

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 14th May 2021

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow! Another couple of busy weeks in school. The school was alive with activity last week; Year 3/4 held their Pentathlon event, Year 5/6 welcomed back 'Revealed Projects' for their building esteem workshop, Year 5 took part in a Samba drumming workshop and there were some great smiles for the class photos! It was great to welcome visitors into school and to walk around watching the children take part in these great activities.

Please check out the class pages on our website and my Twitter feed to see some great photographs and news on what has been happening around school.

We are so excited to take our Year 6 children to Charterhouse next week. This is brilliant week for the children to really push themselves, learning new skills and gaining new experiences. Have a great time Year 6. Fingers crossed for good weather.

We are looking forward to our staff CLF Big Run/Walk next Wednesday, along Weston seafront; if you see us give us a wave!

Please remember you can support us by using this link and clicking on the donate button

<https://bigevents.clf.uk/events/big-walk-big-run/>

I wish everyone a lovely weekend

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## Reminders

### Class & Year 6 Photographs

Every child was sent home last week with an access code to order their class photograph. Please follow the link

<https://orderphoto.co.uk/login>

Order before 23rd May to qualify for a discount.

Any problems please contact the school office team.

### CLF Big Walk & Run

Reminder all children are required to wear their P.E kit tomorrow (Friday 14th) in support of the CLF Big Run/Walk.



## CLF Big Run & Walk

All the children will be involved tomorrow (Friday 14th) in supporting the CLF Big Run & Walk. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit ready for the event.

The CLF Trust is attempting to run 11,622 miles, one mile for every child in our Trust, and to raise the equivalent in funding (£11,662) for our most disadvantaged children. The Central team and all the schools within the Trust are running throughout the month of May and our staff and children are committing to walking or running a number of miles towards the cause.

The event promotes mental health and wellbeing through activity to support our children to engage with education following the fairly challenging year we have all had.

Uphill Village Academy staff will be walking and running on Wednesday 19th May. If you would like to support these events, by donating to this very worthy cause, please go to our website for further details.



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## Covid-19 Update

As I'm sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has confirmed the next stage of the Roadmap out of lockdown which is effective from Monday 17th May. This was accompanied by new guidance from the Department for Education. The guidance largely remains unchanged, meaning we will continue to operate in the same way as we have this term; with staggered start and finish times children remaining in class bubbles and masks being worn by staff, visitors and parents in the playgrounds and communal areas around school.

All of our current health & safety measures will remain in place including:

- self isolating if symptoms are displayed
- Cleaning hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- Following the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' approach
- Enhanced cleaning and ventilation within all areas of the school
- Maintaining social distancing where possible

## Year 6 Charterhouse Residential

We are very excited that next week we will be taking the Year 6 children on their residential trip to Charterhouse. We are thrilled this fabulous trip will give the children some normality, in what has been a very difficult year.

Year 6 children attending the trip should arrive at school at 9.15am on Monday morning, although we will not be leaving for camp until after lunch. Children should be collected from school at 1pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. A final arrangements letter was sent to parents this week with lots of detail about the trip.

Parents of children attending the trip can follow us via our Charterhouse Twitter account. This is a closed group and will only be open to parents of the children attending. Visit Twitter and find us at [Charterhouse@Y6uphillvillage](https://twitter.com/Charterhouse@Y6uphillvillage) and request to follow the account. We will accept parents to view the account over the next few days before we travel. We take loads of photos to keep you informed and you can see just what they get up to!

Let's keep our fingers crossed for a bit of sunshine!

## Year 5 Samba Workshop

Year 5 had an amazing musical treat last Tuesday when North Somerset Music Service treated them to a Samba drumming workshop.

The children were taught how to play and find the rhythm of the drums. All the children had great fun and really enjoyed making lots of noise in the hall. Such fun!

Thank you to Anne at North Somerset Music Service for leading this brilliant workshop.



