

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 19th March 2021

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a fantastic two weeks with all our children back in school. It has been lovely to hear all their laughter and see them playing with friends and be part of the fantastic learning around the school. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly; we are so proud of them all.

We've had a busy couple of week with so many activities happening already; EYFS and Year 1 have had a zoom call from the Space Detectives, we have had a whole school poetry slam and Year 3/4 classes have excelled in their Sumdog competition. Don't forget it's Red Nose Day tomorrow (Fri 19th) where we are inviting children to wear something red or dress as a superhero.

We would like to thank our families for following the timetable for dropping off and collecting your children; we know this is not always easy. Can we remind parents that sticking to your drop off and collection times helps us all stay safe.

We are looking forward to some fantastic learning over the coming weeks—and hopefully a bit of sunshine too!

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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## One Year On.....

On Tuesday it will be one year since we went into the first national lockdown.

We would like to remember how we came together as a community and look forward to a better, positive future by inviting families to tie a coloured ribbon in a bow to the fence on Ellesmere Road. We will put up a sign on Tuesday morning so you can see where to tie your ribbon. We will leave this in place until the Easter holidays.



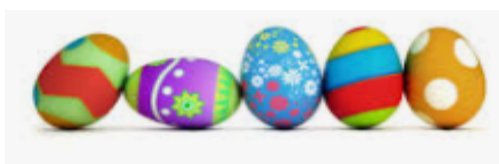
## Easter Activities

We are really pleased to announce that our wonderful PTFA are supporting us in a number of fund raising events for your children, to help celebrate Easter this year.

There is an online Easter Raffle, with a Giant Easter Egg as the prize. To get your tickets please follow the link; <https://mailchi.mp/8d83cdfc5a80/uphill-ptfa-newsletter-easter-2021>

Thanks to our PTFA purchasing hundreds of Easter Eggs for us we are delighted to let you know the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year too! Each class will take part in a 'hunt' on the field during the day of Thursday 1st April - so every child will bring home an Easter Egg.

We will also be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade for our children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 31st March. We are asking all children in these year groups to make an Easter Bonnet and bring it into school on the morning of Wednesday 31st in a named bag. The parade will take place in school. Don't worry parents—we will take lots of photographs and post them on Twitter and the website class pages; so you won't miss out on seeing the brilliant array of bonnets!!



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## EYFS/Year 1 become 'Space Detectives' for a day!



This week our EYFS and Year one pupils became Space Detectives for a day! What an amazing session they had; learning all about Space and our solar system. The Space Detectives team, hosted by Jo, really engaged and involved the children in this exciting topic.

Introducing them to the solar system, they learnt about an asteroid belt, our exploding sun, rocky planets and gassy planets and all the children were enraptured.

They had an opportunity to get 'hands on' with a science experiment learning how the sun's explosion affected the planets. Great fun was had by all!

## World Book Day

Before our return to school we celebrated World Book Day! Despite not all being in school to celebrate together and dress up as our favourite book characters, the children still enjoyed taking part in our competition to design a book character on a wooden spoon.

Thank you to everyone who took part; we have over 120 entries! It was really difficult for teachers to choose just one winner in their class. Each winner received a Waterstones book token.

At the daily check-in sessions, children were invited to bring along an object which was linked to a favourite book and the rest of the class had to guess what the book was from the clue – that was challenging! but everyone had fun taking part.

Finally, teachers and teaching partners led a bedtime story session online. Everyone put their onesies and pyjamas on, made a cup of hot chocolate and brought along a teddy to cuddle, ready to enjoy sharing a book together.

Thank you to Mrs Horn & Mrs Tinker for organising our World Book day celebrations.

## Trophy Return

If your child received a trophy from the December Awards assembly can you please return it to the school office by Wednesday 24th March.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening will now take place on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April via a Microsoft Teams consultation or telephone call. Full details will follow next week.

Further details to follow.

## Pupil's making us proud!



Our Year 3/4 classes entered the North Somerset Sumdog Challenge competing against other schools in the region on mental maths challenges. Chandra class came out as the overall winners of the competition and 8 of our pupils across the Year 3/4 classes finished in the top 10.

Well done to Seb, Kai, Olivia, Jayden, Bobby, Rocco, Evan H, Pippy, Harry I & Harry W

We are very proud of you all!



## Dates for your Diary

### MARCH

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Friday 19th    | Red Nose Day                                 |
| Tuesday 30th   | Textile Recycling 9.00am                     |
| Wednesday 31st | Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS, Year 1 & 2 ONLY) |

### APRIL

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 1st   | PTFA Easter Egg Hunt                |
|                | <b>END OF TERM 4</b>                |
| Monday 19th    | <b>START OF TERM 5</b>              |
| Wednesday 28th | Parents Evening Teams/Call          |
| Thursday 29th  | Parents Evening Teams/Call          |
| Friday 28th    | Inset Day - school closed to pupils |

## Family Lateral Flow

Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the spread of the virus. Secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, will take twice weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

However, from 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, a childcare bubble or a support bubble of a member of school staff or a school pupil you can also access asymptomatic testing.

### How?

- At a local test site. You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment. The nearest test centre is Hutton Moor Leisure Centre.
- By collecting a home test kit from a collection site. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point and each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. The nearest collection site is Locking Road Car Park
- By ordering a home test kit online. If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> to order.

Full details can be found here [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

## School Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free School Milk.

If you wish for your child to continue to have milk after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, School Milk Services will automatically send you a booking form to return to them direct.

School Milk Services contact details:

Tel: 01934 510950 before 3.30pm

Monday-Friday.



## Easter Holiday Club

STS UK are running an Easter Holiday Club for the two weeks of the Easter holidays. If you're interested please visit [stsuk.org](http://stsuk.org) for full details on how to book your child's place.



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Join Us On Tuesday 23rd March 2021

One Year On.....

**THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN  
DIFFICULT AT TIMES BUT WE HAVE  
COME THROUGH IT TOGETHER  
PLEASE JOIN US IN TYING A  
COLOURFUL RIBBON ON OUR FENCE  
TO REMEMBER WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
AND TO CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE  
FUTURE THAT LIES AHEAD  
TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER**



*"So much beauty we need  
to look after."*



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