



17th December 2018

It is the end of a busy and productive autumn term, and this year we finish with Christmas just around the corner! I would like to say a huge end of term thank you to all the amazing children and staff for their hard work throughout the term, and indeed the support we receive from parents, carers and the community to ensure the children live, learn and flourish. A sincere thank you to all who participate in the life of Uley School, no matter how small or big, it is much appreciated.

We will be thinking of Mr and Mrs Grace over the festive period and look forward to receiving some exciting news in the New Year.

On behalf of all the staff and governors of Uley School I would like to wish all children and parents a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to the spring term which starts for everybody on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January .

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH



Rosie for being a good friend by accepting an apology.

Poppy Class 3 for being kind and caring towards other children in the class and welcoming other children to sit by her at lunch.

Evie Class 3 for always helping and being kind to her class mates.

Nellie and Ben for being excellent learning partners.

Joseph Class 1 for sharing nicely with others in class.

Krystal for helping and supporting her classmates.

Harley for a lovely Christmas card and writing inside.

Albert for his fantastic work creating a kennings poem all about endangered animals.

Poppy Class 2 for being inspired by ISingPOP and writing her own value song.

Zach, Sammy and Joseph for working hard together and for making new friends.

Hattie for writing an excellent story full of suspense!





Katie for always being a kind and thoughtful friend to everybody.

## Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

School Council have organised a 'wear your Christmas jumper to school day' this Thursday. Bring £1 to raise money for Crisis at Christmas. Please wear school uniform with a super-dooper Christmassy jumper. Thursday is also Christmas lunch and parties.

## **Church Service**

Come and join us for the end of term Carol Service in the church at 1.45pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Year 6 children will read the Christmas Story as the reception children form a tableau of the first Christmas.

## **ISingPOP and Nativity**

What a fantastic performance we were treated to last Thursday. The whole week was one of celebration, fun and school spirit finished by two spectacular performances. The quality of singing from our children was remarkable, and the confidence and enthusiasm shown was truly special to see. The CDs are expected to be received before we break up for Christmas.



## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. It was an enjoyable evening of Christmas festivities, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Friends of Uley School for making it happen and to everyone who helped.

## **Uley School Uniform Update**

We recently sent out correspondence from Trutex (our uniform suppliers) explaining the transfer of our school uniform suppliers to Batemans in Stroud. Batemans would like you to know that there may be limited stock available during this transition. They will be working hard over the Christmas period and hope to get systems up and running in January. The Friends of Uley School have a selection of second hand school uniform, should you wish to purchase any please ask in school.

## **Thank Yous**

Lots of people give up their time to support the children at school by helping in school or providing extra activities that enhance the curriculum.

A special thank you to: Friends of Uley School Mrs Lewis – cookery club and helping with the library Mrs Saunders, Mrs Williams and Mrs Batchelor for helping with the Christmas cakes and yule logs Mr Nash for swimming, football and shed building Mrs Robinson – running club The Open the Book team Fun Club The Village Shop Swimming helpers Trip helpers Peripatetic music teachers School Council Gill Poultney, Jill Cook, Rachel Davidson and all the gardening club helpers Mrs Staniforth for all her hard work with the school library Mrs Spain for hearing readers

## Again your help and support, how small or big, is greatly appreciated, thank you.



## Poppy Appeal 2018

The 2018 Poppy Appeal raised £35.79p. Thank you everyone for your support.

#### Value for next term

Our value for terms 3 and 4 is forgiveness.

Have you ever found forgiving someone hard to do?

When you forgive you don't change the past, but you change the future, Bernard Meltzer.

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring:

Wiping the slate clean Turning over a new leaf through the story of Zacchaeus Forgiving others as God has forgiven you Beginning again through the story of the Prodigal Son Putting the past behind us

# TALK ABOUT FORGIVENESS TOGETHER.

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- · A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to forgive someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has forgiven you

## **Topic for after Christmas**

## The topic for the spring term is 'Potions, Explosions and Dreams'

Our term will start with a bang in our Live, Learn, Flourish week. During this week Uley School teams will be working together to create dream bottles and create exploding names with their buddies.

Our topic will fully launch on the WOW day when classes will start exploring the explosive writing of Shakespeare, the potions of ancient medicines and the dream-like images of Salvador Dali. More information about the topic for each class will be sent out after Christmas.

## **Clubs for the Spring Term**

Clubs for the Spring term are currently being put together, we will keep you posted.

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**



## Dates for your diary

- Thursday 20th December Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties.
- Thursday 20th December—Fun Club afterschool closes at 5pm

Friday 21st December – Carol Service in the church, 1.45pm.

Friday 21st December—No Fun Club afterschool.

- Monday 7th January School starts.
- Friday 11th January—Class 3 swimming starts—see letter.

