

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 12th February 2021

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been one of the strangest terms, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for the support and time you have given both your children and the school to enable lessons and learning to continue. I remain amazed at the resilience and adaptability shown by both our children and staff in adapting to new routines both at home and in school.

Over the course of the term, we have seen our learning projects develop and I have enjoyed seeing and celebrating work during our assemblies. I am also pleased that we have been able to support national events including Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day.

As you are aware, we will remain in lockdown for the first two weeks after half term. We are hopeful that when the Prime Minister outlines, 'the roadmap out of lockdown' on 22nd February, we will have a clearer idea of what next term will look like. In the meantime, we remain optimistic that if infection rates continue to drop, we will soon all be back together in school.

You may recall that there was an Inset Day planned for Wednesday 17th March, but due to the current circumstances this will not be going ahead. Our next scheduled Inset Day will therefore be on Friday 2nd July.

I hope you have a well earned restful and safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back virtually or in person on Monday 22nd February.

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Track & Trace

Parents/carers of children in school - please ensure you email office@uva.clf.uk over half-term, if your child:

- develops COVID-19 symptoms and is awaiting a test
- tests positive for COVID-19
- needs to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case

Swimming Lessons

We have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the remaining lessons for this academic year. We have been unable to reschedule the lessons due to the uncertainty of pandemic and swimming pools being open. We will endeavour to catch up the lessons in the next academic year.

Critical Worker Places

As you are aware we are awaiting an announcement from the Government on the re-opening of schools from 8th March. We have no information currently as to whether this will be a phased or full reopening; although we are ever hopeful of the latter.

For the first two weeks after the half term break we will be continuing to allocate spaces for children who are deemed vulnerable and those with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker. - that is **'parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus and EU transition response'**. Unfortunately, this means many parent's jobs are not counted as 'critical work'. Our key priority remains to keep everyone safe.

Demand for places has risen significantly over the last few weeks and is expected to rise again after half term. We endeavor to meet requests from critical workers for their children to attend school however, there is a maximum number of children that we can safely accommodate in classrooms. Bookings will only be available on a week by week basis to enable us to keep numbers under constant review; therefore, parents need to be aware that at any time places may not be available due to capacity limits and/or staff availability.



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World Book Day

Mobile Library

While the country is in lockdown, The Mobile Library is operating a 'click & collect' service only. However, it's a great way to get your books to support World Book Day. Customers can contact by phone on 01934 888864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk and ask for a selection of books. They will arrange a time that these can be collected from the mobile library. They visit Uphill Way Car Park between 11.30am & 12.30pm on Tuesday (fortnightly).

February 2nd & 16th

March 2nd, 16th & 30th

Pupils Making us Proud!



Erin's Rugby Club Walk the 6 Nations

Erin, who is a keen rugby player, has joined her team mates from Weston-super-Mare RFC Mini's & Juniors to raise money for NHS charities.

They are tasked with walking the distance between each stadium in the Six Nations Rugby Tournament.

Erin, who is in year 5, has raised an amazing £640 so far and set herself a personal target of walking 100 miles in 4 weeks! Erin hasn't missed a day since the start of the challenge on 23rd January.

A massive well done to Erin, who is showing real commitment and determination on completing this challenge. She has been averaging 38 miles a week! Fantastic.

If you would like to support Erin please follow the link below for her 'Just Giving' page;

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eringoodewsmrfc>



Ryan's Couch to 5k for Weston Hospice

Ryan, who is in year 6, has taken on a lockdown fitness challenge to help his community and raise much needed funds for Weston Hospice!

Ryan, who is a keen footballer, decided to take up the 'Couch to 5k' running challenge for Weston Hospice, to keep fit as well as help the charity. Weston Hospice are in desperate need of extra fundraising support during the pandemic as many of their fundraising events have been cancelled and their shops are closed.

Ryan has to runs 3 times a week and has already reached week 5 of the 9 week program. He is now able to run for 20 minutes at a time reaching a distance of nearly 4Km.

We are proud of Ryan for taking on this challenge. He has already smashed his £150 target!

Keep going Ryan, we wish you good luck for your final 5km run!

If you would like to support Ryan, please follow the link to his 'Just Giving' page;

www.justgiving.com/Ryan-Singfield



Ryan's favourite run so far — in the snow!

'Chance to Shine' LIVE Cricket Sessions

CHANCE TO SHINE LIVE!
- Cool Catcher 🧤

JOIN US FOR A LIVE CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET SESSION!

📅 WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY
2.00 - 2.45PM

📺 [chancetoshine.org/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqWwE81110000000000000000)

👤 ACCESSIBLE FOR PUPILS OF ALL AGES

YOU WILL NEED:

- 🏏 A BALL OR A ROLLED UP PAIR OF SOCKS!
- 🧱 A WALL TO REBOUND THE BALL OFF WITH SAFE SPACE AROUND

Get involved with cricket! Join the live cricket lessons that 'Chance to Shine' are running every week.

The lessons are suitable for both child in school or those learning from home.

The lessons can be viewed live or you can access the recording at anytime via

www.chancetoshine.org/live

Organised in conjunction with Somerset Cricket Board



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Dates for Your Diary

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th

END OF TERM 3

Monday 22nd

START OF TERM 4

MARCH

Thursday 4th

World Book day

Friday 19th

Red Nose Day

APRIL

Thursday 1st

END OF TERM 4

Monday 19th

START OF TERM 5



Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons

We have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the remaining lessons for this academic year. We have been unable to reschedule the lessons due to the uncertainty of the re opening of swimming pools. We will plan to provide catch up lessons for those children moving into year 5 in the next academic year.

Charity Fundraising



Christmas Jumper Day feels a long time ago but all the children and staff enjoyed the festive fun last December.

It was a very colourful day at school and thanks to your generosity we raised a fantastic £220.37 for this worthy cause.



Critical Worker Child Lunch Menu -Term 4

Menu's were issued last week for the return to school on 22nd February. Unfortunately, due to a change in the week rotations please find to follow the correct menu.

Please disregard the previous menu sent out last week.

Week Commencing:	22nd February	1st March	8th March
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With dough balls	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With dough balls	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With dough balls
Tuesday	Quorn Hotdog, wedges & peas	Chicken Burger wedges & coleslaw	Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese
Thursday	Mac 'N' Cheese	Mac 'N' Cheese	Bolognese Pasta
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips	Fish Fingers and Chips	Southern Fries Chicken Tasters and Chips