

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 17th March 2023

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our PTFA committee and members who worked so hard organising the 'Back to the Nineties' Roller Disco & Evening Event. It was a terrific day and raised a phenomenal £7,700! It is to their credit that this has become a highlight of both Uphill & Weston's social calendar.

Terms 3 and 4 are busy terms and to enhance our learning and bring our curriculum to life we have taken part in a number of events and trips.

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 children worked Mrs Matthews and her daughter Amy to make and decorate cupcakes with an eco theme to compete in the CLF Big Bake. The girl's competed in a technical challenge on the day and their cakes won the overall competition. Well done!

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

Next week, our Year 3/4 children are looking forward to their trip on The Matthew in Bristol.

Last week, our Year 5/6 children were also treated to watch a production of Mary Poppins at Broadoak Academy. This week, our Year 6 children have been working really hard preparing for SAT's. We are really proud of the work they are putting in, their dedication and effort is exceptional. Keep going Year 6, nearly there!

Obviously today was Red Nose Day raising funds for Comic Relief. To help celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause our children were invited to come to school wearing a red top. It was lovely to see the school looking so bright and colourful.

Donations can still be made but cannot be made in cash, they should be made on our dedicated Red Nose donations page via ParentPay. Please follow this link;

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9853>

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

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Easter Activities

Please keep an eye out for a special Easter activities letter which will be out early next week. This will give full details of our Easter activities afternoon which will take place on Friday 31st March.

Over this weekend, if you have a child in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, please start designing your fabulous Easter bonnet for our Easter Bonnet Parade. Those of you with a child in Years 3 –6, please start collecting your junk modelling materials for your creations. Full details will follow.

Gates will open at 2.15pm and all are welcome.

Toy Donations

We are looking for donations of items to enhance children's play in our EYFS and Year 1 outdoor play areas. If you have the following items that you no longer need please pass them on to our EYFS/Year 1 class teams.

Any water play toys, including boats & plastic ducks; dolls house furniture; plastic plates for our mud kitchen; kitchen utensils such as sieves, potato mashers, large spoons and fish slices.

Parents Evenings

The Parents Evening Booking System has reopened for any parents who have not booked yet.

Parents Evening is really important to both us and your child so please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.



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Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel



Last year, you may remember us taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel with the aim of encouraging us all to get active on our journeys to and from school.

Well, this year it is back.!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school with a chance of winning prizes for their school.

It is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run.

This year's challenge will take place from Monday 20th March to 31st March 2023.

Please encourage your child(ren) to think about how you could walk, scoot or cycle to school over the next two weeks. Here a reminder of last year's result

'Well done to Uphill Village Academy for representing North Somerset in the Sustrans national Big Walk & Wheel challenge in 2022, achieving first place in the North Somerset large primaries category with a score of 67.49% participation for active travel to school.'

So this year - Let's go for it!& win again!

Dates for the Diary

March

Monday 20th	Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel - Week 1
Tuesday 21st	Sputnik Class visit to 'The Matthew', Bristol
Wednesday 22nd	Voyager Class visit to 'The Matthew', Bristol
Thursday 23rd	Chandra Class visit to 'The Matthew', Bristol
Friday 24th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm in the school hall
Monday 27th	Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel - Week 2 Unicorn Class River Walk
Tuesday 28th	Orion Class River Walk Parents Evening - In-person appointments 3:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday 29th	Pegasus Class River Walk Parents Evening - Video call appointments 4:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday 30th	Year 3/4 Presentation of Learning at 9:00am in the school hall Year 5 & 6 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm in classrooms

Friday 31st

Easter Activities

END OF TERM 4

April

Monday 17th

START OF TERM 5

Tuesday 18th

Yr 6 Charterhouse Residential Parent Meeting at 5pm

Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

INSET Day

Friday 7th July



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