

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 12th July 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost at the end of yet another academic year! We are still busy with lots of activities and are looking forward to our Year 6 leavers activities over the last two weeks.

We held our Sports Day last Thursday. We were lucky with the weather - at least it stayed dry. It was great to see so many parents come along and support their children at this fun event. Thank you to Mr Huntley & Miss Arnall for organising this brilliant event for us.

At the end of last month, with the support of the PTFA & the Uphill Village Society, we hosted our Annual Summer Fete. What a great day!

We enjoyed an array of stalls and games that filled the playground and the field. It was wonderful to watch our children, both the Samba Drumming and the Choir, as they performed to the gathered community - they were fabulous.

We are very proud of this community event and thank you for your support. A grand total of £4,760.58 was raised which is just brilliant!

This week our Year 5/6 children performed their end of year production - I think you'll agree with me, they were fantastic! I hope you enjoyed this as much as I did!

Next week will be our summer Celebration Newsletter with a round up of all we have been up to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hodder, Principal

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Photos

Last week Tulip Photography visited our school to take our class photos and individual photos for the Year 6 children.

Everyone should have received their child's QR code to enable them to order their photograph.

If you cannot locate your child's QR code and would like to order your child's class photograph please contact the school office on office@uva.clf.uk

Transition

We are holding our Transition morning on Tuesday 16th July. Children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom. This will help them to be ready to settle in September.

We are sure they will come home and tell you all about it!

Reports

Reports will be emailed home by class during w/c 15th July.

Please do not worry if your child does not receive theirs at the same time as another, all reports will be issued by the end of Friday 19th July.

Meet the Teacher

In September, we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' meetings immediately after school for children moving to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.

These meetings are a chance for parents to meet their child's teacher and discuss what happens within their new year group i.e. homework expectations. P.E. requirements etc.

The dates for these will be in next week's Celebration Newsletter so please keep an eye out for them and book them in the diary.

We look forward to meeting parents in the next academic year.

Uniform

Reminder that from September children must wear the royal blue jumper/cardigan with logo which can be purchased from NK sports in Worle High Street or via their website [Uphill Village Academy – NK Uniform \(nkgroupuk.com\)](https://www.nkgroupuk.com)

Full uniform guidelines can be found on our website [Uniform - Uphill Village Academy \(clf.uk\)](https://www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk)



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Changes to Penalty Notices

We wanted to bring your attention to the update in the statutory guidance for schools that comes into effect from 19th August 2024. In summary the changes are as follows:

- Be clearer on the link between improving attendance and wider school culture, including the importance of working in partnership with families to find supportive routes to improve attendance.
- Reflect changes to the law on keeping school attendance and admission registers
- Set out the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices and reflect changes to the law introduced through the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.
- Change 'parenting contracts' for attendance to 'attendance contracts' to better reflect the agreement between parents, schools and/or local authorities.

All of the changes in legislation are reflected in our Attendance Policy which can be found on our website from 19th August www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk

We have also emailed a leaflet from North Somerset Council reflecting the changes in Penalty Notice legislation.

Holiday season is upon us and we do understand the temptation to take your child out of school during term time either before or after the summer break. However, we ask that you carefully consider this choice and avoid doing so.

Attending school every day helps children maximise their learning in the classroom and enjoy the benefits of their entire educational experience. We ask parents to request permission for any leave of absence in advance, which must be in writing and, wherever possible, at least **four weeks'** notice should be provided. We may ask to meet with you to discuss your request.

Our term time leave request form can be accessed using the link below.

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/CLF-Term-Time-Leave-Request-Form.-2020-21-1.pdf>

Parents are reminded that unauthorised absence may result in the receipt of a Penalty Notice and/or, in certain circumstances, being liable to prosecution.

Ensuring children attend school every available day, on time, is a key parental responsibility and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

End of Year ParentPay

Parents of Year 6 Children - Important Information

Over the next few weeks we will be moving any credit or outstanding debt within a Year 6 child's account to their siblings account, if available.

