# Uphill Village Academy

#### Newsletter 4th November 2022

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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-andcelebrations/bonfire-night

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal



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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.









#### 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 14th to Friday 18th November is Road Safety Week. We are delighted that the Neighbourhood Police team from Avon & Somerset Police will be hosting our assemblies on Wednesday 16th 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 14th to 18th November. The theme this year is 'Reach Out'.

To start the week off, we will be supporting 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 14th 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 6th and Wednesday 7th 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 8th 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 9th 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 14th 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







#### 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.

November

Pre-loved Uniform Sale at 3.00pm in the front playground Friday 4th

Year 6 Bikeability Training (selected pupils). Please don't forget bikes & helmets! Monday 7th -Thursday 10th

Tuesday 8th Prospective Parent Tour for intake Sept 2023 at 9.30am

Wednesday 9th Year 1 & 2 Multi-Skills Event (selected pupils)

Remembrance Day merchandise on sale from 3.15pm in the front playground

Thursday 10th Sputnik Class Swimming

Remembrance Day - wear your poppy Friday 11th

Monday 14th Odd Socks Day - wear odd colourful socks in support of Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 15th Prospective Parent Tour for intake Sept 2023 at 9.30am

Coffee Morning with Pastoral Team at 9.00am

Wednesday 16th Avon & Somerset Police Bike Marking at 3.15pm in the front playground

Thursday 17th PTFA Textile Recycling

Sputnik Class Swimming

School Disco KS1 (Yrs R, 1 & 2) 5pm - 6pm

KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 18th Children in Need - wear spotty or yellow non-school uniform

Wednesday 23rd Flu Immunisations for all children, Years R-6

Thursday 24th Sputnik Class Swimming

December

Thursday 1st Sputnik Class Swimming

PTFA Pre-loved Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale at 3.00pm in the front Friday 2nd

playground

Tuesday 6th EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child) Wednesday 7th EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)

Year 4 & 5 Kurling & Speedstacking Event (selected pupils )

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 at 3.00pm in the back playground (weather dependent)

Monday 12th 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** 





