

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 14th October 2022

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a great start to the academic year we have had. Term 1 has come and gone already but there has been much to celebrate.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for parents evenings this week. It was fantastic to see so many of you and we hope you found these meetings helpful and informative. It is always encouraging to know that our families are invested in their child's progress at school and parents evenings are a great way to find out how to help your child's learning at home. Thank you all for your continued support of our Academy.

To help us evaluate parents evening and improve the information we share with our parents, we would like ask parents to complete a short survey. The link to access the form is below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/583DmCADZZ>

This week I would like to congratulate some of our Year 5/6 children who took part in an inter school cross country tournament. Our children tried their very best and we had some great results; most importantly they had a thoroughly brilliant morning. Some of our Year 3 children had the chance to take part in a multi sports festival in the previous week and it was delightful to see them trying out new sports that they would never have a chance to do in school. Next week, we have a selection of Year 5/6 children taking part in a football tournament - we wish them the best of luck.

We are delighted that we are once again able to attend so many sporting events thanks to our membership of the North Somerset Sports Partnership. The children who attend these events are a credit to the school and embrace new experiences so well. We have more sporting events to attend throughout the year and more of our children will have the opportunity to participate in the many sports on offer.

We finish for half term break next Wednesday (19th) and I hope you all have a well earned rest. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Samantha Hodder,

Principal

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Lates

We have had a number of children arriving late for school since our return. The gates (both front & side) open at 8.35am 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 with an 'L' code (Late).

After School clubs

There are NO extra-curricular clubs next week EXCEPT Young Voices Club on Tuesday.

All extra-curricular clubs start again week commencing 31st October.

Healthy Lunchboxes

In line with our Healthy Schools Award we would encourage parents to pack healthy food items into your child's lunch boxes.

We would really love to see at least one piece of fresh fruit in every lunchbox please. Where possible please refrain from packets of crisps.

May we remind parents that children are NOT allowed fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars in their lunchbox although a small chocolate coated biscuit is acceptable.

A good healthy lunch is important to help children concentrate for the afternoon's work and your help in this is appreciated.



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Term Time Leave Requests

We are really pleased with the level of attendance since our return from the Summer break. We know that this reflects the value our families put on their child's education, it is vital that schools and families continue to work together to ensure they attend school regularly. Attending school every day throughout a term helps children maximise their learning in the classroom and enjoy the benefits of their educational experience. It really does make a difference.

We would therefore like to remind parents that the academy will NOT authorise any leave of absence in term time unless satisfied the reason for the absence is exceptional. The absence should be for the shortest time possible; if an absence is agreed, the Principal will decide how many days of absence 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 a request for the issuing of a fixed Penalty Notice or may be liable to prosecution.

Year 3/4 Swimming

Chandra class have now completed their swimming lessons. Well done Chandra Class.

Sputnik Class start their lessons on **Thursday 3rd November**. Due to the timings, children will be required to bring in a packed lunch to ensure we are ready to leave on time. If your child qualifies for benefit based free school meals they will be entitled to have a packed lunch provided by the school. Please telephone 01934 626769 or email us on office@uva.clf.uk if you would require this option.

Children should wear appropriate swimwear, preferably swimming trunks for boys and a one-piece costume for girls. If boys prefer to wear swimming shorts, these must be of a length well above the knee and tied at the waist, however, these are not ideal as they fill up with air and impede movement in the water. Jewellery must not be worn and long hair **must** be tied back or covered by a swim hat.

Children will also need a towel, goggles, a brush/comb and a bag to carry everything in. Please ensure everything is clearly marked with your child's name.

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/>

October

Tuesday 18th Year 5 & 6 Football Event (selected pupils)

Thursday 20th **INSET Day - School closed to pupils**

Friday 21st **INSET Day - School closed to pupils**

END OF TERM 1

Monday 31st **START OF TERM 2**

November

Thursday 3rd Sputnik Class Swimming



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