

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 is a term of great learning and as always our children are working really hard. We are looking forward to sharing their progress with you at our planned Parents Evenings in March.

Well done to the Year 6 children who have been taking part in practice SATs exams this term. We are really impressed with their efforts and wish them well with the real thing in May.

Please have a look at the class pages on our website and my Twitter feed for a great insight into what our children are learning and what we have been up to.

This week, Year 2 braved the rain to have a historical walk around our beautiful village. They were joined by a local historian who was able to help them look for clues as to how the village has changed since the Victorian times. Great learning Year 2!

It was great seeing the Year 5/6 classes taking part in DT lessons building cardboard model aqueducts. There were some great creations, well done Year 5/6.

I would like to wish everyone a great half term break and I look forward to seeing all our children on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Textile Recycling



Our fabulous PTFA have again teamed up with Rags2Riches to help raise money while helping the environment.

We have been holding textile recycling collections for a number of years but collection quantities have declined over time. We would really like to boost the amount we collect.

Do you have any clothes, shoes, bags, or jewellery that you no longer want/need? Lets have a huge clear out over half term!

Your child was sent home with their collection bag today. We would really appreciate your help to fill those bags ready for the collection on **Thursday 29th February**.

We look forward to seeing loads of collection bags, full of recycled clothing, and raising lots of money as well as doing your bit for the environment.

Please do not bring your bags in before the collection date.

Jewellery & Watches

We would like to remind parents that jewellery is not allowed in school. Small stud earrings only please; dangly earrings, necklaces, rings and bracelets are a health and safety concern and therefore must remain at home.

We also ask that watches are simple analogue or digital. Watches containing games and/or recording applications are not acceptable in school.

Your child's safety is a paramount concern and we appreciate your support with this.

The School Day

Our school day operates from 8.45am until 3.15pm. We have had an increasing number of children arriving after the gates close at 8.45am or not being collected at 3.15pm when the school day ends.

We understand that occasionally things happen, however repeated late collection may lead to children having to attend After School Club and charges made for this. We hope parents understand we do not have the resources to provide childcare.

Punctuality is a lifeskill that we should model to our children and ensure they understand the importance of it. Your support in this matter is appreciated.



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Parking Near the School

Please may we remind parents and carers to ensure they are parking responsibly and respectfully to our neighbours at school drop off and pick up times.

We have had some complaints from the local residents that they are having trouble getting out of their driveways at these times.

Parents should not park or stop on the yellow markings outside the school and should not park on the double yellow lines on Ellesmere Road.

Please avoid parking on the grass verges on St Nicholas Road as this causes congestion in an already narrow road.

We understand that parking in the village is tricky but we ask for consideration. Please park at the edge of the village and walk the very short distance to school.

Cyber Safety Event

Do you worry about your child's online life and want to find out how to keep them safe?

We are delighted to invite our Year 3,4,5&6 parents to attend a talk from a Cyber Protect Officer on Monday 26th February from 2.20pm until 3.10pm in the school hall. They will talk about current online safety issues and concerns and share advice which we are sure you will find informative. Please book your place via the letter that has gone home today.

If you are unable to attend, please scan the QR code below for some useful information.



Scarlet Fever

We have had confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever within the school. Left untreated a child can be contagious for 2-3 weeks, therefore if you believe your child has the symptoms of scarlet fever, it is advisable to see a GP.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, however it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. Scarlet fever includes non-specific symptoms such as sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red 'sandpaper' like rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, may have this please see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible. Make sure that your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor. Please stay at home for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment.

Help reduce the spread by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene

For more information please see the NHS website - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

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.

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February

Friday 9th

END OF TERM 3

Monday 19th

START OF TERM 4

Extra-curricular clubs start again this week

Thursday 22nd

Chandra Class Swimming (5)

Thursday 29th

PTFA Textile Recycling

Upcoming Bank Holidays

Friday 29th March

Monday 1st April

Monday 6th May



Reading Week is when we celebrate the love of reading!

Starting on 4th March, there will be a range of reading activities throughout the week to promote books and reading.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024 and would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We do not want people to feel that money needs to be spent to become a character from a book, home assembled costumes are fine! You will receive a £1 book token that can be used at the book fair which will be held on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Last year, we were amazed by your story in a jar creations and would like to invite your child to take part in our Book in a Box competition. This year, bring your Book in a Box into school after half term. Your child is encouraged to think of a favourite book and create a scene from the book using a box. Teachers will take a photo of your creation and the chosen book before putting them on display. To help with this, please bring the book into class with the box.

There will be one winner of a £5 book token in each year group.



On Wednesday 6th March, we are inviting EYFS/ KS1 children to a story time session at 5:30pm in school with their parents. They can wear pyjamas/dressing gowns/onesies and bring a warm drink of hot chocolate along with them.

We would also like to share a link to FREE audiobooks for all readers, available for World Book Day. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together as a family, or taking some time to listen alone. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Week 2024

Date	Activity	Details
Half-Term	Competition	'Book in a Box' competition
Wednesday 28 th February	Launch of reading week in KS1/KS2 assembly	Assembly for World Book Day, held the week before World Book week.
Wednesday 6 th March	Bed time story carousel	EYFS and KS1 children are invited to a bedtime story evening at school. This will be at 5:30pm and children can join each "area" in the school for a short story every 10 minutes.
Thursday 7 th March	Teacher swap!	Teachers will visit another class to read a story for 15minutes.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Please do not go and buy a special outfit, home-made outfits are perfectly adequate. Please can they also bring their favourite book to school to share with others.
Friday 8 th March	Stop and Read Day	The children will need their reading book in school today. At different times during the day, the bell will ring and the children and adults in school will stop what they are doing and read for 5-10 minutes.
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th March	Book Fayre	We will be hosting a book fayre in the hall straight after school. There will be an opportunity to purchase all the latest books. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books for the library and for guided reading.