various illnesses. Staff have done an amazing job of getting themselves in to support the pupils and to maintain continuity. It is always a difficult decision as to whether to close the school or remain open and I hope that we have done the right thing for you and your child. Hopefully, the worst of the sickness bugs are behind us.


Our students have had many wonderful experiences this term, from wall climbing to visits into the local community to apply the learning from the classrooms. I am pleased to say that teaching staff are taking advantage of the opportunities offered in our local area and creating exciting learning opportunities. We even have one young man accessing work placement at BikePro in Kings Heath.

As you will see on Page 6 of this Newsletter, we received a good response from our Parent Survey. It is clear that we will need to work on our home/school communication over the coming months. We continued this theme at our parents' coffee morning at Secondary in early December; please look for future opportunities to come into school and share your thoughts with us.

I wish you all the very best seasons greetings and hope for a very happy and peaceful New Year.



Miss Charlotte Stubbs, Head Teacher



**FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY 2020**

06/02/20:  
**POST 16 PARENTS' EVENING  
AT RUSSELL ROAD**


13/02/20:  
**YEAR 5 TRANSFER MEETINGS  
AT CHAMBERLAIN**

**MARCH 2020**

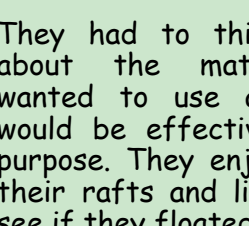
05/03/20:  
**YEAR 5 OPEN DAY  
AT CHAMBERLAIN**

18/03/20:  
**YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING  
AT CHAMBERLAIN**


**50—Treasure Island Topic**



This half term, 50 have enjoyed their new topic, Treasure Island. The children have been working together to make a raft, a shelter and a life jacket.



They had to think carefully about the materials they wanted to use and if they would be effective for their purpose. They enjoyed testing their rafts and life jacket to see if they floated.



They have also enjoyed making pirate mugs out of clay and stormy sea paintings.

As part of their work experience, Key Stage Five students have been visiting stables and a donkey sanctuary to develop their animal care skills.

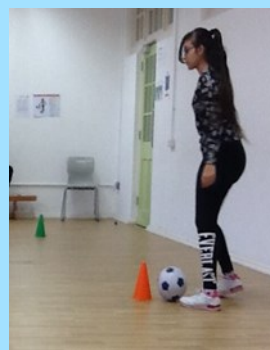
The students have enjoyed their visits so far and will be continuing to attend work experience at the stables throughout the next term.



## 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 indoor 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.





## Important message from PC Chris Thompson, Young People's Officer, West Midlands Police

West Midlands Police has been made aware of a smartphone app called 'UNICO LIVE' (see below for picture). The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.

It has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated. The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.

**Please share at the earliest opportunity with your colleagues, friends and family.**



### Children in Need Day - KS3AS

As part of our work for Children in Need Day, KS3AS made chocolate crispy cakes. All the students smelled the chocolate and helped to break it into chunks for melting in the microwave. Once melted, they took turns to mix the hot chocolate, then poured in the rice crispies and mixed the two ingredients together. Once mixed, they spooned some into a cup. Everyone enjoyed this task and were really focused on it, but a lot of the students didn't want to try the cakes they had made. The staff tasted them – they were delicious!





**Fun times and activities  
in 5/6T on Children  
in Need Day!**

**Here are some of our  
pupils painting, dancing  
and making cakes.**

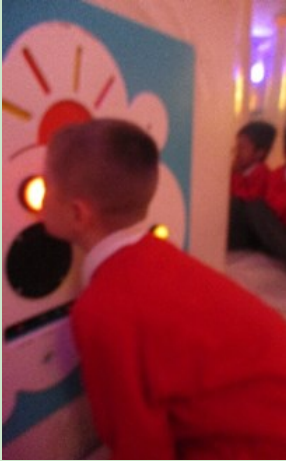


**6E had an incredible time at the  
Snow Dome. A great chance to  
celebrate with their class mates  
after working so hard all term.**





3/4/5B have enjoyed using the different rooms in school, especially our new relaxation room. We have been using the room to support our sensory needs which has really helped us to engage with activities within class. We love exploring the gym equipment in mini-gym. We love the swing and different tactile boards in the relaxation room. In the sensory room we love interacting by pressing buttons for different sounds and watching the lights. When we go to the creative room we do sand and water play using different equipment to pour, fill and make marks.

