Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 30th April 2021

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back from the Easter break for term 5. We have already had a busy start to term 5 with the 'Big Pedal', the 'Revealed Project' visitors for Year 5/6 and Parents Evenings. Next week, North Somerset Music Services will be hosting a Samba Drumming Workshop for our Year 5 classes, Year 3/4 classes will be taking part in a Pentathlon event, we have class photographs and Revealed Projects will be back to discuss self belief in another workshop for Year 5/6.

We are also delighted that, under current Covid guidance, our Year 6 children will be able to attend their residential trip to Charterhouse on 17th May. This is one of the highlights of the school year and it is a real pleasure to watch our young people flourish as they explore new experiences. This trip really does make memories that last a lifetime!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support with our video call parents evenings. It was fantastic to be able to 'see' so many parents and to share your child's progress upon their return to school.

I wish everyone a lovely extended Bank holiday weekend Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal



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Inset Days

We have two INSET days remaining. They are Friday 28th May & Friday 2nd July

Bank Holiday

Please remember school is closed next Monday 3rd May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

We return to school on Tuesday 4th May.

Sustrans Big Pedal 2021

Thank you to all children, parents/carers and staff for supporting Big Pedal 2021 this week.

So far we had completed over 1600 active journeys – a fantastic result! We are on track for 65% of our school community to have completed active journeys by the end of the week.

Special thanks to our Eco-Ambassadors, who have really enjoyed collating and recording all the journeys. We hope you have enjoyed taking part in this challenge and can see the benefit of choosing active journeys to and from school. Even changing just a few journeys can make a real difference.

Yr 5/6 Revealed Projects

Last week our Year 5 & 6 children took part in the 'Revealed Projects' workshops focussing on self esteem and self belief as we have recognised these life skills have become key issues following this difficult year.

The children had the opportunity to explore the term 'self esteem', to recognise behaviours of good and poor self esteem and to discuss strategies to identify how children can take responsibility to develop better self esteem.

Next week they return to look at self belief and building confidence.

Class Photos & Year 6 Leaver Photos

Next week, on Thursday 6th May, we have class photograph day. We will also be photographing the Year 6 children individually for their leavers photograph. Children should wear full school uniform, NO PE kits. School logo jumpers MUST be worn.









CLF Big Run & Walk

All the children and staff had great fun yesterday morning when we joined Mr. Motivator via a live stream workout for the launch of 'The CLF Big Run & Walk'.

The CLF Big Run & Walk started as a running event that staff took part in annually at the Bristol 10k. In recent years the event has spiralled and is now a firm highlight of the CLF Big Calendar.

This year, we are attempting to run 11,622 miles (a mile for every child in our trust) and raise the equivalent in funding (£11,662) for our most disadvantaged children.

We are running throughout the month of May and our staff and children are committing to walking or running a number of miles towards the cause. The event promotes mental health and wellbeing through activity to support our children to engage with education following the fairly challenging year we have all had.

Uphill Village Academy staff will be walking and running on 19th May and the children will be taking part in a walking event within school; full details will follow soon. If you would like to support this event by donating to this very worthy cause, please go to our website for further information.

Parents Evenings

Firstly, thank you to all our parents for their support in the launch of our video call parents evenings through school cloud. We are really please that the vast majority of parents were able to access the calls without any technical problems. We apologise to Voyager Class parents for Wednesday appointments. This was a technical error, hopefully your telephone call with Mr Huntley was still appreciated.

As always we would love some feedback on the information you received from your child's class teacher and also on the format of Parents Evening as we move forward. Please use the link below to access the electronic feedback form.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

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Your feedback will be very much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

May

Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils Monday 3rd

Tuesday 4th **Chandra Class Swimming**

Class Photographs & Year 6 Individual Photographs Thursday 6th

Tuesday 11th **Chandra Class Swimming**

Monday 17th—21st Year 6 Residential at Charterhouse

Tuesday 18th **Chandra Class Swimming** Tuesday 25th **Chandra Class Swimming**

Inset Day - school closed to pupils Friday 28th

END OF TERM 5

June

Monday 7th START OF TERM 6

Tuesday 15th Sputnik Class Swimming





