

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 is a term of great learning and as always our children are working really hard. We are looking forward to sharing their progress with you at Parents Evening at the end of March.

I would like to thank all those parents who attended our Year 1 Mastery in Maths Workshop yesterday, we hope you found it useful and have learnt how to help support your child with their maths games and home learning.

Some of our Year 4 children attended a multi sports event this week learning new sports and skills. Everyone got a medal, which were presented in Assembly this morning. Well done to you all.

Our Year 5 & 6 children had a visitor from Network Rail earlier this week, who talked about safety around railway lines. This is so important as we approach the half term break.

Please have a look at the class pages on our website and my Twitter feed for a great insight into what our children are learning and what we have been up to.

I wish you all an enjoyable & restful weekend.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

## Industrial Action

Last week I wrote to inform you that members of the National Education Union (NEU) had voted for industrial action. These strikes, the result of a pay dispute between union members and the Government, are scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and provisionally March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

I can now share that Uphill Village Academy will be open as usual on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Please note these arrangements may need to change ahead of subsequent strike dates. However, we will continue to work closely with union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of our plans for those days as soon as possible.

## Children's Mental Health Week



This year Children's Mental Health Week is running from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Let's Connect.

We have lots of activities planned during this week

please see next weeks Pastoral Newsletter for further details.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health, our learning mentors, Mrs de Scossa and Mrs Hetherington, are available for advice and support. Please contact them on [learningmentor@uva.clf.uk](mailto:learningmentor@uva.clf.uk) or via the school office on 01934 626769 or [office@uva.clf.uk](mailto:office@uva.clf.uk).

They will also be able to sign post to other organisations that offer help.

## Big Garden Birdwatch

We were thrilled to have been part of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch again this year.

Over the last two days each class has been involved with the world's largest wildlife survey. The children have had the opportunity to observe, count and record the different species of birds that visit our field.

We are really looking forward to collating the results and sharing them with the RSPB.



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# Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.



Safer Internet Day 2023 is on 7th February with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

We need to address that all young people understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else.

For week commencing 6th February, we will take part in a range of age appropriate activities to highlight the need to keep ourselves and others safe when using the internet. There will be a range of activities and assemblies to support this very important subject.

## PTFA News

### Textile Recycling - Friday 3rd February

Pack up your unwanted clothes into bags and leave them in the marked area on the grass verge of Ellesmere Road (by the large flower box) by 9.00am next Friday.

### Back to the 90's @ The Tropicana

Saturday 11th March 8pm - 1pm

All welcome to the Roller Disco - options from 1.30pm-7pm

Adult only evening event 8.00pm until 1am. Join us for a night of music from the 90's. Tickets on sale now priced at £12 each plus booking fee

## Dates for the Diary

### February

Thursday 2nd	Voyager Class Swimming (3) Village Walk - Year 2 pupils
Friday 3rd	PTFA Textile Recycling 8am - 9.30am
Thursday 9th	Voyager Class Swimming (4)
<b>Friday 10th</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>
<b>Monday 20th</b>	<b>INSET DAY - school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	<b>START OF TERM 4</b>
Monday 27th	Year 6 Height & Weight Measure

### Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May  
Monday 8th May

### March

Thursday 9th	Year 2 SS Great Britain Visit
Wednesday 15th	Dance Festival (provisional date) - Dance Club members
Friday 24th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning
Tuesday 28th	Parents Evening - in-person appointments 3.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 29th	Parents Evening - video call appointments 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 30th	Easter Activities - details to follow
<b>Friday 31st</b>	<b>END OF TERM 4</b>



We will be celebrating World Book Day

We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 3rd March**. We do not want people to feel that money needs to be spent to become a character from a book, home assembled costumes are fine! Why not wear a stripy top, glasses and a hat for Where's Wally? You will receive a £1 book token that can be used at the book fair which will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Last year, we were amazed by your spoon character creations and would like to invite your child to take part in our **Story in a Jar** competition. This year, bring your character jar into school after half term. Your child is encouraged to think of a favourite book character and put clues in the jar for others to guess using the clues. Teachers will take a photo of your creation and the chosen book before putting them on display. To help with this, please bring the book into class with the jar.



There will be one winner of a £5 book token in each year group.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we are inviting EYFS/ KS1 children into a story time session at 5:30pm in school with their parents. They can wear pyjamas/dressing gowns/onesies and bring a warm drink of hot chocolate along with them.

We would also like to share a link to FREE audiobooks for all readers, available for World Book Day 2023 from Thursday 16th February. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together as a family, or taking some time to listen alone. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

The book fair will be in school for EYFS & KS1 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for KS2 children to browse and buy books. The book tokens given out on World Book Day can be used at the book fair for £1 off any book. Please be aware that the "free" book using the token can only be purchased in official book stores.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Reading Week 2023

World book week	Activity	Details
Half-Term	Competition	'Story in a jar' competition
Wednesday 22nd February	Launch of reading week in KS1/KS2 assembly	Assembly for World Book Day week ran by PW and AH week before World Book week.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bed time story carousel	Children are invited to a bedtime story evening at school. This will be at 5:30pm and children can join each "area" in the school for a short story every 10 minutes.
Wednesday 1st March	Class Activities	Children will be completing activities that explore their poem and will be given time to practise their oracy skills for a performance within the OWKL assembly at the end of the week. Children will have a narrative/oracy focus this week for celebration assembly. They will also be spending more time reading their EDI class book.  Competition: <a href="https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2022/">https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2022/</a>
Thursday 2nd March	Teacher swap!	Teachers will visit another class to read a story for 15minutes. Teachers are to leave a book for their class so the teacher arriving has an age-appropriate book
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day	All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day (FRIDAY) Please do not go and buy a special outfit, home made outfits are perfectly adequate. Please can they also bring their favourite book to school to share with others.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Stop and Read Day	The children will need their reading book in school today. At different times during the day, the bell will ring and the children and adults in school will stop what they are doing and read for 5-10 minutes.  Results of the story in a jar competition shared Children will have a narrative focus this week for OWLH assembly.
Thursday 9th March	KS1 Book Fayre	We will be hosting a book fayre in the hall straight after school. There will be an opportunity to purchase all the latest books. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books for the library and for guided reading.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Book Fayre	