If there are no siblings within school, any outstanding debt **MUST** be settled by **21st July**. Please ensure there is sufficient credit to cover school meals required until the end of term. If there is a credit remaining on your child's account at the end of term, we will contact you with instructions for how to claim a refund through the CLF Finance department.

Year 6 After School Club & Breakfast Club fees for July will be charged to your child's ParentPay account this week and should be paid in full before the end of term.

All Other Year Groups

Any child currently attending school and having school dinners in July must have enough credit within their account to cover the costs. Please remember to top up your account at the end of August to cover any meal costs in September. All balances **MUST** remain in credit at all times.

Parents of children within Year 2 should be aware that the entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals will cease and school meals will be charged to ParentPay at a cost of £2.40 per meal on their return in September.



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KS2 Milk Orders 2024-25

From September 2024 we will no longer be able to support the purchase of milk for Key Stage 2 children.

School Milk Services will no longer take orders for milk once a child moves into Key Stage 2 (yrs 3-6). We will also not, as a school, provide children with milk once a child is in KS2.

This does not affect our EYFS and KS1 (yrs 1 & 2) children.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Children should always have a water bottle in school on each and every day and are welcome to bring in a small juice carton &/or a piece of fruit to

Music Tuition 2024-25

We are delighted that we have been inundated with requests for musical instrument tuition for the next academic year.

West of England Music Services provide our music tuition and we are currently working with them to secure sufficient capacity to accommodate everyone who has applied.

We ask that those parents, who have requested music tuition, bear with us whilst we finalise the schedule. We are hoping to confirm tuition by the end of the academic year, with payments made by parents in August.

Unfortunately, we cannot take any further bookings.

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/>

July

Wednesday 17th	CLF Big Dance (selected pupils)
Thursday 18th	Year 6 Leavers Party @ 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 23rd	Leavers Assembly 9am
Tuesday 23rd	Leavers Parents Coffee Session - 9.30am in school hall
Tuesday 23rd	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR

September

Monday 2nd	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4th	START OF TERM 1
Monday 16th	Chandra Class Swimming
Friday 20th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Monday 23rd	Chandra Class Swimming
Monday 30th	Chandra Class Swimming

October

Monday 7th	Chandra Class Swimming
Monday 14th	Chandra Class Swimming
Wednesday 23rd	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday 24th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 25th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)



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Summer Reading Challenge

Children – unleash your creativity with this year’s Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers!

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It’s all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children’s reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop in to your local library or visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to sign up. Whether you're a budding artist or a dreamer of distant worlds, there’s sure to be a book to inspire you on our shelves.

This year, we're painting outside the lines and dancing to the rhythm of our own stories with a challenge focused on creativity! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there’s something for everyone.

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries. This year’s theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most. The bespoke illustrations for Marvellous Makers are created by the brilliant illustrator, Natelle Quek. The Challenge starts on Saturday 6th July and runs until Saturday 14th September across all North Somerset libraries.

So, young creators, are you ready to set off on an adventure that celebrates your artistic spirit? The chapter is yours to write, and the canvas awaits your touch.

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2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

LIBRARY

Join FREE at your library

Get rewards for reading!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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With the Summer Reading Challenge approaching, would you like to support your child by improving your own reading skills?

2.4 million adults in England alone cannot read at all or struggle to read, but many people don't tell anyone. There are many reasons why some people find it difficult to learn to read when they are children, but the good news is that it's never too late to learn.

We know it can seem like a big challenge, but improving your reading skills can change your life. We have helped hundreds of adults to learn to read and are here to support you when you're ready.

Read Easy will help any adult who either can't read or who lacks confidence with reading. We are proud to be inclusive. For example, if you are dyslexic, the Turning Pages manuals we use work well for people with dyslexia. Our reading coaching is confidential, one-to-one and absolutely free!

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