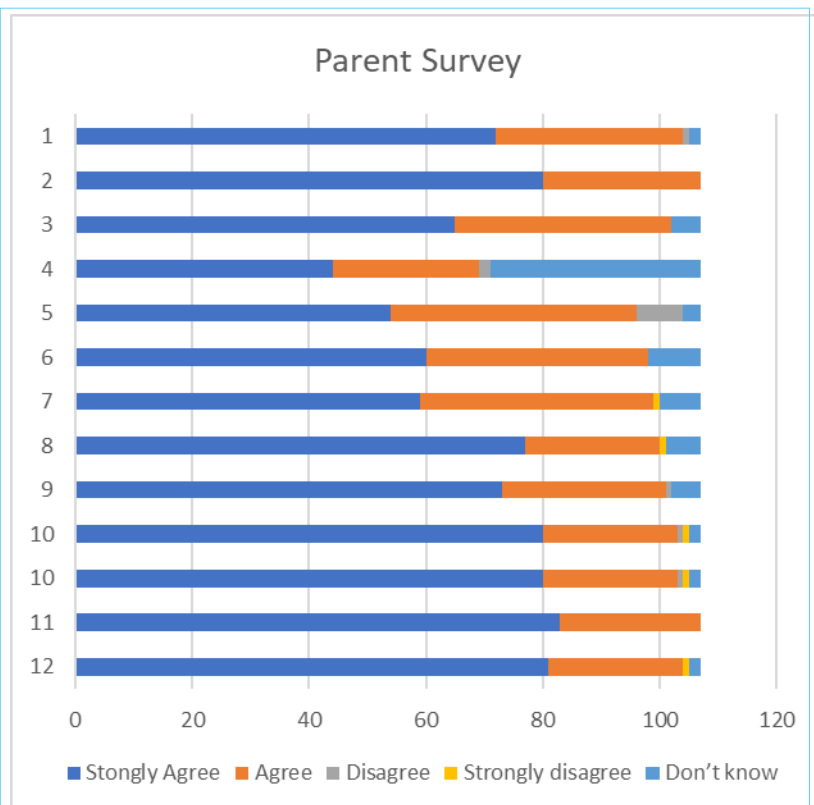


KS4RP have been exploring the garden areas using their senses and helping to keep them tidy



## Parent Survey Dec - 2019

109 responses received in total. 50% of school population.



### Question Key

- Q1 My child is happy at school
- Q2 My child feels safe at school
- Q3 The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved
- Q4 The school deals with bullying quickly and effectively
- Q5 The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year
- Q6 When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly
- Q7 The school has high expectations for my child
- Q8 The EHCP review meetings are a useful opportunity to discuss my child's needs.
- Q9 The school supports my child's wider personal development
- Q10 I would recommend this school to another parent.
- Q11 Staff at the school care about my child
- Q12 The school has made a positive impact on my child's quality of life.

### Summary

The question with the highest response of 'Strongly Agree' was 'Staff at the school care about my child' There were 2 questions that were answered solely with 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' which were – My child feels safe at this school & Staff at the school care about my child.

The question answered with the lowest response of 'Strongly Agree' was 'The school makes me aware of what my child will learn in the year' with 50%. 10% of parents answered 'strongly disagree' or 'disagree'

### Strengths:

- 14 parents think we meet and adapt to children's needs
- 13 parents think we have good communication
- 12 parents think we have amazing staff.

