



Spring March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are, of course, aware the clocks 'sprung forward' last weekend, bringing lighter evenings and an increased need to be out and about and engaging with everyone.

Hibernation is over for this year!

It's such a relief to welcome in the signs of spring. It's a beautiful reminder that no matter how dark the winter is, eventually, with a bit of patience, things do get brighter. It goes without saying that if you ask me about brightness and happy days in November, I will tell you to stop wasting your days and enjoy the darkness... or some other kind of nonsense.

Ultimately its all about balance.

One of our closest and dearest colleagues is just about to take a step towards finding this balance. After many, many years (I wont say how many) Miss Baldwin has finally decided to tuck in her chair, step away from Uffculme and take retirement. Helen's input at Uffculme has been huge and there is no way that one page of writing can capture the life changing impact she has had on the students and families that she has worked with over the past 27 years, oops...sorry Helen... that just slipped out. ;)

Whether it's a voice at the end of a phone for parents at a time of crisis, delivering outstanding learning opportunities for students, supporting early career teachers to develop their skill set or racing around with an exciting new idea, She has been incredible. Her energy and commitment to Uffculme has been pivotal in seeing the school through a rollercoaster of events over the years. She will be missed.

Mrs Lisa Williams will be taking up the post of Interim Deputy Head at Woodlands site for the summer term whilst we look to fill the permanent position.

If you have any queries relating to students and/or provision at Russell Road, please contact Mr Lewis Kirk.

So, as we drift into a, hopefully, relaxing two weeks, my hope for all is to take some time to find our own version of balance. As always, find the sunshine, breathe deeply and find your happy.

Take care

Charlotte Stubbs
Headteacher

Ms Baldwin

Hello everyone,

I thought I would pen a few words for my last ever newsletter.

I have been very fortunate to have worked at Uffculme for over 27 years with a wonderful team of staff who have and continue to work tirelessly for the people who matter to us.....the children.

I have been privileged to see how the children have flourished from their first day in reception to the amazing young adults at Russell Road. I cannot tell you how proud I am of each and every one of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all continued success on their 'journey' and will miss those unique Uffculme moments that make your day!

A heartfelt thankyou to the children and staff

Helen



Staff across the three sites come together to wish Helen a happy retirement. It was a lovely, emotional afternoon.

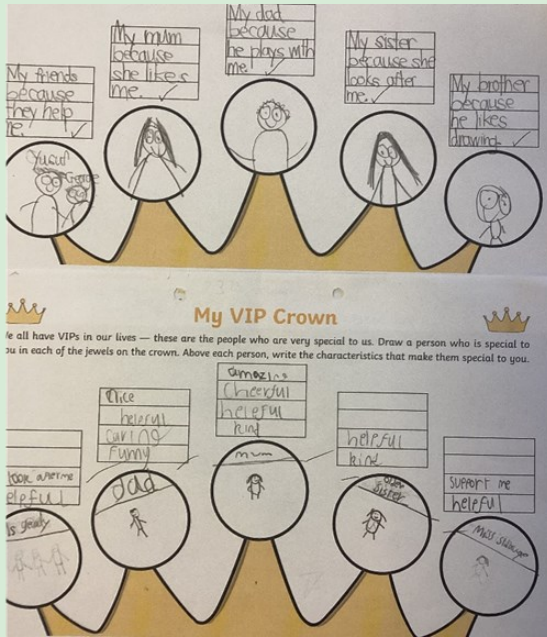


Sparrows celebrated Red Nose Day by decorating cakes with icing, chocolate and 'Little Miss and Mr Men' rice paper. We enjoyed decorating the cakes and eating them together.



In Robins, we have been learning about wheels and movement.

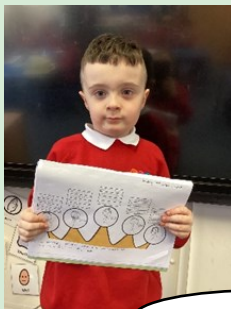




In Kingfishers class, we have been looking at our VIPs, the people who matter most to us in our lives. We thought about who they are and why these people matter to us.

