

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 2nd December 2022



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is the beginning of the meteorological winter and, as the nights continue to draw in and the weather gets colder, we are delighted to bring some brightness to our days with our Christmas celebrations.



Christmas is a special time of year and we have lots happening to celebrate the festive season across the school.

Rehearsals are in full swing for our Christmas performances; with children busy learning their lines and songs, and we are looking forward to watching the performances of our children.

Please make sure you are familiar with the many dates in the diary so you don't miss out on anything.

This week our Year 5/6 children and next week our Year 3/4 children will share this term's learning with parents. Thank you for supporting these events and for engaging with your child's learning.

I hope many of you will be able to start enjoying the Christmas spirit and I look forward to seeing many of our families at the upcoming Christmas events.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal



Presentations of Learning

We wanted to clarify the format of our end of term Presentations of Learning this academic year.

At the beginning of each term, parents will receive a summary of the year groups enquiry question and an outline of the activities to support the learning across the term.

At the end of each term, they will present their learning in one of three ways:

- A formal presentation that parents can come along and watch.
- By sharing their books with parents.
- A presentation of their learning to another year group.

Well done to Year 5/6 who held their formal presentation to parents on Wednesday, Year 3/4 will share their books with parents next Tuesday and well done to EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 who shared their learning with each other. Parents have two opportunities each year to come into school to share their child's learning.

We would really appreciate if our Year 5/6 parents could give us some feedback on their formal presentation this week, using the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/GSgTLWVJxy>

Christmas Events

On Wednesday 30th November, a letter detailing all our Christmas events, was sent to parents. The letter can be accessed using the following link: <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/christmas-celebrations-2/>

This covers the EYFS/Year 1 Nativity, Year 2 Service, Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch ordering instructions and Christmas Parties.

Use the following link to see the activities offered by our fabulous PTFA over the festive period:
[Christmas – Uphill Primary PTFA](#)

This covers mystery bag filling for the Christmas Bazaar, the Treasure hunt and raffle at the Christmas Bazaar and the ever popular Secret Santa.

So much happening - please don't miss a thing!!



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Feedback

We are always keen to get parental feedback on the things we do within our academy. We are currently requesting feedback from our Year 5/6 parents on their Presentation of Learning. We had some great feedback from parents following parents evenings and the EYFS Parent Phonics Workshop.

It is really important for us to receive constructive feedback as it enables us to alter, improve and evaluate how we share learning with parents.

From our EYFS Phonics workshop 100% of parents found the session useful & felt they were more able to support their child with the techniques of learning to read .

Thank you and please keep feeding back!



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in donating to this worthy cause.

The final amount raised was an incredible £438.00!



Christmas Cards

The Christmas Card Postbox is back. However, we are an Eco-School and would ask that children send as few cards as possible and if the cards they send could be made from recycled card/paper even better! Make sure they are labelled correctly with full names & classes please

School Disco

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising our disco. Thank you also to the staff who attended to supervise the evening.

Great fun was had by all and an amazing £726 was raised!

Thank you to Ade Bowen, Action Pussycat, for hosting the disco free of charge.

Dates for the Diary

December

Monday 5th	Choir - Performing at Manor House Residential Home (selected pupils)
Tuesday 6th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - Parent seats to be booked Choir - Performing at Weston Hospice (selected pupils) Year 3/4 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm-3.10pm
Wednesday 7th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - Parent seats to be booked
Thursday 8th	Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm
Friday 9th	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children Christmas Bazaar from 2.30pm (weather dependant)
Monday 12th	Choir - Performing at the Uphill Victory Hall Pop-up Café at 2.30pm (selected pupils). Parents are welcome to join & have a coffee. EYFS/Year 1 Christmas party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 13th	Year 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 16th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm

END OF TERM 2 - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

January

Tuesday 3rd	INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils
Wednesday 4th	Start of Term 3

