

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week was National Anti Bullying Week. We started with 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday to help celebrate everyone's differences. As an Academy we have spent time throughout the week discussing this year's theme of 'Choose Respect'. I hope your child has been able to tell you about what they have learnt.

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

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Office Team

Following the departure of Mrs Henry-Tarleton at the end of the last academic year, we would like to welcome our new receptionist, Mrs Samantha Aylott who will welcome you on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

Samantha has a wealth of administration experience and is looking forward to getting to know our Uphill families.

Children in Need



Last week 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. We have raised a fabulous £471.50!

School Absences & Lates

We have had an increasing number of late arrivals at school over the last few weeks. We are aware of the large volume of roadworks in and around the village and would ask parents to take this into consideration when dropping their child at school. Please leave plenty of time for the school run to ensure your child arrives before the gates close at 8:45am.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school parents **MUST** notify us by 9:00am by telephoning the absence line 01934 626769 option 2. Please remember to leave your child's name, class, reason for absence & when you think they will return to school.

The school should be informed on **EACH & EVERY** day the child is absent. We will sometimes telephone a parent to clarify the reasons for the absence.

Your help in this is very much appreciated and saves our staff a huge amount of time which can be spent trying to find the reasons for a child not attending school.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 18th December and we are delighted to be able to offer this meal free of charge to all children.

EYFS, Year 1 & 2 children will be ordered a Christmas lunch unless you email the school office to **opt out** by Mon 25th November.

KS2 children **MUST** book a Christmas lunch via ParentPay by this Monday (25th)

Full details can be found at <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/christmas-lunch-letter/>



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Uniform Expectations

Presentation is important and we expect children to attend school wearing of correct uniform. This includes wearing appropriate footwear.

Polishable school shoes are expected to be worn. Trainers are NOT allowed unless they are fully black (no logos or other colours)

With the onset of Winter, boots can be worn but school shoes should be brought into school to change into on arrival. Ankle boots are allowed but ONLY in plain black & should not have buckles or embellishments.

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 6th December, we will be holding our Christmas Bazaar from 3:00pm.

The KS2 children will open the Bazaar with their fabulous carol singing. There will be a few craft stalls, game stalls, a raffle and the ever popular chocolate tombola!

On Friday 29th November Miss Arnall 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 this 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 29th. The full PTFA Christmas event calendar can be found at <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/news/ptfa-christmas-timeline/>

Dates for the Diary

November

Monday 25th	Voyager Class Swimming (3)
Thursday 28th	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9:30am Christmas 'Wake and Shake' for donations of chocolate for Christmas Bazaar

December

Monday 2nd	Voyager Class Swimming (4)
Tuesday 3rd	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9:30am
Thursday 5th	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9:30am
Friday 6th	Christmas Bazaar from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the hall
Monday 9th	Voyager Class Swimming (5) Choir Singing at Uphill Pop-Up Café at 2.00pm
Tuesday 10th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Wednesday 11th	Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm
Thursday 12th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Friday 13th	Elf Run in support of Weston Hospice Care
Monday 16th – 19th	PTFA Secret Santa—(details to follow)
Monday 16th	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Year 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Whole School Christmas Lunch Xmas Jumper Day for save the Children
Thursday 19th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 20th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm

END OF TERM 2

January

Monday 6th INSET Day - Return to school Tuesday 7th January 2025



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