

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 15th March 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of terms 3 and 4 we reflect on how busy we have been, learning and bringing our curriculum to life with a number of events and trips.

This week, we joined the other academies in our Trust for the CLF Big Day of Maths. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to take part in a range of activities bringing maths to life and creating an environment where 'maths is fun'. We had a great day and hopefully your child has shared some of the fun activities we did.

Last week, two of our Year 5 girls attended the heats of the CLF Big Bake. We are delighted that they made it through to the finals, which will be held next week at Winterstoke Hundred Academy. Good luck girls!

Our Year 2 children had a fabulous trip to the SS Great Britain earlier week. Their learning about the Victorians was greatly enhanced by this visit and a fab time was had by all.

Last week, our Year 5 children were treated to watch a production of The Addams Family at Broadoak Academy. Wow, thank you Broadoak, it was great!

Last week was Reading Week. Well done and thank you to all those children who entered our 'Book in a Box' competition. I was overwhelmed by the number of and quality of the entries. Well done everyone!

We had such a lovely evening last Tuesday when we were able to share bedtime stories with lots of our EYFS & KS1 children and their parents. Thank you to the families who joined us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We also enjoyed our 'teacher swap' on Thursday. Teachers changed class to read their end of day story. World Book Day & 'Stop and Read' were the culmination of a fantastic week, where we celebrated our love of books, stories and reading.

Please visit my Twitter feed and check out the end of term celebration newsletter to see some great photographs of the many activities we have taken part in this week.

Obviously today was Red Nose Day raising funds for Comic Relief. It was lovely to see the school looking so bright and colourful.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

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## Red Nose Day

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day, fundraising for Comic Relief. Thank you all for your donations so far, we have raised a brilliant £201 for this worthy cause.

However, we still think we can raise more, so if you feel you can, please donate on ParentPay using the link below



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13553>

## Book Fayre

Reading week was a huge success and the children enjoyed taking part in the various activities around the school.

Keep an eye out for the winners of the Book in a Box competition as well as photos of the week in our end of term Celebration Newsletter on 28th March.

Don't miss out on the fabulous Book Fayre we will be holding on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March from 3.15pm.

A mobile phone with camera facility will be required to make payment. Please bear with us when making payment.

## Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

Thank you to those who have been walking, cycling and scooting to school this week. This event runs for a fortnight and we would love to see even more of you taking part next week. Lets hope the weather is a little kinder next week!



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## Mental Health Support

We would like to welcome Karen our Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from the Mental Health Support Team.

Karen will be working at our school every Thursday to help develop ways to look after the mental health of our students, staff, parents and carers.

EMHPs provide staff training and offer lessons on well-being. EMHPs are also trained to give 1-1 support to students with anxiety, low mood and other struggles with wellbeing.

If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact our learning mentors for more information.

learningmentor@uva.clf.uk

## HAF Activities

The HAF activities for Easter are now available to book for families who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Families can find out more about the HAF programme by visiting the website

[Holiday, activities and food \(HAF\) programme | North Somerset Council \(n-somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/haf-programme/)

You can book the HAF activities that are available for the second week of the Easter holidays only (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024) by visiting the Eequ booking platform here: [Search learning experiences · Eequ](#)

Please note you will need to know your child's URN to book activities. If you have forgotten or not previously had a URN code please email [HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk) giving your child's name and school.

## 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.**

[www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk](http://www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk)

### March

Monday 18th	Book Fayre in the school hall from 3.15pm
Tuesday 19th	Book Fayre in the school hall from 3.15pm
Wednesday 20th	CLF Big Bake Finals!
Friday 22nd	Year 3/4 Presentation of Learning - in the school hall from 2.30pm
Tuesday 26th	Dance Festival at The Playhouse (selected pupils)
Wednesday 27th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning - in the school hall from 2.45pm
Thursday 28th	Easter Bonnet Parade and Activities Trip to ETIHAD Stadium (selected pupils)
	<b>END OF TERM 4</b>
Friday 29th	BANK HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY (School closed to all)

### April

Monday 15th	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 16th	<b>START OF TERM 5</b>
Thursday 18th	Yr 6 Charterhouse Parent Meeting at 5pm
Monday 22nd	Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Workshop

### Upcoming Bank Holidays

Friday 29th March  
Monday 6th May

### May

Monday 6th	BANK HOLIDAY - (School closed to all)
Tuesday 14th	Yr 4 St Briavels Parent Meeting at 3.15pm

# PTFA Back to the Nineties Event

## 'Back to the Nineties' - Roller Disco Sessions & Evening Event

Saturday 16th March 2024



We would like to wish all the best to our hard working PTFA committee for organising the biggest fundraising event of the year taking place this weekend.

Unfortunately (although fortunately for the event!) the Nineties Night is completely sold out!

However, there are tickets still available the roller disco on the Saturday afternoon session and the early evening session, so if you wish to purchase tickets please use the following the link;

<https://tiny.cc/90sroller>

## PTFA Easter Activities

We are really pleased to announce that our PTFA are supporting us to help celebrate Easter once again this year.

Join us on Thursday 28th March for our annual Easter Activities from 2.30pm.

As you can see, we really have something for everyone!

### KS2 Eggbox Creations (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Using an egg box as your starting point, let your imagination run wild and wow us with what you can create! There will be a first prize with two runner-up prizes as well. Children should label entries with their name and bring in their creation on the morning of the 28th March.

Please ensure the final creation is no bigger than a shoebox.

### KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) at 2.30pm

Following on from previous years, we are encouraging all the children to make and decorate an Easter Bonnet using, as much as possible, recycled materials. Children will need to bring their bonnet/hat to school on the morning of the 28th and all children will receive an Easter treat too!

### Easter Egg Hunt at 3.15pm

Open to all children & siblings, the Easter Hunt will be held on the playing field after school. Entry is just £1.50 and every child will win a chocolate egg. They will need to find an Easter carrot on the field (one per child). You can buy entry on the day, or in advance from this [link](#). Siblings welcome.

### Raffle Draw at 3.30pm

There will be a brilliant raffle which will be drawn in the rear playground at 3.30pm so make sure you get your tickets before then! This year's main prize is a fabulous Easter Hamper with two runner-up prizes up for grabs too!

Tickets are available online in advance via this [link](#).

