

# UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Newsletter 1 – August 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new Primary 1 pupils and their families to the school.

We hope that all our pupils and their families enjoyed a wonderful summer and an exciting first week of school.

### School Uniform/ Pre-loved Uniform Rail

The pupils continue to look very smart in their school uniform. Our uniform not only instils a sense of belonging but also gives our pupil an identity to be proud of.

A reminder that our uniform consists of black, grey or navy trousers, shorts and skirts along with a white or bottle green polo shirt and a school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. Checked summer dresses are also permitted. Jogging bottoms should be kept as part of the PE kit and not worn as school uniform. Uniform can be purchased from either of our suppliers:

[Pomprint](#)

[Buchan Embroidery](#)

Preloved school uniform will be available to look through and take what you need at the next Community Cafe on Friday 29th September, however if you require anything prior to this date please feel free to complete the online form - [School Uniform Shop](#).

Please ensure all school uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

### PE Kit

All pupils will require to have a PE kit in school as we will continue to provide two weekly sessions of PE for each class. When possible, these sessions will take place outside, but as the weather changes, they may have to be held in the multi-purpose hall.

PE kits should contain:

- Shorts, jogging bottoms/leggings
- T-shirts and sweatshirt for outdoors
- Socks (tights should not be worn)
- Appropriate footwear - gym shoes for indoors and trainers for outdoors
- All pupils with long hair should have a bobble to tie up their hair
- No jewellery - if earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly marked with their name. These can be topped up at the water fountain throughout the school day.

### Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes

Please ensure that all children have an indoor pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school, after breaks and for PE. We would recommend that all pupils have a change of clothes, including waterproof jacket for outdoor learning.

### Allergy Advice

Can we please remind all parents that Udny Green School is a **nut free school**. It is important that no child takes nuts, or food items containing nuts, to school as the airborne particles can cause severe reactions.

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## Homework

Homework will be issued in homework jotters and should be completed weekly. Activities can be completed in the jotter or photographs of activities can be taken and submitted through Learning Journals. Please remember to return homework jotters and reading books to school each week on the day advised by class teachers.

## Forest Schools Sessions

Each week every class will have the opportunity to engage in Forrest Schools activities with Mrs MacKay (Miss Allen). Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on those days for all weathers.

P1/2 - Tuesday

P3/4/5 - Wednesday

P5/6/7 - Tuesday

## Primary 1 Parents Information Evening

Primary 1 parents are invited join us for an information evening covering numeracy, literacy and learning journals on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00pm – 5.00 pm**. Please complete the online form to let us know whether you can join us: [Click here to complete form](#)

## Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines are scheduled to take place in school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Forms have been issued to all pupils. Can we please ask that these are completed and returned to the school office no later than **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Community Café

Our first Community Café of this year will take place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 11:00am – 12:00pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come along and enjoy a refreshment with other parents and carers. Monies raised from the café will be divided between the school and McMillian Cancer Support. Alongside the community café we

will be hosting a drop-in session for any parents who would like help or support using Learning Journals. Bring along your mobile device or any questions that you have relating to Learning Journals, and we will try to provide support and guidance.

## Term 1 Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place in person on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child is settling into the new academic year. Further information and instructions on booking your slot will be issued in due course.

## Annual Consent Forms

All the start of year consent forms are now available online and links have been sent home via email. Please complete these important forms no later than **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

## Parentsportal

Information regarding Parentsportal has been sent home via email. We would encourage all families to sign up for this as it is the easiest way to check the data we hold in school. The Annual Data Check has been issued online to those who have already signed up. If you require a paper copy of the Annual Data Check, please let the office know as this can be printed off for you. You will, however, have to come into school to check the information as, due to Data Protection, this cannot be sent home in school bags.

## Groupcall / Xpressions App

The majority of communication from the school is done via Groupcall. Information has been sent home on how to also sign up for the Xpressions App. This will enable you to receive notifications of information sent home from the school. Again, we would encourage all families to sign up for this app.

**Mrs Heather McPike**  
**Acting Head Teacher**

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## Dates for the Diary: Udney Green School Closures 2023/24

2023- Term 1	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Deadline for Annual Consent & Flu Vaccine Forms
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	P1 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Vaccines
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Café
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for October holidays
2023 - Term 2	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to Panto
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2024 - Term 3	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Spring Holidays
2024 - Term 4	
Monday 15 <sup>h</sup> April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed - May Day Holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer Holidays

**Please note these dates may be subject to change**

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