

WEEK COMMENCING
Monday 21ST September 2020

GREEN DINNER MENU

WEEKLY NEWS



THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

MONDAY

Brumble Bees
Private music lessons, am
PE – infants, pm

TUESDAY

Brumble Bees
Private music lessons, pm
PE – juniors, pm

WEDNESDAY

Brumble Bees
Forest School – Juniors, Group 1
PE – infants, pm

THURSDAY

Brumble Bees
PE – juniors, pm

FRIDAY

Brumble Bees
Private drumming Lessons, am
Forest School – Infants, Group 1

Dear Parents/Carers

A second busy week at Umberleigh Academy – the days seem to be going by very quickly! The children are embracing their new topics for this term and you will receive a curriculum newsletter with further details for each class. It has been especially encouraging to see all the year groups settle back into school life so easily even though they have missed some schooling. They are all a credit to themselves and their families and the staff are very proud and privileged to teach such a great group of children.

I would like to thank everyone for being extra vigilant when it comes to your children's health and for making sensible decisions about whether to send your child to school if they are unwell. It is not an easy time and all the staff are grateful for your continued support and patience to ensure everyone continues to remain safe. You will have received a letter from Mr Thomas with additional guidance but if you are unsure then please do not hesitate to ring the school office for further advice.



Pupil Premium: Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

Ways in which we spend our fund include:

- Extra one to one and small group support
- Employment of extra teaching assistants
- Catch up sessions for children needing extra help
- Breakfast club support
- Funding educational trips
- Music lessons for children who cannot afford to pay for them
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language support
- Investing in resources that boost learning such as laptops and tablets
- Free school meals

Please take advantage of this if you think you are eligible. All you need to do is visit this website www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals and fill out a quick form through the Devon Citizens Portal to see if your child could be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We are currently offering a £10 book token incentive to every successful applicant. Alternatively speak to Sharon if you have any questions.



Best wishes

Corrinne Smith

Head of School

Brumble Bee Parents



Applications and reconfirmation 30-hour Funding with HMRC

We have been advised by DfE that if a parent faces a reduced income due to coronavirus, they will be treated as meeting the minimum income threshold for 30 hours until 31st October and should therefore be able to reconfirm their 30 hour code.

If a parent has been made redundant whilst they are in receipt of the 30 hours entitlement, they will be able to claim 30 hours until their next reconfirmation date (parents need to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months). After this reconfirmation date, they will enter a grace period during which they can still access 30 hours. If at any point they regain employment which takes them above the minimum threshold, they will be able to reconfirm and continue their 30 hours without a break.

With regards to the length of the grace period, parents who fail to reconfirm their eligibility in the first half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of that term (31st December); parents who fail to reconfirm in the second half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of the following term (31st March).

We would strongly encourage those who become eligible in autumn to apply in good time, ahead of the 31st December deadline so they have 30 hours code confirmed and ready to access hours in the spring term (from 1st January 2021).

Brumble Bee Sessions - If you require to change your child/rens day or hours in Brumbles please make sure this is requested a week in advance via Sharon in the school office.

Parental Consent & Pupil Information Booklets – Each child has been sent home with a paper booklet for you to complete and return to the school office by **Today** please. Permissions must be completed every year! For those that have not yet completed and returned, another copy is being sent home with your child/ren today.



Flu Vaccine

All children in **Reception to Year 6** from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.



It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Breakfast Club runs daily when required from 8am with Mrs Scott and is available to Brumble Bee children as well as school children at the cost of £3.00 per child. Please pre-book sessions through the school office by email to admin@umberleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or alternately phone 01769 540362. Please can we request that bookings are made and cancelled by the previous Thursday every week unless your child is unwell.



School Office – Our school office is manned by Sharon every morning from this term and Wendy is based at our High Bickington site. Please make any **enquiries you have in the morning via a visit to the office, phone call or email**. If you do need to contact the school in the afternoon the school phone will be manned by the teaching staff. If you are dropping off in the afternoon / collecting early, please ring the doorbell located on the door to school outside the office and someone will come to see you.



School Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day 7th September 2020	First Day 5th January 2021	First Day 20th April 2021
Half-term 26th - 30th October 2020	Half-term 15th - 19th February 2021	Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021
Last Day 18th December 2020	Last Day 1st April 2021	Half-term 31st May - 4th June 2021
		Last Day 22nd July 2021

Non pupil days:

- 3rd & 4th September 2020
- 4th January 2021
- 19th April 2021
- 23rd July 2021



CHITTLEHAMPTON PLAY AREA

The children's play area behind Chittlehampton village hall is currently closed due to the age and condition of the equipment making it unsafe to be used. This has been well publicised around the village and there is a notice on the entrance, which has been sealed off. However, it has come to the parish council's attention that some children, including those from outside of the village, are still using the equipment in spite of it being unsafe to do so. The parish council is arranging for the equipment to be removed but until then **parents must not allow their children to enter the play area** as it is closed, and the equipment is unsafe to use.

