

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all our families managed to spend some quality time with their loved ones over the Christmas break and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Welcome back to term 3! This term, we have seen a significant reduction in Covid-19 cases within our school community and thanks to the vigilance of our parents, these cases have not had an impact within school. Lets hope it stays this way! Please read the updated testing information below for further details.

Over the last year we had not being able to run as many educational visits as we would have liked to; so we are absolutely delighted to be able to take our year 5/6 children out on a field trip next week. They will be visiting the National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon to link with their history enquiry question 'How the Romans Ruled.'

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Flu Immunisations

Sirona School Nursing visited our school on Wednesday to administer nasal flu immunisations. Thank you to those parents that took up the offer of a flu immunisation, helping to keep the occurrence of flu low in the community.

In order to maximise the uptake of the vaccines Sirona will be offering community clinics for students who have missed their vaccination in school for any reason i.e. parents have not completed their e-consent forms, or children were absent on the day of the session. Sirona will send details regarding how to book these additional clinics to us shortly and we will let parents know asap.

Isolation & Testing Update

From Monday 17 January, children who are self-isolating with COVID-19 can reduce their isolation period if they test negative with a lateral flow test on both day 5 & day 6 and have no symptoms e.g. if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

Census Day

Next Thursday 20th January, will be census day. This is one of the days in the year when our funding is calculated by the Department for Education.

Funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals is calculated based on the number of meals taken on Census days. To help encourage as many children as possible to have a school lunch we have changed the menu to one of our popular meals - fish & chips!

Therefore next weeks menu will be

- Thursday; Fish Finger Bap & Chips or Vegan Sausage Roll
- Friday; Sticky Hoisin Chicken & Noodles or Sweet & Sour Chicken style strips & noodles

Club Dates

Extra Curricular Clubs have re-commenced this week. Can we remind parents that collection from these clubs is from the front playground at 4.15pm promptly. To confirm all extra curriculum clubs, except Dance Club, will finish w/c 28th March.



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Punctuality

We have had a number of children arriving late at school since our return from the Christmas break. The gates (both front & side) open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am promptly. Please ensure your child is in school BEFORE 8.45am as registers are taken at this time. Children arriving after this time will be marked 'late'

Children begin their learning as soon as they enter their classroom so any lateness directly impacts on this and on other children's learning. Please be aware the Education Welfare Officer will be visiting the school soon to speak to parents who arrive late to school.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

If your income or circumstances have changed and you feel your child(ren) may be eligible for free school meals, it is essential you apply to check your eligibility. An application should be made for each child; it is the child that qualifies, not the family.

Even if your child(ren) are already eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is important you check your eligibility for Benefit related free school meals as it can also provide additional financial support from the school to help cover the costs of school trips, milk, school jumpers/cardigans and KS2 music lessons.

North Somerset Council provides an online application service for free school meals. Parents are able to apply online, at home or via us in school, and get an instant result. The system generates a letter that parents can print off and give to the school and eligibility will start from the date of the letter.

Use the link below to access this application form:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

IMPORTANT - if your child is already eligible for free school meals, do not reapply as this may lead to the loss of your entitlement. You should only reapply for a child in the summer holidays before they transition to secondary school.

Term Time Leave Requests

As families begin to consider booking their Summer holidays, we would just like to remind parents that the academy will not authorise any leave of absence in term time unless satisfied the reason for the absence are exceptional. The absence should be for the shortest time possible; if an absence is agreed, the Principal will decide how many days will be authorised.

We ask parents to request permission for leave of absence in advance, and to only request absence if time off school is absolutely necessary. Any requests should be put in writing and wherever possible at least **four weeks'** notice should be provided. Forms are available from the academy website. We may ask to meet with you to discuss your request.

Please do not just take your child out of school without requesting leave. This absence will be recorded in the registers differently to a request that has not been authorised and carries harsher penalties. Parents are reminded that unauthorised absence may result in the receipt of a fixed Penalty Notice and/or, in certain circumstances being liable to prosecution.

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It may not always be appropriate, or in the best interests of the child, to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Wherever possible please try to make alternative arrangements for your child so they can attend school.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.



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Year 6 Charterhouse

The Year 6 Charterhouse Residential trip will take place from Monday 16th May until Friday 20th May.

We are so excited to be using Charterhouse for our seventh year and we would like to be able to take all our Year 6 children as this is a fantastic experience. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or the office team and we'll try to help.

The payment plan is now available on ParentPay for those parents that have given permission for

PTFA Textile Recycling

Monday 7th February 8.00am—9.00am

January is a time to have a clear out to make room for all those Christmas gifts. So purge your unwanted clothing and raise money for the PTFA!

Pack up your unwanted clothes into bags and leave them in the marked area on the grass verge on Ellesmere Road (by the large flower box).

An excellent eco friendly way to clear your wardrobes this January & raise PTFA funds, so get clearing!

Uphill Village Events 2022

Here are some of the events the Village Society have planned for this year. Join in and support the village whenever you can.

Every Monday (except school holidays)

Pop-Up Café @ 2pm in the Victory Hall

21st May

**Village Table Top Sale;
all day across the village**

25th - 28th May

**Village Exhibition held at the Village Hall;
celebrating the history of Uphill (see last page of newsletter)**

2nd - 5th June

**Queen Jubilee Celebrations; including prom
concert, Party in the Park & the 'Beacon Burn'**

2nd - 3rd July

**Family Fun Weekend; including charity duck race,
fete and sandcastle festival**

29th - 30th July

76th Annual Show

17th - 18th September

15th Annual Scarecrow Festival; Disneyland

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/>

January

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| Tuesday 18th | Chandra Class Swimming |
| Wednesday 19th | Orion Class - Year 5/6 Caerleon Roman Fortress Trip |
| Thursday 20th | Unicorn Class - Year 5/6 Caerleon Roman Fortress Trip |
| Friday 21st | Pegasus Class - Year 5/6 Caerleon Roman Fortress Trip |
| Tuesday 25th | Chandra Class Swimming |

February

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| Tuesday 1st | Chandra Class Swimming |
| Monday 7th | PTFA Textile Recycling 8.00am - 9.00am |
| Tuesday 8th | Chandra Class Swimming (last session) |

Friday 18th **END OF TERM 4**

Monday 28th **START OF TERM 4**—All extra-curricular clubs are on this week

March

Wednesday 16th **INSET DAY** - School closed to pupils

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Pupils**

Friday 8th July 2022



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SHARE YOUR STORY

UVA 150th Anniversary / *Share Your Story*

Over the years, all 150 of them Uphill Village School, now Uphill Village Academy has impacted countless lives and helped make the Uphill community what it is today.

Whether it's a story about a favourite teacher or a memorable moment from your or your family's school days, we would love to hear from you. Please contact info@uphillvillagesociety.org.uk and share the impact the school has had on your life.

If you would like to submit a story for us to consider publishing in a special commemorative book or if you have any photographs or other memorabilia of the school we would like to hear from you.



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