

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope you have all had a relaxing half term break.

I firstly wanted to say thank you to those who attended Parents Evening at the end of last term & for giving us your feedback.

Constructive feedback helps us to ensure our processes align with children's & parent's needs. It was great to hear so many of you were happy with your parents evening experience and feel you have a good understanding of how your child has settled into the school year.

Shortly, we will be gathering feedback from our EYFS parents on the transition process for joining our school. Please help us improve this area by completing this form once you receive it. I look forward to finding out your views.

Tomorrow evening is Bonfire Night and I hope everyone gets the chance to enjoy an organised display over the weekend. Avon & Somerset Fire Service offer some safety tips, please use the link below for details.

<https://www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/events-and-celebrations/bonfire-night>

I wish you all a lovely (& dry!) weekend

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

## Remembrance



In preparation for Remembrance Day, children will have the opportunity to purchase a Remembrance Day Poppy from Monday 6th November. If you wish your child to purchase a poppy, or other Remembrance memorabilia, please provide them with a small donation; a minimum of 50p is recommended.

We will be selling Remembrance slap bands on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the end of the school day in the front playground for a minimum donation of £1.

Can we remind parents any slap bands purchased are not allowed to be brought into school.

We will be holding our Remembrance Service at 11am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We are proud to be supporting this worthy cause.

## Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. To celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause, children can wear spotty or yellow non school uniform.

They can also wear Children in Need merchandise (no pyjamas or onesies please).

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations can be made via ParentPay using the link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11940>

Thank you for your support.



## School Lunches

We appear to have some debts incurred for school lunches. We would ask that you please check what you owe and clear these balances as soon as possible to prevent us from having to stop future lunches being available for your child.

### Changes to next week's Menu

Monday 6th—Bonfire Special Menu (See email)

Thursday 8th—Roast Chicken



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## EYFS Phonics Workshop

We are offering a phonics workshop for parents of our EYFS children on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 8:55am.**

This workshop is designed to be interactive, where parents will learn how we teach reading through phonics and then watch the children and class teacher taking part in a phonics lesson.

There is no need to book for this event.

## Bikeability

Week commencing 20th November some of our Year 6 students will be taking part in Bikeability Training. We remind parents /carers that children must come to school with their bikes and helmets wearing joggers, trainers, gloves and coats, as it is likely to be cold and possibly wet.



## After School/Breakfast Club

We are looking into changing the booking system we use. If we choose to do this, parents would be required to pay for after-school club sessions at the time of booking. We are aware that this may not suit everyone and would value your feedback before we make a decision. Please give your feedback form using the following link:

[Feedback Form](#)

## Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place from 13th to 17th November.

The theme this week is "Kindness"

To start the week off, we will be supporting 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th November.

Children can wear bright, patterned, colourful odd socks to show their support for Anti Bullying Week.

## Upcoming Christmas Events

We are currently planning our Christmas activities and wanted to share with parents some key events. Some of these events parents will be invited to, so save the dates!

Our EYFS/Year 1 team are busy rehearsing their Nativity and we are looking forward to inviting parents (two adults per child) to see their fabulous efforts. The performances will be at 9.15am on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December. Further details will be sent to parents regarding the ordering of tickets.

Our Year 2 children will be holding their Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 7th December, when they will treat us to some Christmas readings and songs. Again, further details will be sent to parents over the next week regarding the ordering tickets.

In conjunction with our PTFA, we will be holding the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 1st December from 3.00pm. We will kick off the Bazaar with some carols sung by our KS2 children, and afterwards you can enjoy a few Christmas themed stalls in the School Hall.

Christmas Lunch for all children will be on Wednesday 13th December. Children in EYFS & KS1 will be automatically ordered a Christmas dinner unless you opt out. Children in KS2 will need to pre order their meal. Full details will follow shortly.

Christmas Parties will be on various afternoons in the last week of term and thank you to our brilliant PTFA who will once again be providing party food boxes for the children to enjoy.

We are very excited to be able to celebrate the Christmas build up this year and hope you and your families will be able to enjoy these events with us.

### PTFA Christmas Events

24th November—7pm Quiz Night at Bleadon Coronation Hall—get your tickets here [ticket link](#)

28th November—Textile Recycling Collection

Monday 4th —Wednesday 6th December Secret Santa

7th December—7pm-9pm Christmas Wreath Workshop—In School—Geet your ticket here [ticket link](#)



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## Wake and Shake Event

On Friday 24th November we will be holding a Wake and Shake Event. The children will have the opportunity to enjoy some exercise and dancing—we know they will have lots of fun.  
Normal school uniform must be worn.

On this morning we are asking if they can please bring with them a chocolate item to donate to the Christmas Bazaar Tombola—Many thanks!

## Dates for the Diary

### November

Thursday 9th	Sputnik Class Swimming
Wednesday 8th	Remembrance Day merchandise on sale from 3.15pm in the front playground
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Friday 10th	Remembrance Day - wear your poppy
Monday 13th	Odd Socks Day - wear odd colourful socks in support of Anti Bullying Week Dance Club starts (selected pupils)
Thursday 17th	Sputnik Class Swimming
Friday 17th	Children in Need - wear spotty or yellow non-school uniform
Monday 20th -	Year 6 Bikeability Training all week (selected pupils). Please don't forget bikes & helmets!
Thursday 23rd	Sputnik Class Swimming
Friday 24th	Wake and Shake Event—Donate Chocolate for Christmas Bazaar PTFA Quiz Night (Bleadon Coronation Hall)
Tuesday 28th	PTFA Textile Recycling
Thursday 30th	Sputnik Class Swimming

### December

Friday 1st	Christmas Bazaar at 3.00pm in the Hall
Monday 4th—	
Wednesday 6th	PTFA Secret Santa—(details to follow)
Tuesday 5th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Wednesday 6th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Thursday 7th	Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm PTFA Wreath Making
Friday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Monday 11th	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 12th	Year 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 13th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 15th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm

### END OF TERM 2



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