

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 19th November 2021

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their continued support during the last two weeks.

Unfortunately, we are still seeing new Covid-19 cases reported across the school and I wish to remind parents of the current government guidance: if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms they should self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if their symptoms are mild. It is reassuring that many families are regularly testing at home using lateral flow tests. A positive result from a lateral flow test is highly likely to be true, however a negative result is not reliable enough, so if your child's symptoms persist it is best to get a PCR test to be sure.

If your child feels unwell but does not have specific Covid-19 symptoms, or their covid-19 test is negative, staying at home until they feel better reduces the risk of passing on an illness to others.

I appreciate the support from parents in balancing the need for children to attend school as much as possible, against limiting the spread of Covid-19 and other illnesses as we approach the festive period.

I wish you all a restful weekend

Mrs Samantha Hodder,

Principal

Remembrance

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

Our House 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.

Textile Recycling

Thank you to those parents and friends who donated their unwanted clothing and textiles last week. This was another successful event raising £91.40 for the PTFA.

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 £182.50.

We are sure we can raise much 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=3829>



"We're Hiring"

We are currently advertising for part-time Lunchtime Supervisors and After-school Club Play Workers. We have a number of vacancies and, with flexible working patterns, this is an ideal opportunity if you are looking to work in a school.

If you are interested, please follow the link below and select Uphill Village Academy from the drop-down list of academies. All current vacancies within the Cabot Learning Federation of schools can also be found here:

<https://clf.uk/career-opportunities/>



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Photographs of School

On Monday 29th November, Tulip Photography will have a photographer visiting the school to take photographs of our school life. These photographs will be used on the website, photographs around school and for marketing purposes.

Obviously, children who have had permission for photography withdrawn for these purposes will not feature in these photographs.

All children should wear full, smart school uniform on 29th please. Children should not wear PE kit, even if it is their normal PE day.

Eco Warrior Plants

A massive thank you to Bertie in Sunshine Class and his family for donating plants for each classroom as part of Orion Class's Eco Plan. These look great and the children will work hard to tend and care for them.

We have also just taken delivery of a 13 trees, donated by the Woodland Trust, which will be planted on the field to replace the Ash trees we had to fell due to Ash dieback disease.

Well done Orion Class, your Eco-Warrior plan is well under way!

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

Tuesday 23rd	Year 2 Walk Around the Village Voyager Class Swimming
Monday 29th	Year 6 Bikeability Mon 29th Nov —Fri 2nd Dec (selected pupils)
Tuesday 30th	Voyager Class Swimming

December

Tuesday 7th	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements EYFS/Year 1 Nativity @ 9.15am - Rainbow Parents Voyager Class Swimming Year 2 Christmas Service @ St Nicholas Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 8th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity @ 9.15am - Sunshine Parents
Thursday 9th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity @ 9.15am - Saturn Parents
Friday 10th	Carols & Christmas Bazaar 2.30pm - 4.00pm Christmas Jumper Day suggested donation £1 for Save the Children
Monday 13th	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas party @ 1.30pm PTFA Secret Santa Week
Tuesday 14th	Year 2 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 15th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm
Friday 17th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm

INSET Days - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 4th January 2022
Wednesday 16th March 2022

Happy New Year!