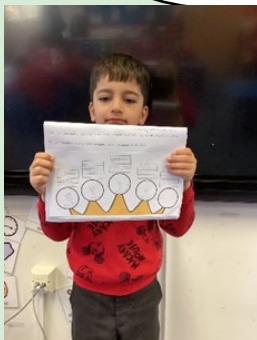
Bears class have been identifying the people in their lives who are important to them and discussing the reasons why.

They have also been using adjectives such as loving, caring and kind to describe them.



Mommy is important to me because mommy takes care of me. Mommy is loving and cuddles me.

My Daddy is important because I help him fix his cars. He is beautiful and playful.



My sister is important to me because she loves playing with me.

My big brother is important to me because he makes food for me. He brings me to school and plays with me.



Spring



This half term Woodpeckers have accessed a range of lessons and activities. We have built strong relationships and have enjoyed learning new skills with the support of our adults in school.



The people who matter the most to us in the Otters class are our parents.



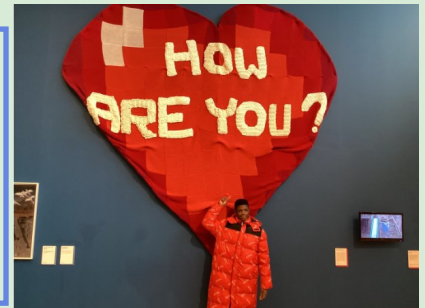
This term KS3 Zephaniah have been to WHSmiths in the local community, to buy books for World Book Day. We discussed how important community and belonging is to us. In PSHE lessons, students have focused on looking at mental health. They learnt about what good mental health is and strategies to stay mentally well. Students learnt about different people who can help and that talking to trusted people can help manage emotions and is an important way to stay healthy. Students have also looked at what good, appropriate friendships are and strategies to resolve conflicts within friendships should they occur. Students looked at how, sometimes, trusted adults can support and help them to resolve conflicts through conflict resolution.

KS3 Harewood

This term KS3 Harewood have been out and about in our local community, we have gone to play golf each week at Shirley Golf Club and looked in the charity shops in Kings Heath for furniture we can upcycle with Nick during Outdoor Learning. We've discussed how important community and belonging is to us. In our RE and PSHE lessons have focused on the people who matter to us. Being an active part of our community helps us feel that sense of belonging and grows our independence and future opportunities. On the last day of last half term we went to the Perry Grayson art exhibition at the MAC, which was great fun and gave us loads of ideas we can try out soon in our Art lessons!



KS4 visited the
Grayson Perry Art Club
Exhibition at the
Midlands Arts Centre.



In Cadbury class this half term we have been learning all about 'roots' in our RE lessons. We've learnt what we mean by 'our roots' and have had lots of lovely discussions about where we come from and why that's important. We've learnt about people who are born in different places to their parents and explored how this can shape them. We've also talked about how we all have different roots to each other and why it's important to understand and celebrate these differences in order to help us better understand one other and get along.

As our focus for this half term is all about 'My Creativity' we are using what we've learnt about our roots to complete a special project displaying our roots. Pupils are going to create a poster displaying their roots in whatever way they like – whether this is by drawing their family tree, making a collage to show the different backgrounds their families all come from or using a combination of the two. This project will not only be a celebration of our roots but also a celebration of the people who made us who we are and of course – **the people who matter to us**. We're really excited to create this and to show off our family tree project at the Spring Market!

On Wednesday evening 22nd March, students from KS3 performed The Tempest at the MAC as part of the Shakespeare in School Festival.

It was an amazing performance – and they were all superb!!!!



In PE we have been taking all of the transition classes swimming at Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre. The people who matter us at the swimming baths are the:

Receptionists - who sign us in and give us the key to the changing room

The lifeguards - who look after us and make us feel safe when we are in the water

The swimming coach - who helps us to improve and feel confident in the water.



