

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 17th September 2021

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers

What a delight it has been to welcome our children back for the new academic year. The whole school community have settled really well and it's fantastic to hear the classrooms alive with the sound of busy children.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new EYFS children and their families. We have been incredibly impressed in the way they have settled into the new routines. I would also like to introduce a new teacher to the Uphill family, Mrs Gray who has joined us as Sunshine Class teacher.

Congratulations to Mrs Lorimer, Pluto Class teacher, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Clara at the end of August. Also, I am really delighted to let parents know that Miss Porter, Rainbow Class teacher is expecting twins - congratulations and good luck Miss Porter!

I was really pleased to see so many of our children attending the Summer Holiday Club at Haywood Village Academy. It was a brilliant week, with a huge array of exciting activities; thank you to Haywood Village Academy for hosting us and making us all so welcome.

Whilst I'm writing, I want to reassure parents that for our return to school we have planned a stepped approach to allow our children, families and staff to get used to being in larger groups, whilst benefitting from extended interactions and learning opportunities.

We have reintroduced smaller key stage assemblies and our break and lunch times remain staggered. Whilst restrictions are lifting, it remains important that we continue to minimise the risk of infection for everyone in our community, and we will continue to ensure high standards of infection control including regular handwashing and enhanced cleaning arrangements.

We are hopeful that as the year progresses we will have more opportunities for parents to attend events on site.

Mrs Sam Hodder

Principal

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## Clubs

We are looking forward to restarting our extra-curriculum clubs; we know our Year 5/6 children love a bit of cross country club!!

Further information will be emailed to parents next week.

## House Captains

After some really excellent presentations the children have voted and we are delighted to announce the House Captains and Vice Captains for this academic year:

Harriers House Captain; Billie Jarvis  
Vice Captain; Luke Spence

Hawks House Captain; Wilf Coulton  
Vice Captain; Eden-Lee Booker

Falcons House Captain; Reuben Taylor  
Vice Captain; William Blackburn

Kestrels House Captain; Kitty Holyday  
Vice Captain; Mae Pulsford

To view the presentations, welcome messages from each class and year group information please check out our YouTube channel;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCobLS1Aua5KMBYUjefcFPDg>

## Covid-19 Attendance

The Government Guidance on isolation due to Covid-19 has changed and directly affects children's attendance at school. If anyone in your household has symptoms or has tested positive, other members of the household (i.e. siblings) are **not** required to self-isolate if they are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months. **This means all children MUST continue to attend school as normal unless they are ill.**

If your child has been advised to take a PCR test because they have been in contact with a positive case, they should continue to attend school whilst awaiting the results and only need to self-isolate if the test result is positive. In line with Government guidance for schools, any child who does not attend school and does not have COVID-19 symptoms may be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

As a reminder, all absences must be reported by 8.45am by telephoning the school absence line 01934 626729 (option 1). Please give as much detail as possible in your message, however, we will contact you for more information if this is necessary.



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## School meal Update

We are absolutely delighted with our new school meal provider Aspens. They have reintroduced the salad bar and our amazing cook, Ms Foley, and her team are producing, not only healthy, but really tasty meals.

It has been lovely to have the children back in the school hall eating together and enjoying the new menu.

A reminder for children in KS2 (Years 3,4,5,& 6) that school meals must be paid for in advance. Parents should ensure there is sufficient funds in their ParentPay account before their child requests a lunch.

We will be asking children to complete a questionnaire this term to find out their views on the school meals. We will let you know the results later in the year.

## P.E Kit & Timetable

Children in KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) should attend school in their P.E kit on their designated P.E. day.

Those pupils in Year 3 & 4 will have already received the dates for when their class will be attending swimming lessons. On their class swimming days, children should wear school uniform and bring their swimming kit with them to school.

KS1 children (Years R-2) should bring their P.E kits into school. As part of their development they will change into their P.E. kits in school.

Please remember P.E kit should follow school uniform guidelines; navy or black shorts, white T-shirt, navy or black plain leggings/joggers; no patterns, lace etc. Navy or black plain hoodie; no other colours.

Those children attending school in incorrect P.E kit will be spoken to and a letter sent home. If the incorrect kit continues, a child may be asked to change into items provided by the school.

## School Bags

We have noticed some children in KS2 are coming to school with very large backpacks and rucksacks. Bags should be of a reasonable size and be able to hang on a peg in the cloakroom. Children should only bring a bag if necessary and should only contain their lunch box and reading book.

## Road Safety & Parking

We take the safety of our children very seriously, this includes their daily travel to and from school. We advise children travelling to school on bikes and scooters wear a helmet.

Please park with consideration for our neighbours, avoiding driveways and parking on verges. Never park or stop on the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school gates and take extra care in the mornings when it is very busy.

