

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to term 2 and 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.

On reviewing your feedback it would appear that the combination of face to face and video appointments seems to cater for everybody's needs, therefore we will continue to offer both these mediums going forward.

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 weekend

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## Remembrance



In preparation for Remembrance Day, children will have the opportunity to purchase a Remembrance Day Poppy from Monday 7th November. If you wish your child to purchase a poppy, please provide them with a small donation; a minimum of 50p is recommended.

We will be selling other poppy related merchandise i.e. pin badges & slap bands on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the end of the school day in the front playground. Each item will be sold for a minimum donation of £1.

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

## Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 18h 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=8493>

Thank you for your support.



## Coffee Morning

Parents and carers are welcome to join our Pastoral Team for their second coffee morning on Tuesday 15th November at 9.00am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and find out about our Pastoral Team and what they do. There will also be an opportunity to purchase preloved uniform.

We look forward to seeing you.



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## EYFS Phonics Workshop

We are offering a phonics workshop for parents of our EYFS children on **Thursday 10<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.

## Road Safety Week

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Road Safety Week. We are delighted that the Neighbourhood Police team from Avon & Somerset Police will be hosting our assemblies on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, talking to the children about how to stay safe on the roads.

At the end of the day they will be offering to mark and register bikes for free! Please bring your child's bike along to the front playground at **3.15pm**, Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store everyone's bike in school for the whole day.

## Trophy Return

If your child was awarded a trophy at the last Celebration Assembly in July, please ensure it is returned to school by

**Friday 2nd December**

Thank you

## Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is 'Reach Out'.

To start the week off, we will be supporting 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. This will be weather dependant as it will be held in the rear playground.

Christmas Lunch for all children will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Please check out the PTFA newsletter with further details of fundraising event and Christmas activities.

<http://eepurl.com/ibGgbP>

