

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 28th June 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer term is always a busy term and this week has been no exception.

We saw our Year 6 children visiting the secondary schools they will be moving onto in September. It is very reassuring to see how the children have grown during their time with us and how they are now ready and inspired to move on to the next phase of their education.

EYFS and Year 1 enjoyed their trips to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. We were thrilled that the weather held out for them and they were able to explore and learn about all the wildlife.

Year 3/4 children attended this year's Raise the Roof concert at the Winter Gardens, giving them a chance to sing with other schools. Well done Year 3/4.

Next Thursday we would love to see as many of our parents as possible for Sports Day. KS2 will hold their session in the morning and EYFS/KS1 will hold theirs in the afternoon.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all enjoying our Summer Fete tomorrow from 12pm.

Mrs Hodder, Principal

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Absence Reporting

Can we remind all parents that if your child cannot attend school, the procedure for reporting an absence is to telephone the absence line on 01934 626769 and choose option 2 before 8.45am **every day** of the absence.

We have seen an increasing number of parents sending emails or informing staff at morning drop off.

The procedure above **MUST** be followed **every day** that your child is absent.

Calling the absence line with an explanation as to why your child cannot attend school that day is essential.

Sports Day

Please join us for Sports Day on Thursday 4th July.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will hold their Sports Day from 9.00am until 11.00am.

Children in Key Stage 2 can wear their PE Kit to school. This should be either a white t-shirt or a House colour t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers. Please ensure your child brings their full school uniform to school, in a named plastic bag, to change into after the event.

EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will hold their Sports Day from 2.00pm until 3.00pm.

Children in EYFS & Key Stage 1 should come to school wearing full school uniform and have their PE Kit in school on this day. For Sports Day children's PE kit should be either a white t-shirt or a House colour t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers or daps.

As this event is weather dependent, a decision will be made on Wednesday 3rd July as to whether this will go ahead.

Parents are welcome to join us to watch their child's session and cheer them on.

Children will be sent home with a sticker on their home school diary confirming their House colour-
Photography & Filming

May we remind parents that we do **NOT** allow filming or photography at Sports Day. We will endeavor to take lots of photographs and these will be available on both our 'X' (formerly Twitter) account (@uphillvillage) and on the website (www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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Transition

On Tuesday 16th July, we will hold our transition morning. This is when your child will find out which class they are in next year. They will spend the morning visiting their new class, meeting their class teacher and new class mates. New classes are allocated on a range of criteria such as gender splits, friendship groups etc.

We are looking forward to welcoming children to their new classes.

At the end of the academic year, some of our teachers and support staff will be leaving us. We are always very sad to see members of our much loved team go, but they will move to pastures new and share their valuable expertise with other children and families.

Mrs Tinker, Vice Principal will be moving to her new position as Principal at Herons' Moor Academy.

Mrs Rundle, class teacher in Pluto class, and Mrs Patrick, class teacher in Sunshine class, are moving onto other teaching roles within our local community. Mrs Murray, teaching partner in Voyager class, will be moving onto pastures new after completing her Art degree.

We welcome back Miss Horn from maternity leave, who will return on three days a week. Congratulations to Mrs Haberfield who will become class teacher in Year 5/6 for two days a week. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Curtis, who will join the EYFS team as a class teacher, following the successful completion of her SCITT placement with us.

We are very lucky that we have secured funding for Mrs Want to continue in her role as KS2 maths teacher four mornings a week for a further year, which really strengthens our maths teaching across the school.

We wish everyone the very best in their new roles or in their moves to new ventures.

From September, some of our teachers will be moving around and a list of each class teacher can be found below.

Rainbow - Mrs Arnall (Mon-Fri)	Sunshine - Mrs Curtis (Mon-Fri)
Saturn - Mrs Sims (Mon-Fri)	Pluto - Mrs Counsell (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Henry (Thur/Fri)
Jupiter - Mrs Maynes (Mon-Fri)	Sputnik - Mrs Lorimer (Mon-Wed) & Mr Hancock Thur/Fri)
Chandra - Mrs Giblett (Mon-Fri)	Voyager - Mr Huntley (Mon-Fri)
Unicorn - Miss Hynam (Mon-Fri)	Orion - Miss Horn (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Haberfield (Thurs/Fri)
Pegasus - Mr Clark (Mon-Fri)	

End of Year ParentPay

Parents of Year 6 Children - Important Information

Over the next few weeks we will be moving any credit or outstanding debt within a Year 6 child's account to their siblings account, if available.

If there are no siblings within school, any outstanding debt **MUST** be settled by **21st July**. Please ensure there is sufficient credit to cover school meals required until the end of term. If there is a credit remaining on your child's account at the end of term, we will contact you with instructions for how to claim a refund through the CLF Finance department.

Year 6 After School Club & Breakfast Club fees for July will be charged to your child's ParentPay account this week and should be paid in full before the end of term.

All Other Year Groups

Any child currently attending school and having school dinners in July must have enough credit within their account to cover the costs. Please remember to top up your account at the end of August to cover any meal costs in September. All balances **MUST** remain in credit at all times.

Parents of children within Year 2 should be aware that the entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals will cease and school meals will be charged to ParentPay at a cost of £2.40 per meal on their return in September.



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Rolls-Royce

Year 5/6 Production

We are really looking forward to presenting our wonderful Year 5/6 production, 'Rock Bottom' on 9th and 10th July.

