

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week was National Anti Bullying Week. We started with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday to help celebrate everyone's differences. As an Academy we have spent time throughout the week discussing this year's theme of 'Make A Noise' about bullying. We have also been exploring the importance of kindness through assemblies and Council Crew.

I would like to say thank you to our EYFS parents for providing such fabulous feedback on our EYFS transition. As you would expect there are always ways we can improve our transition process and we will be taking some time to review the feedback carefully and make the necessary changes to improve our children's start in school.

We are well on our way to Christmas, with Christmas songs and preparations happening across the academy. We love this special time of year, we have lots going on.

Make sure you check the dates for your diary section to ensure you don't miss anything.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

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## Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service last Friday was a poignant reminder of those who have lost their lives serving their country as part of the armed services.



A number of our House & Vice Captains represented our academy at the Uphill Village Service on the hill, whilst at school, the children respectfully took part in a collective two minute silence.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal.

## Children in Need

Today we took part in the Children in Need fundraising day.

Children came to school dressed in brilliant bright colours of yellow and spots; even a few Pudsey bears could be seen!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this very worthy cause via ParentPay. So far we have raised a fabulous £185

We are sure we can still raise more!

Please, if you haven't already, make a donation using the link below. There is no minimum donation amount.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11940>



## Office Team

Following the departure of Mrs Deane at the end of the last academic year, we would like to introduce our new office team.

Mrs Chloe Phelan has been with us for a while but has changed days and will now welcome you into the office on Mondays & Tuesdays. Mrs Louise Henry-Tarleton joined us at the beginning of the academic year and will welcome you on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

Both Chloe and Louise have a wealth of administration experience and are looking forward to getting to know our Uphill families.

Mrs Julie Bailiss, Operations Manager, & Mrs Becky Frise, Senior Administrator, will continue as they have done for many years!

We are really pleased to welcome our new recruits.



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## Uniform Rules

Wearing of correct uniform is important, this includes appropriate footwear. Trainers are NOT allowed. All footwear should securely fasten to the feet and should have closed toes.

With the onset of Winter, boots can be worn but school shoes should be brought into school to change into on arrival.

If you are struggling financially with the purchasing of school uniform, please speak to the school office team in confidence.

Please can we remind parents that PE kit needs to be in school every day. We are having several instances where this is not the case, particularly in Years 5 and 6.

## PTFA Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 1st December, we will be holding our Christmas Bazaar from 3.00pm.

The KS2 children will open the Bazaar at 3pm with some carol singing, as well as craft stalls and the ever popular chocolate tombola!

On Friday 24th November Mrs Tinker is hosting a Wake and Shake where the children will partake in some fun exercises to start their day. We are asking for children to bring in a donation of chocolate for the tombola on that day. Any chocolate bar(s) will be great and very much appreciated.

Collection tubs for the chocolate donations will be in the front playground on the morning of 24th November.

## 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/>

### November

Thursday 23rd	Sputnik Class Swimming
Friday 24th	Wake and Shake with Mrs Tinker for all children Please bring donations for Chocolate Tombola PTFA Quiz night - Bleadon Hall - 7pm
Tuesday 28th	PTFA Textile Recycling KS1 Multi sports event (selected pupils)
Thursday 30th	Sputnik Class Swimming Year 5/6 Athletics Event (selected pupils)

### December

Friday 1st	Christmas Bazaar at 3.00pm in the School Hall PTFA Pre-loved Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale at the Christmas Bazaar
Monday 4th	PTFA Secret Santa Week begins
Tuesday 5th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - Tickets required, details to follow Year 5/6 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm - 3.10pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 6th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - Tickets required, details to follow Choir Performing at Winter Gardens - Parents to book tickets - 5pm showing
Thursday 7th	Sputnik Class Swimming Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm Choir - Performing at Friendship Club - 2.15 - 3.15pm PTFA Wreath making in the Hall - 7pm - 9pm
Monday 11th	Choir - Performing at Pop up Café in Victory Hall (selected pupils)
Tuesday 12th	Choir - Performing at Weston Hospice (selected pupils)