### Improvements:

- 16 parents have commented on poor communication between the school and parents
- 8 parents have commented on lack of information in the home/school books about the work/activities that are completed in a day
- 8 parents said nothing needed to be improved
- 5 parents commented on the notification time on school closures

***It is clear from your responses and from the parent workshops that have been held, that communication is a significant concern. We will be working with parents over the next few months to improve this. If you would like to be involved please join us for further discussion and planning at future coffee mornings. If you have any concerns or queries please call the school or email to Charlotte Stubbs at [enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk)***



## Great tasting food that your children will love!

Miquill is the new company chosen by Uffculme School to provide the meal service for its pupils from January 2020. We specialise in providing catering to schools in the Midlands.

At Miquill, we take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. We are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen. All of our dishes are prepared every day using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced.

As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

By using locally sourced produce as much as possible, as well as prioritising products that are in season and at their freshest, we ensure that only the best is going into our meals.

### Special diets and food allergens

Don't think that your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - they are an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

### Free School Meals

If you feel you may be entitled to receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS, check the website [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) for more information.

To make an application for free school meals visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Please see the school's website for more information about Miquill and the food that will be available for your children.



### Fundraising

We have been extremely fortunate to receive a fundraising cheque of £3000 from Mr Laxmi Parsad Kalapatapu (care of Dr Krovvidi and Dr Upplauri). This money will be used to further support the sensory provision for pupils at the Woodlands site. The funds were raised through a charity event amongst the south Indian community earlier this year.

### POST 16



Sixth Form students are back at Swan Court Café this term.

In this picture, Suleman has ordered and paid for his food.



Dylan—50



Ivan—KS5W



Well done to all pupils who entered our Christmas Card Competition!

The standard of all of the entries was very high and it was very difficult to choose, but here are the winners of the competition.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



Matthew KS3AS



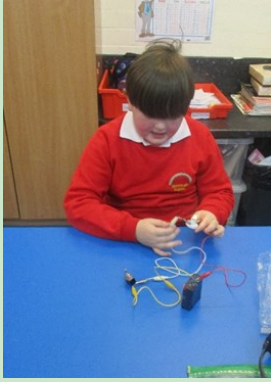
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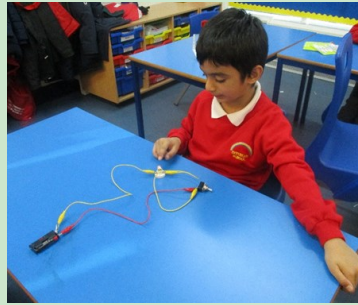
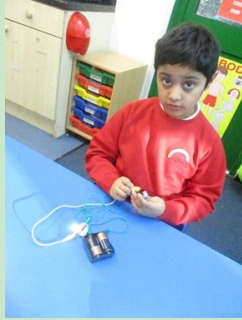
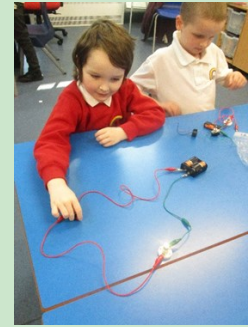
Tyler 6E







3G have enjoyed learning about electrical circuits, making the bulb light up, adding switches and seeing if they can make the buzzer work.



In 1/2T we printed and decorated t-shirts for our Christmas performance. We had lots of fun making them.

We have also been making Christmas decorations for the class Christmas tree. We took turns to place them on the tree whilst listening to some cheerful Christmas music.



## Useful Information for Parents



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

For information call: **0121 441 4682**

### Coffee Mornings at Woodlands

All parents/carers of our students are welcome to join us in the Portakabin on:

Wednesday 29th January  
-and-  
Wednesday 25th March

10.00am—11.30am

We look forward to seeing you!

### PRIMARY PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parents of children at Woodlands are welcome to attend Parent Workshops

every Wednesday from 9.30am-11.30am

in the Portakabin meeting room.

Come along and meet other parents.

We look forward to seeing you!

### 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.

### School Contact Details

#### Uffculme Primary School

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E-mail: enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

#### Uffculme Secondary School

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#### Uffculme Sixth Form

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B13 8RE

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### 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**



### 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.

### School Calendar 2019—2020

#### 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