Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a busy start to 2018 for all pupils at Uffculme School. We hope you enjoy seeing some of the things the pupils have been enjoying in PSHE

### Dates for your Diary

**Half term will be Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd February 2018.**

**Term ends for Easter Holiday on Thursday 29th March 2018.**

Pupils will be taking part in some themed activities as part of our ‘Aspire weeks’. These will take place on w/c 26.02.18 - Risks and safety and w/c 12.03.18 - Healthy and Active. Please look out for our fantastic work in the next newsletters.

Due to a busy half term approaching we will be celebrating ‘world book day’ in the Summer term, instead of in March.

### Dinner Money

Primary dinner money for the half term will be: **£51.60.** If you would prefer to pay weekly the weekly amount is: **£10.75**

**Snack money** for this half term is **£5.00** or **£1.00** weekly

(All classes are provided with juice and biscuits)

All money is payable to school in either cash or cheque (made payable to Uffculme School)

### Attendance

If your child is ill please phone school directly. When your child returns to school, a letter to explain the reasons for absence must be sent in to the school office.

If your child has a medical appointment, please send a copy of the appointment letter or card in to school.

Any other reasons for absence; please complete a leave in term time request form and return to school before the absence.

**Spotlight on Attendance:** We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Taking holidays during term time is an unauthorised absence and really affects our whole school attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 95% in the first half term will be required to attend a meeting.

**Congratulations to the 11 pupils who have reached 100% attendance this academic year.**
Exciting new initiative - Allens Croft Disability Resource Base

Allens Croft Children Centre have successfully gained Lottery Funding to set up a team to support families of children with ASD. We were asked at the initial stages if we wished to be involved, as many of our families were at least initially involved with the pre-school support of this Centre. The Team comprises of a Team Leader, Family Support Workers and an Advocacy and Advice worker. Mrs Conboy, Mrs Rai and several of our parents attended a very successful launch event on January 19th, and we are making plans for how the support can be most effective for us. The Advocacy Worker attended our New Year Coffee Morning, and spoke to several families about how they may be able to help. The Team will help with benefits/ form filling eg DLA / housing issues/ early help. We are able to put in referral forms to request this help. This is an exciting initiative which we expect will be invaluable to our families.
In Foundation Stage sometimes we play happily by ourselves. Sometimes we like an adult to be involved in our play. Sometimes we like to play a game with a friend.
We have been learning how to ask each other for the snacks we would like.
We have been taking turns at different activities.

Taking turns with the fishing game

Taking turns to mould the dough

Taking turns to build a rock pool in the MILE room
In class 1/2 W, we work alongside one another taking turns and sharing, especially in cooking. We sit together when choosing our snacks. In Numeracy, we work on our turn taking skills when playing board games.
In 3A have been working on taking turns.

We are all friends in 3A.

We enjoy role play with our friends.
For PSHE we have been learning dressing skills.

We have been practising doing up and undoing our buttons and zips.
What have 4S been learning about?

In PSHE, we have been thinking about our families and who we live with.

Molly

Xavi

Bilal
PSHE in 5A

Wash hands
We are learning to wash hands when we are making food and drink

Taking Turns
We are learning to take turns

Sharing
We enjoy sharing a drink with our friends
In 56G we held a class election.

Pupils that wanted to stand for class president wrote their own manifestos.

We had a class vote and the winners were elected as:

Class President  Class Vice-President
How to be a Good Friend?

Taking Turns
We like building and taking turns with different toys.

Sharing
We enjoy reading books with one another.

We have fun enjoying the different types of weather outside and playing with one another.

We recognise and appreciate the different characteristics we have.