

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you have had a restful half term break. It was a rather abrupt end to term 3 with the arrival of storm Eunice; I'd like to take the opportunity to say well done to those children who joined us for online learning and thank you to parents for facilitating this learning at home.

Term 4 has started with the launch of our Marvellous Reading Month. We have spent this week focussing on reading and poetry and have celebrated World Book Day with some fantastic costumes. We will be continuing this focus throughout the month with our writing workshops and the upcoming Book Fair. Please visit my Twitter feed to see some great photographs of the many activities we have taken part in this week.

This term is jam packed; a trip to the SS Great Britain for our Year 2 children, our dance club performing at the North Somerset Dance Festival, the CLF Eco Conference, our EYFS/Year 1 phonics mornings for parents and our brilliant Easter activities. Please make sure you check the website and the dates for the diary to make sure you don't miss anything.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March. Parents will be able to book an appointment either in-person on Wednesday or via a video call on Thursday. We will be using the School Cloud Parents Evening booking system.

Parents will be able to book appointments from Sunday 20th March at 10:00am until Wednesday 23rd March at 10:00am.

We would encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress. Further details to follow shortly.

Marvellous Reading Month

The virtual bedtime story session on Tuesday was really popular and we hope your child enjoyed their class teacher reading them a bedtime story.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed in some amazing book character costumes. The Year 5/6 team really excelled themselves with their Mr Men & Little Miss outfits! Well done to the everyone for their incredible efforts.

We have had some wonderful entries for the competition to decorate a wooden spoon as their favourite book character. The winners of the competition were revealed in our celebration assembly this morning. Congratulations to the following pupils;

EYFS/Year 1 - Olivia Wells & Riley Dyke

Year 2 - Remy Chandler

Year 3 & 4 - Trixie Heaton & Oliver Norman

Year 5 & 6 - Olivia Boardman & Billie Jarvis

Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fayre in the school hall on Monday 28th March for children in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 and Tuesday 29th for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.



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Interested in becoming an Academy Parent Councillor?

We currently have two vacancies for Academy Councillors and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election. Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to ensure your children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability.

A letter has been emailed to all parents today, Friday 4th March, with a link to an online form. If you would like to put your name forward, please complete the form by Friday 18th March. A copy of the letter can also be found on our website: <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/academy-councillor-elections/> If you would like more information on the vacancies, please contact Sue Burns, Clerk to the Academy Council, by email sue.burns@clf.uk

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th

To help celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause children are invited to wear a red top to school on Friday 18th March. Normal school trousers/skirts and school shoes should be worn. If your child has PE on this day they can wear dark jogging bottoms and trainers.

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations should be made on our dedicated Red Nose donations page via ParentPay, please follow this link;

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6262>

Clubs Cancellation

Due to staff training next week there will be no clubs running next THURSDAY (10th).

There will be no Cross Country, Homework Club or KS1 Art Club.

This does not affect our normal paid, bookable after school club in the community room.

No other clubs are affected next week.

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/>

March

Wednesday 16th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Thursday 17th	EYFS Phonics session & coffee morning - details to follow
Friday 18th	Red Nose Day - Wear Red to School
Tuesday 22nd	Year 1 Phonics session - details to follow
Monday 28th	Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall from 3.15pm—EYFS Year 1 & 2
Tuesday 29th	Scholastic Book Fayre - School Hall from 3.15pm—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 29th	Dance Festival - (selected children)
Wednesday 30th	Parents Evening - details to follow
Thursday 31st	Parents Evening - details to follow CLF Eco Conference (selected children)

April

Mon 4th	No Extra-Curricular Clubs this week
Friday 8th	Easter activities - details to follow
Friday 8th March	END OF TERM 4

INSET Days - School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 16th March
Friday 8th July



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PTFA Upcoming Events

Back to the Noughties Roller Disco Sessions & Evening Event Saturday 5th March 2022



We would like to wish all the best to our hard working PTFA committee for organising the biggest fundraising event of the year taking place this weekend.

Don't miss out!

The roller disco on Saturday afternoon is now sold out! We hope all those who are lucky enough to have got tickets have a great time!

here are a small number of tickets available for the evening 'Back to the Noughties' event at the Tropicana on the seafront. Simply scan the QR code on the poster to purchase tickets. There will be tickets available on the door too.

Please support this fantastic event and our brilliant PTFA.

Easter Events

We are really pleased to announce that our PTFA are supporting us in a number of fund raising events to help celebrate Easter this year. With the children and our families.

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade for the children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 8th April on the school field. If your child is in one of these year groups then it would be great if you could start making an Easter Bonnet!

Bonnets/hats should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 8th and the parade will take place in the afternoon on the school field. We are looking forward to inviting parents in to school to enjoy the parade and the brilliant array of bonnets!!

Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to enter the Easter competition to 'Decorate an Egg' (hard boiled please!) Egg designs should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 8th April, not before please.

At the end of the day we will hold an Easter Egg hunt on the field and there will be an online Easter Raffle to take part in too!



Full details regarding all the Easter events will be in our next newsletter.

