

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 18th June 2021

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been another busy couple of weeks and it has been lovely to see the children immersed in summer term activities. We are especially grateful to all of the visitors who have taken part in on EYFS/Y1 Heroes week.

As you know, last week we had to send a year 5/6 class home due to a positive Covid case. I would like to thank parents of children in the class for responding quickly to our request to pick up their children. We would also like to extend our thanks to both the teaching team and children, who adapted quickly to complete all learning online. We have been really impressed with the dedication and commitment to continue their learning. We do believe that this was an isolated case as we have had no further positive cases reported.

On Monday night the Prime Minister announced that step 3 restrictions will remain in place until at least 19th July. Following on from this, we have been reviewing the latest guidance and working to see how this effects planned end of term events. Please read below to see how these now look.

It is clear that Covid is not going away any time soon, rates for our area are on the increase and it is imperative that we remain vigilant. If we can help to reduce the risk of children and staff becoming infected, we are hopeful that we should avoid the chances of bubble closures within the last 5 weeks of school.

We are very mindful that families have holidays booked at the start of the summer holidays and other special occasions at the weekends and, with your support, we can mitigate the risks of any isolation periods.

I wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Samantha Hodder

Principal

Term 6 Events

Sports Day - Our Sports Day will take place but will be a closed event. Parents will not be in attendance this year. KS1 events will take place on Wednesday 23rd June and KS2 on Friday 25th June. Please can all children be in P.E. kit on these days.

Year 4 Mendip Residential Trip - This trip will continue as scheduled for Thursday 8th & Friday 9th July. Year 4 parents will be communicated with accordingly.

Year 5/6 Production - Our end of year Year 5/6 production will be recorded and made available for all parents to view. Full details on where to view the video will be communicated to Year 5/6 parents directly.

Year 6 Transition - We are working closely with our feeder secondary schools to ensure the children have an opportunity to take part in some sort of transition. Full details will follow shortly to Year 6 parents.

Year 6 Leaver Events - We have every intention of ensuring our Year 6 children have the usual opportunity to take part in Leaver events. We will be communication with our Year 6 parents with details of how these will take place.

Whole School Transition—We are looking to safely hold our whole school class transition sessions outside (weather permitting) w/c 12th July.



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Attendance & Term Time Leave Requests

Attendance

After so much disruption to your child's education over the last year, the most important thing is that the staff and parents/carers work together to get children back into education and attending regularly. Attending school every day helps children maximise their learning in the classroom and enjoy the benefits of their educational experience. It really does make a difference.

Therefore, other than in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that any leave will be authorised by the Principal after so much enforced absence from school, however any request should be put in writing. A form should be completed for ALL arranged absences, including funerals, day trips etc.

Term Time Leave Request Forms are available from the school office office@uva.clf.uk or on our website <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/attendance/>

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It may not always be appropriate, or in the best interests of the child, to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members; remaining in school is often best for the child.

Parents and carers are reminded that any unauthorised term time leave may result in a Penalty Notice or prosecution. Please read the term time leave request form carefully before committing to the request.

Medical appointments

If a child needs to attend a medical appointment this should be arranged outside of school time. Sometimes we understand this is not possible. If the appointment is within school time parents must provide evidence in the form of an appointment card or letter.

Medical establishments will provide you with these either before or on arrival at the appointment. If the appointment was sent to your phone, this will need to be screenshot and a copy emailed to us. If no medical evidence is forthcoming, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, rather than a medical appointment absence.

Lateness

Children should arrive on time to school. We do understand that on occasions things happen and children arrive late, however this should not be a regular occurrence. Children arriving late are recorded as so in the register and cases of continual lateness are referred to the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) for further action. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school.

Important Reminders

INSET Day - Uphill Village Academy will be closed to pupils on Friday 2nd July 2021.

Medication - Please ensure your child does not bring any of the following items into school: hand sanitiser, paracetamol, ibuprofen, throat sweets, eye drops, or hayfever medicine/tablets. These can only be administered with the express permission of school **and** the necessary forms completed.

Toys - Toys, including fiddle toys, are not allowed to be brought in to school. Please leave them at home.

Sun Protection - Please ensure suncream is applied in the morning before coming to school and that all children have a hat in school. Suncream should not be brought into school and cannot be applied by staff members.

Mobile Phone - Please be aware unless a child is walking home unaccompanied they should NOT bring mobile phones into school. Mobile phones should only be brought into school by Year 6 children and must remain locked in the lockers throughout the school day.



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PTFA & Community News

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Green Token Giving



- We've been chosen for GreenTokenGiving at Asda Weston-super-Mare
- Vote for us today at asda.com/green-tokens and we could receive £500 from #AsdaFoundation #Community
- Parents and friends can vote for us every 7 days until 31st July 2021 - so keep voting!

Visit Asda.com/green-tokens for more info

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TEXTILE RECYCLING

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 9.00am

Purge your unwanted clothing and raise money for the PTFA!

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, your donations cannot be left on the school premises.

Please leave your bagged, unwanted clothing in the marked area on the grass verge on Ellesmere Road (by the large flower box)

This is a great way for us to raise funds, so get

Fundraising Pupil

Will Jones in Orion Class is taking part in a 150ft abseil down the cliff face at Uphill Wharf on 17th July, to raise money for Weston Hospicecare.

It's the first time he's abseiled and he's equally scared and excited! Please support him in his fundraising cause by donating generously!

The link to the Justgiving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ABSEIL2021-WilliamJones>

Good Luck Will - we'll all be thinking of you!

UPHILL VILLAGE
VICTORY HALL

POP UP CAFE

@ Uphill Village Victory Hall

Reopening Monday
7th June 2 - 4 pm and
weekly thereafter -
same day same times.

We look forward to
seeing you. Full Covid
guidance will be
followed.



Refreshing The Village In Uphill



Kids -Do you want to play football but are not currently part of a club?

There's a new club being formed in your area right now. We're looking for boys and girls aged 8 - 16 to join our new club - all abilities welcome.

Parents - Do you want to be part of our community and get involved in running the teams or supporting the players? Being part of a local football club is a great way to make new friends and get involved in community events.

**The home ground will be at Broadoak Academy.
(The club name will be decided by the new members)**

If you're interested please complete this very short form by clicking this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/kzxwSVM51e>



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