In KS5LM, the students have been doing lots of work around friendship and things that they like doing with their friends. They have enjoyed taking part in activities together, with a focus on developing communication and social skills, and promoting happiness.

Coffee mornings for 2022– 23

These coffee mornings will be opportunities to get together with other parents and talk about key issues affecting your child/young person and you! Agendas and meeting topics published closer to the date.

Woodlands— 31st January, 22nd March, 2nd May, 13th June

Chamberlain— 1st February, 23rd March, 3rd May, 14th June

Russell Road— 3rd February, 24th March, 5th May, 8th July

Meet the Headteacher:

In person: 19 January, 27th April at 10:30 - 12pm

Teams Meetings: 6:00—7:30

19th January Meeting ID: 340 288 429 393 Passcode: 26Egfv

27 April Meeting ID: 340 387 706 249 Passcode: p2GFSf

School Contact Details

Phone: 0121 464 9634

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

Woodlands

Primary Site

Queensbridge
Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8QB

Chamberlain

Secondary Site

2 Yew Tree Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8QG

Russell Road

Post 16 Site

40 Russell Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8RE

Home to School Transport

Applications

Please note that Uffculme School does not manage the Home to School Transport agreements. This is done by the Local Authority. It may be that your request for Transport may not be approved by the Local Authority. If this is the case, you will need to raise your concerns to them through appeal.

Home to School Transport applications are now completed online:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/xfp/form/902> (link on school website)

Queries, Issues or Complaints

If you have any queries with regard to your child's 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 a bus is late to pick up or drop off your child please contact your transport contractor:

National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) on 0333 241 2745.

Green Destinations on 0121 553 3369, 07737 024 090 or by WhatsApp on 07534 927837

Please note that if the school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents/carers.

Transport Updates

Updates from Birmingham City Council regarding transport can be found here: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport-news/> (link on school website).

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 of the week

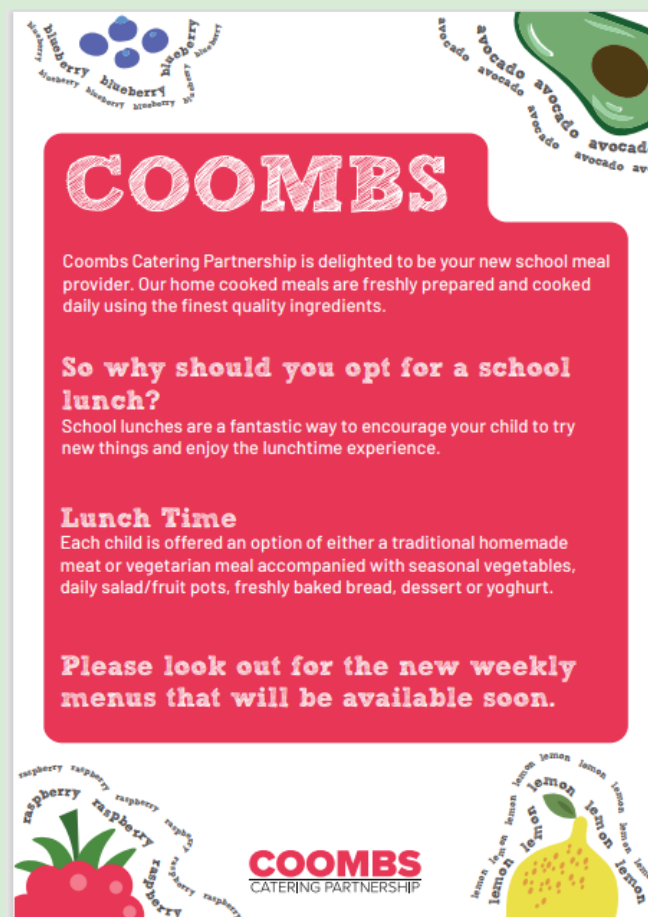
The date you would like this to start from (please allow 24 hours' notice for any changes)

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> (link on school website). 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.

