



A Message from Mrs Fawkes

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all have enjoyed the fine weather we have had over the holiday weekend and you managed some family time. As we enter the final term in the session I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We have a busy final term ahead with a wide range of learning experiences planned including pupil leadership teams, school trips, sports events and more.

We have been doing a lot of work with pupils around internet safety last term. I would encourage you to discuss what your child has learned in school and reinforce at home. Due to increased number of children accessing social media sites we need to all be proactive in checking content and ensure our children are safe online. For further information or support please see CEOP online - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> I would like to gently remind parents to be mindful of what they post on social media regarding the school. We need to be careful with child protection and data protection laws. It is more helpful if any issues or concerns are made directly to the school.

If you have any questions or concerns please address these with your child's class teacher or make an appointment to discuss with the senior leadership team.

Best wishes
Mrs Fawkes

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
The Effect of Absence on School Progress					
A whole year has 365 days. A school year has only 190 days. This leaves: 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	15 days absence	25 days absence	38 days absence
100 days of education	130 days of education	175 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	123 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	65%
Very Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress		Serious Concern Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. You need to seek advice	

Remember:

- 90% attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight

Attendance Matters!

At Uphall we are striving to improve attainment for every one of our pupils. Research has shown that good attendance at school make a difference to a child's life. 90% attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight. Please note that all holidays during term time (except in very exceptional circumstances) will be recorded as unauthorised. We follow West Lothians procedures for managing all absences.

- Remember to avoid parking in front of garages, double yellow/zig zag lines and driveways. Please don't park near the entrance to the car park as delivery lorries and emergency services are unable to enter. If there is a risk for our pupils crossing the road you may be asked to move your vehicle. The community police are aware of the ongoing issues at drop off and pick up times.
- Please could you check your child's hair for head lice regularly so we can avoid the spread across the class.
- For health and safety reasons we would encourage that children do not arrive at school until 8.40am unless attending breakfast club. On very wet days we will allow children into the school building from 8.40am.

Sporting Success

Last term we have had a number of pupils and classes taking part in a range of sporting activities including swimming, p4 benchball, P5 handball, P6 cross country and P7 football. Well done everyone you demonstrated great team work and determination.



Well done to Athena who represented Uphall at the recent Scottish School Swimming Championships. We have had a number of pupils with success in Judo last term. Well done to all of you for showing commitment and hard work in your sport.



Literacy Fortnight

Every class in the school took part in a wide range of activities which promoted a love of reading and writing. Pupils took part in book quizzes and organised a successful book swap. It was great to see children dressing up as an Emotion, some fantastic ideas!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May	Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	In Service Day (School & Nursery closed to pupils)
Wednesday 8th May	Pupils Resume P7S to Sky Academy, Livingston
Thursday 9th May	P7 Bake Sale
Friday 10th May	P5R Assembly P7 to Broxburn Academy—Transition
Tuesday 14th May	P5H & P5R to Glasgow Science Centre
Friday 17th May	P3M Assembly
Monday 20th May	Holiday
Tuesday 21st May	Staff and Pupils Resume
Wednesday 22nd May	P7M & P7S to Skills Fayre—Livingston Nur—P1 Transition—Walk Round / Presentation
Thursday 23rd May	School Closed due to Elections
Friday 24th May	P7 to Broxburn Academy—Transition
Wednesday 29th May	P7 Induction Day—Academy P1 Induction Day P7 Parent Information Meeting—Broxburn Academy
Thursday 30th May	P7 Induction Day—Academy
Friday 31st May	P7 to Broxburn Academy—Transition Sports Day
Wednesday 5th June	P3 to Broxburn Academy—Highland Games
Friday 7th June	P7 to Broxburn Academy—Transition P4S Assembly
Tuesday 11th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 12th June	P1 Parents Lunch
Friday 14th June	P7 to Broxburn Academy—Transition P4C Assembly
Friday 21st June	P7 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 27th June	End of Term Church Service—South Church
Friday 28th June	Last Day of Term

Next Session:

Monday 19th August	Staff Resume
Tuesday 20th August	Pupils Resume



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Eoghan Lumsden who received a medal for playing rugby for Livingston Rugby Club against Penicuik.

James Burton who received a certificate and a badge for swimming 1500 metres.

Liam Henderson who received a medal for Judo Player of the Week.

Lexi Buchanan who won a silver medal at a Judo event in Linlithgow

Isla Borthwick who won a bronze medal in a Judo competition

Joe Buchanan who took place in a British Schools National Championships for Judo representing Uphall PS and won a bronze medal.

Since January Lachlan Ross has been competing in the British Youth Climbing Series. Competitions have been held in Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow, after which Lachlan was selected to represent Scotland in the Under 14 Youth C category, against 26 other competitors.

The finals were in Sheffield, and Lachlan came 4th overall an excellent achievement for his age.

Well done to you all!

Uphall Primary Community

AGM

Tuesday 11th June 2018, 6.30pm



Come along and find out what we have been doing during this year and help to start planning for what we can do next year. Together we can make a difference for our children!

During the AGM we are looking to fill three positions on the group, chairperson, vice-chair and secretary.

Uphall Gala Day

Saturday June 8th

The school will take part in the walking parade. The theme is Stage and Screen. (More information to follow)

We will meet outside the school at 11.00am, ready to line up at 11.30am when the different floats will be judged.

The parade leaves at 12 noon sharp and walks down to King George V Park . Children should be supervised by parent/ carers during the Gala events and must be picked up at the end of the parade.

Early Years

Over the coming week P1 will be supporting our pre-school children in the nursery to transition successfully into P1 next session. This is an important leadership job for our P1 pupils as they support the new children to feel as confident and ready for P1 as they did. P1 they will have lots of visits from their nursery friends as well as visiting them in the nursery. They will be providing answers to their questions and showing them what it is like to be in P1 at Uphall Primary School.



School Uniform

Eco Shop



We are keen to create an Uniform Eco Shop. If you have any used school jumpers, cardigans, kilts or jackets that are still in reasonable condition but no longer fit it would be great if you could donate these to the school and we could then sell them at a small price. Any money raised would go towards funding activities for all pupils such as Golden Time and Christmas activities that we provide in school. Please hand any uniform into the school office so we can make available to parents in June.

Rotary Quiz

Every year a group of our P7 pupils represent our school in the Rotary Quiz. The quiz tests childrens knowledge and skills in maths, spelling, geography and history, problem solving and much more. Pupils from across the cluster take part. We are very proud to say that for the second year in a row Uphall has won the quiz and will have the schools name engraved on the shield. Congratulations to Charley Napier, Cameron Howard, Lachlan Ross and Luke Renner



Pupil Leadership



This term we will be further developing our pupil leadership skills. All pupils will be involved in a leadership group which will aim to improve or develop an aspect of our school or community. There are a variety of team including : Eco , Rights Respecting school, Digital leaders, Sports leaders, Reading, Positive Relationships and Community Groups.

These groups will help our children to develop important skills and make a difference to our school community.