## Healthy Snacks

Children need a named water bottle in class every day; please remember we do not allow juice or squash.

Some children may not be eating lunch until 12.30pm and may be hungry. To help with this children in KS2 are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack, to enjoy at break time.

No chocolate bars or sweets please.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should only be brought on to school premises by Year 6 children and ONLY if they are walking home unaccompanied. Other than for these reasons, there should be NO mobile phones in school. Phones must be kept in one of the designated mobile phone lockers all day and the key MUST be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping.

## Out of Hours Provision

Parents of children who attend out of hours provision should have received details on the running of both clubs including the booking and payment timetable for the year. This information is also available on the website. A reminder that the booking system for October opens at 10am on Sunday 19th September and closes at 4pm on Wednesday 22nd September.

## Year 6 Secondary School Application & Open days

The application deadline for Secondary School, starting September 2022 (our current Year 6 pupils) is midnight on 31st October 2021.

Please follow the links below for further details on Secondary School open days:

Winterstoke Hundred Academy— <https://winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk/open-event/>

Broadoak Academy— <https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/open-event/>

Hans Price Academy— <https://hanspriceacademy.clf.uk/open-event/>

Worle Community School— <https://worle-school.org.uk/admissions>

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form— <http://www.churchill-academy.org/Admissions/Open-Evening-and-Mornings/>

We currently do not have any details on an event for Priory Community School.

The application process opened on 12th September and a letter from school admissions was emailed home on Wednesday informing parents of how to apply.

## Starting School 2022

North Somerset School Admissions are taking applications for September 2022 admissions for children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.

Please visit <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/applying-school-place>

Or contact North Somerset Council School Admissions on 01934 888888

## 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/>

### September

Friday 17th	Individual Photos
Tuesday 21st	Sputnik Class Swimming Weston Museum visit Year 5/6 in school
Tuesday 28th	Sputnik Class Swimming

### October

Tuesday 5th	Sputnik Class Swimming
Thursday 7th	Prospective Parent Tour (Intake for September 2022) @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 12th	Sputnik Class Swimming Year 5 Mendip Trip
Wednesday 13th	EYFS/Year 1 Walk around the village
Thursday 14th	Prospective Parent Tour (Intake for September 2022) @ 2.00pm
Wednesday 20th	Year 3/4 Viking Beach Raid
Thursday 21st	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Friday 22nd	INSET Day—school closed to pupils

### INSET Days - Closed to Pupils

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

**END OF TERM 1**  
**START OF TERM 2**

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## PTFA News

Although events and fund raising activities have been somewhat curtailed this year, due to the pandemic, our wonderful PTFA have continued to raise funds for the school which will benefit your children.

### Fundraising Activities

Asda Green Token Giving—thanks to all our parents who voted for the Asda fund raiser over the summer. Uphill Village Academy won and will receive £500!

Rags to Riches—Textile recycling in the summer term raised £37.36—thanks for all your donations.

This week the Pre-loved Uniform sale raised £110! Thanks to all those parents who donated and bought uniform. The PTFA will be holding regular Preloved Uniform Sales so if you wish to donate any unwanted uniform please drop it in to the school office.

### 100 Club

The PTFA has its own lottery called the *100 Club* which raises funds for the school. Anyone can join, parents, friends and grandparents. For just £15 a year you will receive two numbers that are entered into the monthly draws. Please follow the link below for further details

<https://uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk/fundraising/100club/>

**Next PTFA Meeting** Friday 24th September @ 2pm— The Dolphin Inn, Uphill

All parents and friends of Uphill Village Academy are welcome to our next meeting—come and hear all the great activities planned for the upcoming year.

## Community News

### The 14th Great Uphill Scarecrow Festival

18 - 19 September 2021

### The Classics

Characters from classic fiction  
Old and New. Adult and Children



Design, build, display, find and enjoy scarecrows throughout the village over the weekend and don't forget to checkout the front playground to see our Scarecrows.

### Don't miss the Great Uphill Charity Duck Race



Ducks £1.00 available to purchase on the day

Sunday 19th September 10.30am for 11.00am start

Uphill great Rhyne, Old Church Road Bridge  
In aid of Children's Hospice South West

MAGIC SHOW

FUN & GAMES

JOIN US FOR

# WESTON-SUPER-SCARE

SLIME MAKING

SPOOKY STORYTELLING

CREEPY CRAFTS

A MONSTER OF A PARTY WITH ACTION PUSSYCAT

HAVE A WICKEDLY GOOD TIME THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

• 5PM - 7PM •  
OCTOBER 25TH, 2021  
THE STABLE GAMES ROOM

FOR TICKETS & INFO FIND US ON FACEBOOK & TICKETSOURCE