

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, was Children's Mental Health Week. We believe mental health is as important as physical health and as an Academy we have participated in lots of activities exploring and learning how to keep ourselves mentally healthy. Please have a look at our Pastoral Newsletter, issued earlier this week or available on our website, for helpful guidance on supporting your child's mental health.

We have also spent time this week exploring our online lives and, as part of Online Safety Week, children have taken part in a variety of activities over the week.

Last week, we had great fun completing the School Bird Watch survey for the RSPB. Well done to all the children for their keen eyes spotting a variety of our feathered friends!

Today is the last day of term 3, and I want to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half term break. Please be aware that Monday 20th February is an INSET day and the Academy will be closed to pupils.

We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Tuesday 21st February.

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
Principal

Textile Recycling

Thank you to parents who donated their unwanted textiles last Friday; you have helped to raise **£45.56**.

Remember every bit of money raised goes towards your children and additional resources within our

PTFA Event

Our PTFA offer some fantastic social events and this one is no exception.

Held at the Tropicana, the Back to the Nineties Event is brilliant! There are family roller disco sessions in the afternoon and an adult evening of Nineties music for parents from 8.00pm. Get your tickets today by visiting the PTFA Facebook page.

Reading Week



In preparation for Reading Week, we are inviting all our children to get involved in our half-term 'Story in a Jar' competition.

Your child is encouraged to think of a favourite book character and find objects that can be put into a jar to act as clues so others can guess the book title.

Children can compile their 'story jar' over the half term break and bring it & to school during week commencing Tuesday 21st February

Teachers will take a photo of your child's creation with their chosen book before putting them on display. Please remember to bring their book into class with the jar. The deadline for entries is 9.00am Friday 24th February.

We are really looking forward to seeing all the creative entries.

Please note dates for the diary; on Wednesday 1st March children are invited to a bedtime story evening at school and we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.

For full details of the Reading Week please see next page.





We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.

We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 3rd March**. We do not want people to feel that money needs to be spent to become a character from a book, home assembled costumes are fine! Why not wear a stripy top, glasses and a hat for Where's Wally? You will receive a £1 book token that can be used at the book fair which will be held on 9th & 10th March 2023.

As detailed on the last page, please encourage your child to take part in our half term 'Story in a Jar' competition.

One lucky winner in each year group will win a £5.00 book token.



On Wednesday 1st March, we are inviting EYFS & KS1 children to a story time session in school with their parents at 5:30pm. They can wear pyjamas/dressing gowns/onesies and bring a warm drink of hot chocolate along with them.

We would also like to share a link to FREE audiobooks for all readers, available for World Book Day 2023 from Thursday 16th February. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together as a family, or taking some time to listen alone. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

The book fair will be in school for EYFS & KS1 on Thursday 9th March and Friday 10th March for KS2 children to browse and buy books. The book tokens given out on World Book Day can be used at the book fair for £1 off any book. Please be aware that the "free" book using the token can only be purchased in official book stores.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Week 2023

World book week	Activity	Details
Half-Term	Competition	'Story in a jar' competition. Entries should be handed in by 9:00am on Friday 24th February
Wednesday 22nd February	Launch of reading week in KS1/KS2 assembly	Assembly for World Book Week
Wednesday 1 st March	Storytime Evening for EYFS & KS1 children	Children are invited to a Storytime Evening at school. This will be at 5:30pm and children can join each "area" in the school for a short story every 10 minutes. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
Wednesday 1st March	Class Activities	Children will be completing activities that explore their poem and will be given time to practise for their performance in assembly at the end of the week. Competition: https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2022/
Thursday 2nd March	Teacher swap!	Teachers will visit another class to read a story for 15 minutes.
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day	All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day (FRIDAY) Please do not go and buy a special outfit, home made outfits are perfectly adequate. Please can they also bring their favourite book to school to share with others.
Friday 3 rd March	Stop and Read Day	The children will need their reading book in school today. At different times during the day, the bell will ring and the children and adults in school will stop what they are doing and read for 5-10 minutes. Results of the story in a jar competition
Thursday 9th March	KS1 Book Fayre	We will be hosting a book fayre in the hall straight after school. There will be an opportunity to purchase all the latest books.
Friday 10 th March	KS2 Book Fayre	All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books for the library and for guided reading.

Dates for the Diary

Don't forget to check out the school website for all our events as well as lots more useful class information and an array of great photos of our children's learning;

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>

February

Friday 10th	END OF TERM 3
Monday 20th	INSET DAY - Academy closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st	START OF TERM 4 (Extra-curricular clubs are on this week)
Friday 24th	'Story In a Jar' competition deadline
Monday 27th	Year 6 Height & Weight Measure by the School Nursing team

March

Wednesday 1st	EYFS & KS1 Storytime Evening at 5.30pm
Friday 3rd	World Book Day Celebration. Dress as your favourite book character
Wednesday 8th	'Biggest Ever Girl's Football Session' at Weston College (selected pupils)
Thursday 9th	Year 2 SS Great Britain Visit
	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2) Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall at 3.15pm
Friday 10th	KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall at 3.15pm
Wednesday 15th	Dance Festival at the Playhouse Theatre (Dance Club members)
Tuesday 21st	Year 3 & 4 Sputnik Class visit to The Matthew, Bristol
Wednesday 22nd	Year 3 & 4 Voyager Class visit to The Matthew, Bristol
Thursday 23rd	Year 3 & 4 Chandra Class visit to The Matthew, Bristol
Friday 24th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning at 2.45pm in the School Hall
Monday 27th	Unicorn Class River Walk at 2pm
Tuesday 28th	Orion Class River Walk at 2pm
	Parents Evening - in-person appointments 3.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 29th	Pegasus Class River Walk at 2pm
	Parents Evening - video call appointments 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 30th	Year 3 & 4 presentation of Learning at 9.00am in the school hall
	Year 5 & 6 Presentation of Learning at 2.45pm in classrooms
Friday 31st	Easter Activities - further details to follow
	END OF TERM 4

April

Monday 17th	START OF TERM 5
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Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May