

UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 2 – October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's now the end of Term 1. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. It's been a busy, yet very enjoyable term and I'm really looking forward to seeing what Term 2 has to offer.

Community Café - Friday 29th September

Thank you to everyone who came along to support of first Community Café. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I'm sure you will agree the Primary 5/6/7 class did an amazing job with making so many delicious cakes. On behalf of all pupils and staff I'd like to say a massive "Thank You" for helping to raise over £80 which will be split equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and our own school funds.



School Holidays

Just a reminder that school will close at 3.15 pm to all pupils and staff on Friday 13th October and re-open at 9.00 am on Monday 30th October. We would like to wish you all a lovely break.



TERM 2 - UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunchtime Clubs

Starting on our return to school next term we will be running two weekly lunchtime clubs which will run from 12.50pm - 1.15 pm.

Monday - Choir (with Mrs McPike)

Wednesday - Art Club (with Mrs Fowler)

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 1st November** at 6.30 pm in school. All parents are welcome to attend.

Book Fayre - 7th - 21st November

We are delighted to announce that we will have the Travelling Book Fayre (Scholastic) in school from Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 21st November. This is a great opportunity to buy Christmas gifts and support the school. The school receive commission on all book sales, which in turn buys books for the school library.



All children will be given the opportunity to look at the books for sale and can write a Wish List to take home - there is no pressure for you to buy them though! If you do wish to purchase books, this can be done by sending in cash with your child, ordering online or via the QR code (details of both will be issued nearer the time). If you wish to buy books for your child but keep it a secret, please contact the school office and this will all be done discretely.

Book Week - 13th - 19th November 2023

This year's Book Week ties in nicely with our Book Fayre. As well as selling books, we will also be holding in-school literacy themed activities for the pupils such as our Riddle Story Telling event.

Open Afternoon - Wednesday 15th November

We would welcome all families to attend our open afternoon on Wednesday 15th November. To complete the theme, this will be literacy focused. Please joins us from 2.00 pm onwards.



In-Service Days

School will be closed to all pupils on **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November** to allow staff to undertake relevant training. School will re-open to pupils on Monday 20th November.

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Community Café – Thursday 23rd November

After the success of our first Community Café, we would like to invite all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of Udney Green School to our next café hosted by P3/4/5 on Thursday 23rd November at 2.00 pm.



As well as having our pre-loved school uniform available to view/take, we will also be holding a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop. This is a great opportunity to dig out last year's jumper which is now too small, but still in perfect condition, and donate/swap it for something that will fit this year.

Rag Bag – Friday 8th December

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school by adding your unwanted clothing to the clothing bin in the side car park. Now is a great time to have a clear out and bag up any unwanted items for our Rag Bag collection which will take place on Friday 8th December. Clothing can be dropped off to school from 3.00 – 3.30 pm on Wednesday 6th December, any time on Thursday 7th December and before 9am on Friday 8th December. We hope to be given bags to issue to parents, but clothing can also be bagged up in black bags.



Christmas!

Sorry to mention the dreaded "C" word so early, but with lots to pack in next term, we wanted to let you know the dates well in advance.

Udney Community Trust Christmas Fayre

This will be held on **Saturday 25th November** in the Medan Centre, Pitmedden from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The café will be open, along with their Community Open Shelf and Swap Shop. Kids can visit Santa's Grotto, there will be arts and crafts for the kids, a tree decoration competition, dance display, Carol Singing, Christmas Lights Switch On and lots more! Please pop along and support the local community.

Udney Green Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Our very own Christmas Fayre will take place from 6.00 pm on **Friday 1st December**. As always, this promises to be an amazing event with stalls from various sellers, sales of crafts made by our talented pupils, activities, games, Santa's Grotto and of course a much-deserved cup of tea. We do hope you can join us to help raise money towards the school fund which in turn helps pay for activities, resources and trips for the pupils.



Nativity

We will be holding our annual performance on **Wednesday 13th December**. This year the whole school will take part in the nativity titles The Magical Christmas Jigsaw. There will be two performances and tickets will be available to purchase nearer the time.

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December will be our Christmas Lunch as well as Christmas Jumper Day. Now you've swapped your child's old Christmas Jumper for something "new" they will have the perfect opportunity to show it off!

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be on **Monday 18th December**. Pupils are welcome to take their party to clothes to change into after lunch.



Panto Time – Oh No It's Not!

Oh yes it is! On **Wednesday 20th December** we'll be heading to the Arts Centre to see Rapunzel. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

Christmas Holidays

You may be aware that some school's have chosen to take one of their additional occasional day holiday early and will finish on Thursday 21st December. However, the Meldrum cluster have not done this and we will not break up until **Friday 22nd December**. All pupils and staff will return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

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REMINDERS

Allergy Advice

Can we please remind all parents that Udney 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.

Homework

Homework will continue to 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.

Appropriate Outdoor Clothing

With winter fast approaching, can we please ask that all pupils have a waterproof jacket with them every day. We would also ask that pupils have hats, gloves and scarfs as well as suitable outdoor footwear.

Forest Schools Sessions

Each week every class will have the opportunity to engage in Forest Schools activities with Mrs MacKay. 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

Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes

All children should 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.

School Uniform/Pre-loved Uniform Rail

New school 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 Thursday 23rd November, 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.

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.

Mrs Heather McPike
Acting Head Teacher

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Dates for the Diary: Udny Green School Closures 2023/24

2023 - Term 2	
Monday 30 th October	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 1 st November	Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 7 th to Tuesday 21 st November	Book Fayre
Monday 13 th to 19 th November	Book Week
Wednesday 15 th November	Open Afternoon - Literacy
Thursday 16 th November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 17 th November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 23 rd November	Community Café
Saturday 25 th November	Udny Community Trust Christmas Fayre
Friday 1 st December	Udny Green Parent Council Christmas Fayre
Friday 8 th December	Rag Bag Collection
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Carols/Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Trip to Panto
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2024 - Term 3	
Monday 8 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Friday 9 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 12 th February	School Closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Spring Holidays
2024 - Term 4	
Monday 15 ^h April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 3 rd June	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - May Day Holiday
Friday 5 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays

Please note these dates may be subject to change

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