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



The flyer features a central red box with white text. At the top left is a circular logo with blueberries and the word 'blueberry' repeated. At the top right is a circular logo with an avocado and the word 'avocado' repeated. At the bottom left is a circular logo with raspberries and the word 'raspberry' repeated. At the bottom right is a circular logo with lemons and the word 'lemon' repeated. The central text reads: 'COOMBS', 'Coombs Catering Partnership is delighted to be your new school meal provider. Our home cooked meals are freshly prepared and cooked daily using the finest quality ingredients.', 'So why should you opt for a school lunch?', 'School lunches are a fantastic way to encourage your child to try new things and enjoy the lunchtime experience.', 'Lunch Time', 'Each child is offered an option of either a traditional homemade meat or vegetarian meal accompanied with seasonal vegetables, daily salad/fruit pots, freshly baked bread, dessert or yoghurt.', and 'Please look out for the new weekly menus that will be available soon.'

Term Dates

Inset Days Monday 5th September 2022
Tuesday 6th September 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 17th February 2023
Monday 3rd July 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Autumn 1: Starts Monday 5th September 2022
Autumn 1: Ends Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

Autumn 2: Starts Monday 31st October 2022
Autumn 2: Ends Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Spring 1: Starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Spring 1: Ends Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 24th February 2023

Spring 2: Starts Monday 27th February 2023
Spring 2: Ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Summer 1: Starts Monday 17th April 2023
Summer 1: Ends Friday 26th May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer 2: Starts Monday 5th June 2023
Summer 2: Ends Friday 25th July 2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Inset Days TBC

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1: Starts Monday 4th September 2023

Autumn 1: Ends Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 3rd November 2023

Autumn 2: Starts Monday 6th November 2023

Autumn 2: Ends Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1: Starts Tuesday 8th January 2024

Spring 1: Ends Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Spring 2: Starts Monday 19th February 2024

Spring 2: Ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2023

Summer 1: Starts Monday 8th April 2024

Summer 1: Ends Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Summer 2: Starts Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer 2: Ends Friday 22nd July 2024







8-14 Easter Sports & Media Camp

Bring it on Brum!

Does your child qualify for free school meals? if so they are entitled to a fully funded place to our action packed sports camp at Jaffray Playing Fields from 10am - 2pm every day! Non-eligible children £20 per day or £60 for 4. Call 0121 622 1992 for details.

April 11-14 2023!

Activities include:

- ✓ AQA Learning
- ✓ Laser Tag
- ✓ T-Shirt Printing
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Trampolining
- ✓ Hat Printing
- ✓ Bowling
- ✓ Team Building
- Places are limited, so act fast!
- ✓ Rock Climbing
- ✓ Broadcasting

<https://external-forms.viewsapp.net/forms/v/1a000ed3-7ac7-4f68-93c1-f31526eeb805>

MON 3RD - THURS 6TH APRIL

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



EASTER HALF TERM

**Arts
Crafts
Sports
Food
Fun**

10- 16 year olds
Priority places for young people on free school meals

Maypole Youth Centre, Idmiston Croft, Druids Heath, B14 5NJ

Bring it on Brum!



Registered Charity No. 1069427

BCHC CHARITY'S

Family Fun Day!

Wednesday 5th April 2023
Midlands Arts Centre
10am-3pm

FREE OF CHARGE

Activities:

- Arts & crafts
- Face painting
- Become a CPR Superstar!
- Music
- Easter egg hunt
- Healthy eating
- Sports
- Balloon modelling

Join Team BCHC for a community day at the MAC Birmingham, with a focus on healthy communities and family fun!

Collect 6 activity stickers on the day to claim a prize!

Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH

Birmingham Community Healthcare Charity

For more information:
bchc.charity@nhs.net
0121 466 7314

