

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers

How great it is to be back, we are three weeks into the term and there is so much happening in and around our school. I hope you got a chance to visit the scarecrow festival around the village last weekend.

Hopefully, you have had time to read our Ofsted report, which celebrates the excellent educational opportunities we offer here at Uphill Village Academy.

We have some year 4 and year 5 children out today enjoying a 'Fun Fitness Festival' at St Katherines School, where they are taking part in a range of great sporting activities from orienteering, boxing and gym work!

We will be holding our Parents Evenings soon and are looking forward to seeing all our parents across the three evenings. Please make sure you book an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled into this academic year.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Sam Hodder, Principal

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Weather Change

The weather is starting to become colder, wetter and more Autumnal. Can we please remind parents that children are required to bring a coat to school every day. Children spend large amounts of time outside and will need a coat to keep warm.

Many of our KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) P.E. lessons take place outside, so a reminder that children should have joggers/leggings and a hoodie/zip top in school.

These are ONLY allowed in navy or black please, no other colours or logos.

Parents Evening

A letter was sent to parents today with details of our next Parents Evening.

This year, based on parental feedback from the autumn Parents Evening last year, we have changed the format slightly.

EYFS & Year 1 will offer face-to-face appointments on **Tuesday 10th October at 4pm – 6.30pm & Wednesday 11th October at 3.30pm-7.00pm.**

Years 2-6 will offer face to face appointments on **Wednesday 11th October at 3.30pm – 7.00pm.**

Years 2-6 will offer video call appointments **on Thursday 12th October at 4.00pm – 7.00pm.**

We will be using the School Cloud Parents Evening Booking System; if you have not used this system, please follow the attached instructions. Your log in for this system uses information held on our records, if this is not up to date you may struggle to log in. In readiness of the booking system opening on 5th October, we recommend that parents check they can log in successfully, particularly our new EYFS parents. If you are struggling to log in, please contact the school office.

We would encourage parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

Please follow the link to book your child's appointment;

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

Changes to Extra-curricular Clubs during Parents Evenings

There will be no extra-curricular clubs on Thursday 12th October.



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Over 5 School Milk

At morning break children in EYFS, Year 1 & 2 are offered a carton of milk and a healthy snack. Children in Key stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit for break time.

The healthy snack provided for children in EYFS & KS1 varies each day and includes apples, pears, satsumas, carrots, tomatoes and bananas.

Children **under the age of 5 years** are entitled to free school milk. Your child will be offered this during snack time in school.

Once your child reaches their 5th birthday, they can still have milk during the school day, but it needs to be paid for, in advance, by the parent/carer. Those children who qualify for benefit based free school meals can claim free school milk; please speak to the school office for further details.

If you wish for your child to continue to have milk after their 5th birthday, School Milk Services will provide this.

Please refer to our website, using the link, to access the letter regarding ordering school milk from School Milk Services.

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/ordering-milk-for-over-5s-children/>

School Meals & Dietary Requirements

We apologise for the confusion over the incorrect menu that was issued to parents. The correct version was issued to parents last week and a copy can be found on the website using the link:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/UVA-menu-AutWin-2023.24.pdf>

At Uphill Village Academy we strive for the highest possible standards of care for our children and we want to make sure our dietary records are up to date. Some families will have received an allergy/special diets form last week; we will be sending further copies home to the remaining families where their child is recorded as having a restricted/special/allergy diet over the coming week. When you receive this form please return it to us asap.

If you do not receive a form by the end of next week and think we, as a school, should be aware of your child's diet i.e. halal, vegetarian, allergic to a product, please telephone the office on 01934 626769, or email us at office@uva.clf.uk

We will ensure our records are updated accordingly and liaise with our caterers to ensure they are aware of your child's needs.

At Uphill Village Academy, our school meals are provided by Aspens and they offer a varied, healthy hot meal option to our children every day.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2. Put simply, parents will not be charged for their child having a hot school meal at school each day.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

It is really important that if you think your child is eligible for free school meals, however briefly, you should claim. Our Learning Mentor, Mrs deScossa, has further details on the benefits available for eligible pupils.

North Somerset Council provides an online application service for free school meals. Parents are able to apply online, at home or in school, and get an instant result. The system generates a letter that parents can print off and give to the school and eligibility will start from the date of the letter. Full details, including a link to the application process, can be found at <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/school-meals/>

Tulip Photography

Last Friday, we welcomed Tulip Photography into the school to take individual and sibling photographs.

We were delighted to see so many smartly dressed children with lovely smiling faces.

You should have received your child's order slip on Wednesday and we encourage you to order for your child online using the codes on the slip.

If you require any assistance, please telephone the school office team or email on office@uva.clf.uk

Parking

A reminder to all our families to be respectful when parking at both drop off and pick up times.

We have had a number of complaints from local residents where parents' parking is causing them difficulty to enter or exit their driveway.

May we remind all drivers that there is NO parking on the verges or pavements within the village.

We do appreciate that parking in the village is difficult, but ask that you are mindful and considerate to our neighbours when parking.

We have requested further visits from the police and council parking enforcement officers to help enforce this.

GDPR

Our children have the opportunity to use online learning programmes which have been carefully selected to support their learning and development. In some cases, your child will be given an individual log-in which will allow them to access a programme at home, primarily to complete homework tasks set by their teacher. This can also provide access to educational resources to help you support your child's learning at home.

In all cases we will only share the minimum amount of personal data required and we will not share more than their forename, surname and class.

Details of the specific programmes your child will use are available from their class teacher. Information on how the programme providers use and store personal information can be provided on request to the school office.

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/>

October

Thursday 5th	Voyager Class Swimming
Tuesday 10th	EYFS/Year 1 Parent Evening (face to face)
Wednesday 11th	RNLI to visit Year 2 classes Parents Evening (face to face)
Thursday 12th	Voyager Class Swimming Years 2-6 Parents Evening (video call)
Tuesday 31st	Deadline for Secondary School Admissions
Thursday 19th	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Friday 20th	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
	END OF TERM 1
Monday 30th	START OF TERM 2