

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week our Year 3 & 4's had their trip to Weston Museum. The children explored fascinating artifacts and discovered more about life during Anglo-Saxon and Viking times. What a wonderful time they had! Well done Year 3/4, your behaviour and attitudes to learning were fabulous.

Next Monday, 13th October, our Year 5/6 classes will go on their trip to Cheddar Caves & Gorge. The children are really looking forward to this trip. Can we ask that parents check through the latest letter regarding what children need to bring.

Our Harvest Assembly is happening next Monday 13th October, with the Reverend Mark Madeley coming along to the whole school assembly to discuss the meaning and importance of the Harvest Festival.

Donations of food should be brought into school on Monday morning before 9:30am.

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at Parents Evenings next week. If you haven't secured your appointment, please visit <https://uphill.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book.

Just a reminder, we finish for the half term break on Wednesday 22nd and I hope you all have a well earned rest we it comes. We return to school at 8:35am on Monday 3rd November.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Sam Hodder

Principal

Data - MCAS

At the top of your MCAS menu you will see 'Data Collection Sheet'. This menu item allows you to check and update the details we hold about you and your child. Please note that you can only view your own details, not those for other contacts. We would encourage all contacts with parental responsibility to set up an MCAS account, so they can check and update their own details.

If you are a new parent and you have 'Admission Form' at the top of your menu, this means you have not yet provided us with enough information about you and your child.

It is really important that we hold accurate information about you and your child - please check and update these forms as soon as possible.

Harvest Festival

On Monday 13th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly. The Reverend Mark Madeley has kindly agreed to host the Harvest Assembly. We are delighted that representatives of Weston Foodbank will attend our KS2 assembly on Wednesday 15th October for a talk to the children about their charity work and the importance of giving food to support the most vulnerable families in our community.

Donations of tinned or dry foodstuffs:
Cooking sauces (curry, chilli, stir fry etc),
Rice,
Instant coffee and instant hot chocolate,



Custard,
Tinned veg,
Tinned meat and fish,
Washing up liquid,
Toilet paper,
Laundry tabs

Items should be brought into school on Monday morning before 9:30am. Please give generously and thank you for your support.

Year 4 Bikeability

Our Year 4 Bikeability training is taking place on Monday 20th October & Wednesday 22nd October!

If your child is taking part in the training, please check your child's bike to ensure it is safe to use and roadworthy. Please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet into school on the correct date. The weather has turned colder, so children are expected to wear warm clothes for this training. They are outside for most of the day. All children must have a warm, preferably waterproof coat. Gloves may also be required. Uniform must be worn but children can wear joggers and trainers for comfort. Children not wearing suitable clothing for the weather conditions may not be able to participate in the training.



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Y3/4 Swimming

Sputnik class have completed their swimming lessons.
Well done Sputnik Class.

Voyager Class have their first lesson on Monday 13th October and then will start again, following the half term break, on Monday 10th November. Due to the timings, children will be required to bring in a packed lunch to ensure we are ready to leave on time. Children should wear appropriate swimwear, preferably swimming trunks for boys and a one-piece costume for girls. Jewellery must not be worn and long hair must be tied back or covered by a swim hat. Children will also need a towel, goggles, a brush/comb and a bag to carry everything in.

Please ensure everything is clearly marked with your child's name.

School Nursing

Please be advised flu immunisations will take place on Thursday 16th October. You must ensure you have completed the consent form, even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccination, by Tuesday 14th October via the link below: <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3>

National Child Measurements are due to take place for our Year 6 pupils. All measurements are confidential. If you do not wish for your child's height and weight to be taken, please return the opt out form within the original letter to school nursing sirona.ns.schoolhealthreview@nhs.net by Friday 24th October

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer extra-curricular clubs over the forthcoming terms throughout the academic year. These will be provided free of charge and will be a great way to extend learning opportunities beyond the school day and enrich the opportunities for children to deepen their learning and achievement.

Letters have been sent to the year groups that the clubs are available for, starting in Terms 2. Bookings for these clubs can be made on MCAS and will be on a first come first served basis and bookings close on 14th October.

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;
www.uphillvillageacademy.cif.uk/classpages**

OCTOBER

Monday 13th

Voyager Class Swimming (1)
Year 5/6 - Cheddar Gorge & Caves Trip
Harvest Festival Assembly

Wednesday 15th

Year 2 RNLI Visitor

Thursday 16th

Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm - Face to face appointments
Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm - EYFS & KS2 Face to Face appointments
Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm - KS2 face to face; 5pm-7pm KS2 video calls
Flu Immunisations - Years R-6

Monday 20th

Yr5 Football Finals (selected pupils)
Year 4 Bikeability - Group 1

Wednesday 22nd

Year 4 Bikeability - Group 2

Thursday 23rd

INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

Friday 24th

INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd

START OF TERM 2

Thursday 6th

EYFS Parent Phonics Session @ 8.55am
Cyber Safety Parent Session @ 2.20pm - 3.15pm

Monday 10th

Voyager Class Swimming (2)

