

Uphill Village Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Its been a busy few weeks across the academy as we have enjoyed lots of extra curricular activities.

What a great week we have had! On Tuesday, I was delighted to watch our dancers take part in the North Somerset Dance Festival at the Playhouse Theatre for the first time in three years.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of leading the CLF Eco Conference, held at Winterstoke Hundred Academy, where ten of our Eco Ambassadors took part in a range of activities and listened to some inspirational Eco speakers alongside pupils from the other academies in the Trust.

I have also enjoyed welcoming many parents back into school, some of them for the first time, for both the Book Fayre and for Parents Evening.

Following the government pathway towards living safely with Covid-19, the guidance is now that if you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, a high temp or feel unwell you should stay at home until you do not have a temperature and feel well enough to resume normal activities. Children and young people who test positive should isolate for 3 days. There is no requirement to provide a negative test to return to school.

I am really looking forward to our Easter activities next week but in the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Parents Evening

We would like to say thank you to those parents who attended parents evening this week. It was fantastic to see so many of you; we hope you found these meetings helpful and informative.

To help us evaluate the evenings and improve on the information we share with our parents we would ask parents to complete a short survey. Please use the link below to access the form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aDdJGNXDU8>

After School Clubs

Our extra curricular clubs have now finished for terms 3 & 4. A new club list for terms 5&6 will be issued next week. Our club offering for next term is reduced as the terms are incredibly busy; however it is varied with cricket club, dance club, KS1 art club and cross country still available.

Please keep an eye out for further communications next week.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for the generous donations for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. We raised a fantastic £264.00 for this worthy cause.

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel



In the last newsletter, we talked about the Big Walk & Wheel challenge, with the aim of encouraging us all to get active on our journeys to and from school.

Wow we really have risen to the challenge!!

As of day 9 we are in 1st place for the large school category in North Somerset and 42nd place in the whole of the South West. We are so proud of our eco conscious families who have cycled, scooted and walked to school over the last two weeks.

We really are leading the field in our eco credentials - well done and thank you to everyone for their support in this endeavour.

Further Eco news, we were also the lead ambassadors for the CLF Eco Conference this week, hosted at Winterstoke Hundred Academy. Please see our celebration newsletter next week for a full update on this great event.



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School Day Changes

We are really pleased to inform parents that from term 5 we will be reverting to our pre-covid school timetable.

- The gates will open at 8.35am, rather than the current 8.30am, and will close promptly at 8.45am for registration.
- For term 5, morning breaktime will remain split. The first break at 10.15am for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 3/4. The second session will be at 10.30am for Years 2 and Years 5/6. From term 6, the whole school will have morning break together at 10.30am on the back playground and field.
- Lunches will revert to a one hour lunch service between 12pm and 1pm.
- The end of the school day will be at 3.15pm for all classes except Year 2, who will finish at 3.10pm. This is to allow for a free flowing exit from school for all the children but will be reviewed for September.
- Whole school assemblies will resume from term 5 on Monday and Friday mornings.
- Key Stage Assemblies, Singing Assemblies & Council Crew will all resume as normal.
- We will be increasing the number of events for parents to attend, so families can once again come together as a community to celebrate the work and achievements of your children.

We hope you will agree these are welcome changes as we move to normal school operations over the coming weeks.

Uniform

From term 5 (Monday 25th April) we will be reintroducing full school uniform on every day and children will change for P.E lessons in school.

Our School Uniform is as follows:

Grey or Black school trousers or skirt (no leggings or joggers)

Plain white polo shirt

Blue logo school sweatshirt or cardigan

White or Black socks or tights (no colours or stripes/patterns)

Black, polished school shoes (no trainers)

Girls may wear a blue checked school dress in the summer

No jewellery, hair accessories, make up or nail polish.

Long hair **MUST** be tied and secured off the face using a hair band

No extreme hair cuts, including tram lines.