Ticket bookings open on Monday (1st) at 7pm and close on Wednesday (3rd) at 6pm. To book your tickets please visit

<https://uphill.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Music Tuition

Letters inviting children to express an interest in booking music lessons in the new academic year will be sent home next week. Please keep an eye out for it.

Music tuition is open to those children who will be in KS2 (Years 3-6) from September. Music lessons are run by West of England Music Services.

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/>

July

Wednesday 3rd	Year 6 & Class Photos
Thursday 4th	Sports Day - KS2 9am - 11am
Thursday 4th	Sports Day - EYFS and KS1 - 2pm - 3pm
Friday 5th	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 9th	Year 5/6 Production - 6.30pm in the hall
Wednesday 10th	PTFA Textile Recycling
	Year 5/6 Production - 6.30pm in the hall
Wednesday 17th	CLF Big Dance (selected pupils)
Thursday 18th	Year 6 Leavers Party @ 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 23rd	Leavers Assembly 9am
Tuesday 23rd	Leavers Parents Coffee Session - 9.30am in school hall
Tuesday 23rd	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR

September

Monday 2nd	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4th	START OF TERM 1
Monday 16th	Chandra Class Swimming
Friday 20th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Monday 23rd	Chandra Class Swimming
Monday 30th	Chandra Class Swimming

October

Monday 7th	Chandra Class Swimming
Monday 14th	Chandra Class Swimming
Wednesday 23rd	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday 24th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 25th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)



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Summer Reading Challenge

Children – unleash your creativity with this year’s Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers!

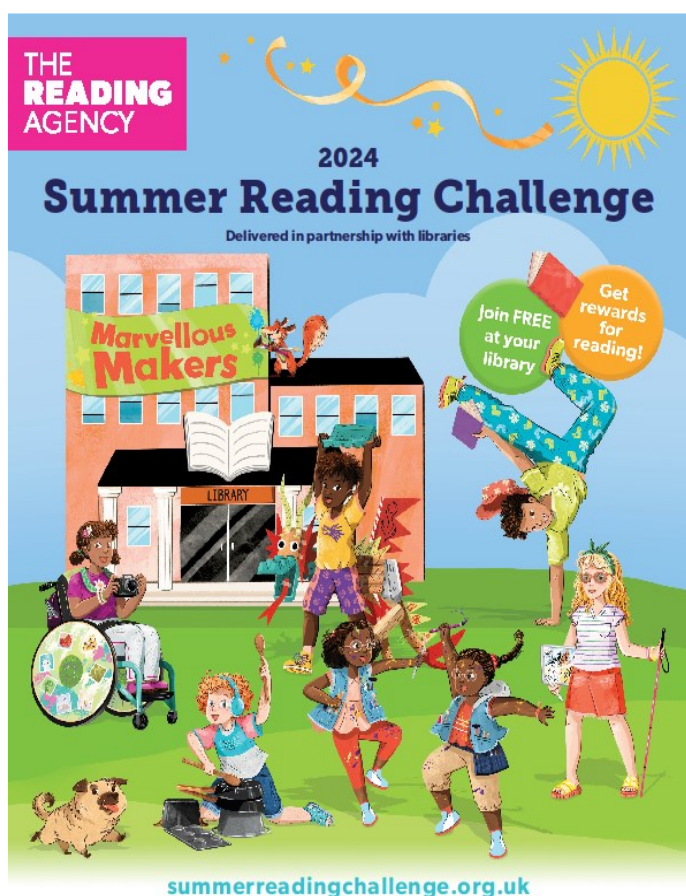
The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It’s all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children’s reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop in to your local library or visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to sign up. Whether you're a budding artist or a dreamer of distant worlds, there’s sure to be a book to inspire you on our shelves.

This year, we're painting outside the lines and dancing to the rhythm of our own stories with a challenge focused on creativity! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there’s something for everyone.

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries. This year’s theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most. The bespoke illustrations for Marvellous Makers are created by the brilliant illustrator, Natelle Quek. The Challenge starts on Saturday 6th July and runs until Saturday 14th September across all North Somerset libraries.

So, young creators, are you ready to set off on an adventure that celebrates your artistic spirit? The chapter is yours to write, and the canvas awaits your touch.



THE READING AGENCY

2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

LIBRARY

Join FREE at your library

Get rewards for reading!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a library building with a sign that says 'Marvellous Makers'. In front of the library, a diverse group of children are engaged in various creative activities: one is in a wheelchair, another is playing a guitar, and others are dancing or drawing. A dog is also present. The background is a bright blue sky with a sun and a yellow ribbon.



With the Summer Reading Challenge approaching, would you like to support your child by improving your own reading skills?

2.4 million adults in England alone cannot read at all or struggle to read, but many people don't tell anyone. There are many reasons why some people find it difficult to learn to read when they are children, but the good news is that it's never too late to learn.

We know it can seem like a big challenge, but improving your reading skills can change your life. We have helped hundreds of adults to learn to read and are here to support you when you're ready. Read Easy will help any adult who either can't read or who lacks confidence with reading. We are proud to be inclusive. For example, if you are dyslexic, the Turning Pages manuals we use work well for people with dyslexia. Our reading coaching is confidential, one-to-one and absolutely free!

Weston and South

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