## Year 3/4 Pentathlon

Year 3/4 had a fantastic morning of sport last Tuesday when they competed in the 'Virtual Pentathlon' alongside over 500 schools nationwide.

Sports coaches came into school to lead our children in this brilliant event that connected lots of children taking part in the pentathlon event.

The children showed great determination and spirit as they took part in events that included the standing long jump, chest push, vertical jump, speed bounce and 10 x 10 metre shuttle runs.

In the 566 schools that have taken part so far, Uphill Village Academy stand at a very impressive 72nd!  
A great achievement all round.

## Parents Evening Feedback

Thank you to all those parents who responded to our Parents Evening survey; we really appreciate you taking the time and giving us your honest feedback.

It was great to hear that many of you were very happy with your child's Parent Evening and that you found it helpful and informative.

Going forward, we will be looking at how we conduct future Parents Evenings and, based on your feedback, it is likely we will offer one evening/session as face-to-face meetings (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) and one evening/session as a video call. This will give parents a choice as to the medium that best suits their needs.

We take on board the frustration with the timer on the video calls, however this is part of the system used and does allow teachers to keep to time and allow all our parents to receive sufficient time for their child's feedback.

We look forward to our next Parents Evenings with you all. In the meantime please remember we have the year group emails, whereby parents can contact their child's class teacher at any time with worries, concerns or celebrations of your child's achievements that you would like to share them.

## Wrap Around Care

If you are booking a place for your child(ren) at either Breakfast Club or After School Club in June, please remember the booking system opens at **10am on Monday 17th May and will close at 4pm on Wednesday 19th May.**

Parents need to book at

<https://uphill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please remember places cannot be booked if there are any monies outstanding for May. Please ensure balances are cleared before booking.

If you are looking for childcare provision for your child and require a space at either club, please contact the school office team on [office@uva.clf.uk](mailto:office@uva.clf.uk)

## Parking Issues

We continue to have issues with parking outside the school and around the village. Please be considerate when picking up and dropping off your children.

Parents should park and walk to the school gates; please do not pull up outside the gates and allow you child(ren) to get out the car unattended.

Parking on the pavements or the zig zags is illegal. Please do not block our neighbours driveways. We request the police and NSC parking enforcement patrols regularly.

Thank you for your support in this.

## Dates for Your Diary

### May

Tuesday 11th	Chandra Class Swimming
Friday 14th	Virtual Cross Country - All year groups should wear P.E Kit
Monday 17th-21st	Year 6 Residential at Charterhouse
Tuesday 18th	Chandra Class Swimming
Tuesday 25th	Chandra Class Swimming
Thursday 27th	School Nurse Visits—Year 6, Year 1 & Reception Only
Friday 28th	<b>Inset Day - school closed to pupils</b> <b>END OF TERM 5</b>

### June

<b>Monday 7th</b>	<b>START OF TERM 6</b>
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## Community News

### For Sale

#### Casio Keyboard

One of our lovely Lunchtime Supervisor's has a Casio keyboard for sale. If your child is learning to play the keyboard this may be what you need. It is in good condition and available for £50.

If you are interested, please email the school office on office @uva.clf.uk with your contact details.



### Mobile Library

#### Your Mobile Library



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

2021	Tuesday
May	M, 25
June	8, 22
July	6, 20

H – public holiday = vehicle off road      M – maintenance = vehicle off road

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.

### Holiday Club Opportunity

STSUK have holiday clubs running in North Somerset for June 1st-4th. If you are interested, please visit their website [www.stsuk.org](http://www.stsuk.org)

Book early to avoid disappointment!

### TV Opportunity!

**Are you aged between 10– 12 years? Are you fearless, adventurous and good at problem solving?** If you have answered 'YES' to any of the above questions, then we want to hear from YOU!

We are looking for children to take part in CITV's immersive game show **Don't Unleash the Beast!**

To apply for the show please follow the below link:

<https://shortaudition.com/Dont-Unleash-The-Beast-S2>



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