Our uniform is important to us and is an element that sets the tone and values of the school. We will be enforcing the uniform and P.E kit presentation after 25th April. It is an expectation that children will adhere to full school uniform and will arrive well presented at school.

PE Days & PE Kit

In terms 5 & 6 children will be expected to change for their P.E lesson within school. They should bring their P.E. Kit into school on their P.E. day or they can leave their kit, in a drawstring bag only, on their coat peg in the cloakroom.

P.E. days will be as follows:

Rainbow Class - Monday & Thursday	Sunshine Class - Monday & Thursday
Saturn Class - Monday & Thursday	Jupiter - Wednesday & Thursday
Pluto - Monday & Tuesday	Sputnik - Tuesday & Friday
Chandra - Monday & Thursday	Voyager - Tuesday & Friday
Pegasus - Thursday & Friday	Orion - Tuesday & Friday
Unicorn - Tuesday & Thursday	

Our P.E kit is as follows:

- Navy or Black shorts
- Navy or Black joggers (to be worn over shorts in cold weather only)
- Plain white T-shirt (no logos or colours)
- Navy or Black plain hoodie (no logos, stripes or colours)
- Plain trainers or daps

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/>

April

Tuesday 5th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning, School Hall from 2.30pm Year 6 Charterhouse Parent Meeting at 5pm
Wednesday 6th	Year 5/6 Presentation of Learning, classrooms from 2.45pm
Friday 8th	Easter Activities from 2.30pm

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END OF TERM 4

Monday 25th

START OF TERM 5

Wednesday 27th	Year 1 Parent Phonics Session at 8.55am-9.20am
Thursday 28th	EYFS Height & Weight checks - School Nursing Team

May

Monday 2nd	BANK HOLIDAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd	Young Voices 2022 Concert (selected children) Year 4 Bikeability training
Wednesday 4th	Year 4 Bikeability training
Friday 6th	EYFS Parent Phonics Session at 8.55am-9.20am
Monday 9th	Monday-Thursday; Year 6 SAT's week

INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Friday 8th July

Uphill Village Academy Easter Activities

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April



Join us on Friday 8th April for our annual Easter activities.

2:30 - 4:00pm

We've something for everyone, including the Easter Bonnet Parade, an egg decorating competition, an Easter Egg Hunt, raffle and refreshments. Here's what's happening:

2:30 - Refreshments

Teas, coffees and cake will be served in the rear playground/Community Room from 2:30 onwards. We will need donations of cakes to support this - please leave cake donations on the donations table in the front playground on the morning of 8th April. Shop bought, or homemade, we're not fussy.

2:30 - KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2)

Following on from previous years, we are encouraging all the children to make and decorate an Easter Bonnet using, as much as possible, recycled materials. Children will need to bring their bonnet/hat to school on the morning of the 8th and all children will receive a chocolate lolly too.

KS2 Decorate An Egg

KS2 children are encouraged to decorate an egg for our competition. All they need is a hard-boiled egg and then let their imagination run riot. Children should label their egg with their name and bring it to school on the morning of the 8th. Judges will choose a winner in each year group and winners will receive a prize.

2:30 - Uniform Sale

If you're looking for some used school uniform, our pre-loved stall will be set up offering logoed clothing. If you have used logoed uniform to donate, please drop it off at the school office.

3:15 - Easter Egg Hunt

Open to all children/siblings, the Easter Egg Hunt starts on the playing field after school. Entry is just £1 and every child will win a chocolate egg. You can buy entry on the day, or in advance from [this link](#).

[Easter – Uphill Primary PTFA](#)

3:30 - Raffle

There will be a raffle held in the rear playground - this year's prizes are an Easter Hamper, a giant cuddly Easter bunny and an Easter Bouquet courtesy of Beau & Bloom. Tickets will be on sale at the event and online in advance via [this link](#). [Easter – Uphill Primary PTFA](#)



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