

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Mental health is as important as physical health. As an academy, we have taken part in lots of activities together, to explore and learn about how to keep ourselves mentally healthy.

We have also spent time during this week's Online Safety Week exploring our online lives and how to stay safe and aware when we are online, regardless of our ages or experiences online! I would like to thank those parents who attended the Online Safety talk with PC Andrews on Wednesday; I hope parents found this as useful as our staff and children did.

Everyone got involved and had great fun last week with the School Bird Watch survey for the RSPB. Well done to all the children for their keen eyes spotting all our feathered friends!

Please remember to have a look at the class pages on our website and our Twitter feed to see photographs and read about what has been happening in and around school.

Next week is our last week before the half term break so I'll take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break and we'll see you all on Monday 28th February.

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
Principal

Travelling to School

Recently, there have been a number of updates to the Highway Code. You can find a summary of all the changes in

[The Highway Code Updates List](#)

We wanted to draw your attention to:

- when pedestrians are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction, other traffic should give way
- if pedestrians have started crossing a road, they have priority and the traffic should give way.

Unfortunately, we continue to have a small number of incidents regarding poor parking. Please do not park across or block access to & from our neighbour's driveways. Please park away from the immediate school vicinity and walk the short distance to avoid creating parking congestion.

Marvellous Reading Month



To kick start our Marvellous Month of Reading, we are inviting all our children to get involved in our half-term competition.

The challenge is to decorate a wooden spoon to represent your favourite book. Or book character. Children should bring in their decorated spoon on their return from the holidays and hand it into their class teacher. The deadline for entries is 9.00am Friday 4th March.

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

Remember, on Tuesday 1st March we will be holding our 'Virtual Bedtime Stories' Families can join their child's class teacher for a snuggly bedtime story which will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Get in your pyjamas and join us! Full details will follow next week.

For full details of the Marvellous Reading Month please see the newsletter dated 28th January which is available on the website www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk



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Allergen Reminder

Uphill Village Academy is a nut aware school. It is really important that that children do not have any nuts or nut products in their packed lunches.

This includes but is not exclusive to;

- Peanut butter and Nutella spread sandwiches
- Cereal bars containing nuts or traces of nuts
- Products containing sesame seeds

For the safety of children with allergies within our school, items of food containing nuts may need to be removed from a child. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We also need to remind parents that unfortunately we cannot accept any homemade food products such as cakes that are intended to be shared with children in school i.e. birthday cakes, biscuits etc. The only items we allow to be shared with other children within the same class to celebrate a birthday are sealed bags or individually wrapped sweets. These will be handed out as children leave school to enable permission to be given by a parent.

We would encourage parents to not give any sweet products for their child to share for birthdays.

Play Equipment

The play equipment in the front playground is for use by EYFS & Year 1 pupils, under supervision, during the school day.

Please **do not** allow your child(ren) to play on this equipment at collection time. Parents are requested to collect their child and leave the premises as quickly as possible through the side gates. Please refrain from waiting in the playground areas.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Toys

Recently, we have had a number of children bringing fidget/fiddle toys into school.

Please can we remind parents that children should not bring any toys from home into the academy, including Breakfast club and After School club.

Unfortunately, any toys bought into school will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the school day.

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/>

Tuesday 15th	Year 2 Multi-skills Sport Event - selected pupils
Thursday 17th	Tag Rugby Taster Session (within school day)
Friday 18th	END OF TERM 3
Monday 28th	START OF TERM 4 (Extra-curricular clubs are on this week)
March	
Tuesday 1st	Virtual Bedtime Story - KS1; 5.30pm, KS2; 6.00pm
Thursday 3rd	World Book Day - Dress as your favourite book character
Friday 4th	Book Character Wooden Spoon competition deadline
Wednesday 16th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Monday 28th	Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall 3.15pm
Tuesday 29th	Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall 3.15pm
Friday 8th April	Easter activities - details to follow

INSET Days - School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 16th March

Friday 8th July

PTFA News & Events

Firstly, thank you to parents who donated their unwanted textiles last Monday; you have helped to raise £76.32! Remember every bit of money raised goes towards your children and additional resources within the academy.

BACK TO THE NOUGHTIES

05.03.2022

TROPICANA, WESTON

TICKETS: £12*

7:30-1AM, LAST ENTRY: 10PM

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impact **DJ PIERRE PRESSURE** **DJ JONESX**

FACEBOOK.COM/BACKTOTHENOUGHTIES

*BOOKING FEE APPLIES

As always our PTFA have surpassed themselves with offering fantastic social events and this year is no exception.

Back to the Noughties Roller Disco sessions during the afternoon and an adult evening of noughties music for parents from 7.30pm.

Scan the QR codes on these advertisements for full details of the events.

Please support our PTFA - their events are a vital part of fundraising for our academy community.

The PTFA are instrumental in fundraising for the school. By organising these events and by parents supporting them we are able to gain precious additional funds that we can use within our academy.

Please help by supporting these fantastic events; they really do make a difference

This year the excellent fundraising efforts have helped to fund the Year 3/4 Viking Workshop and EYFS & Year 1 outdoor equipment.

Last year it funded the construction of the new bike shelter and this year we will be using the funds to help design a wild flower area on the field to attract even more nature.

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TROPICANA, WESTON

FAMILY ROLLER DISCO SESSIONS

YOUNG FAMILY: 1130PM - 3PM
TEEN FAMILY: 3130PM - 5PM
ADULTS: 5130PM - 7PM

TICKETS: £6 PER PERSON*
INCLUDES SKATES AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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Visits **Bleadon, Uphill, and Long Ashton** fortnightly on
Tuesdays:

2022	Tuesday
February	1, 15
March	1, 15, 29
April	12, 26

H = No service because of public/Bank Holiday
M = Vehicle off road for scheduled maintenance

Stops at:		
Bleadon	Church	10:20-11:20am
Uphill	Uphill Way car park	11:30am-12:20pm
Long Ashton*	Community Centre	2:30-4:30pm

Please note that stops and timings may be subject to change during the currency of this timetable.

*Please note that Long Ashton is a weekly stop.

We would ask that you consider the following, as part of our ongoing efforts to continue to safeguard our staff, customers and volunteers:

- Be mindful of the number of people on board the vehicle and wait outside if necessary or requested to do so by staff;
- Wear a face mask while on board (unless medically exempt);
- Sanitise your hands before entering vehicle;
- Do not use the service if you have symptoms, have tested positive or have been asked to isolate.

Please note that COVID-19 guidance and requirements may change.

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