

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Live, Learn, Flourish

30th January 2019

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A big well done to:

Lexi, Sara, Violet and Cerys for working together on potion letters.

Zara for showing forgiveness after someone upset her in class.

Seth for showing forgiveness after a dispute on the football pitch.

Nicholas for showing forgiveness by apologising to his friend when he accidentally hurt him at playtime.

Jimmy for reflecting on his learning in class and for making a positive change.

Oliver for supporting others in the class to make the right choices.

Violet Year 1 for making amends when she wanted to bring Scruff to school.

Shelby for forgiving her friends after a fall out.

Eleanor for trying hard last week to contribute in guided reading.

Zoe for always contributing positively in class and listening attentively.

Joseph Class 1 for working hard in all he did during assessment week.

Jess for showing perseverance and patience during assessment week.

Henry for spotting his misconceptions in Maths and using this to help him improve his understanding.

Edith for having a super Rainbow week and trying hard to make the right choices.

Isabelle for huge effort and improvement in her writing and for using the feedback that has been given and applying it.

Good job everyone!



School Closure Updates

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

You will receive a text message from Uley School

A message will be posted on the school website

You can check the Gloucestershire County Council website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures

Or the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed [@Glos_schools](https://twitter.com/Glos_schools)



Student from Rednock

We welcome Poppy Smee, a Year 10 student from Rednock. Poppy will be joining us for work experience at Uley School every Thursday afternoon.

Teacher Training Student

A teaching student from the University of Gloucestershire will be joining us for the spring term. We welcome Miss Alice Pickett, a final year BEd student, who will be joining Class 3.

Traditional Free-School Meals (even though you may receive Universal Free School Meals as the parent of an infant child)

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals.

Parking

A polite reminder to please park sensibly and safely around the school, paying particular attention to avoid blocking pedestrian access and obstructing vision in Woodstock Terrace and at the end of the footpath in South Street. The Knoll residents have contacted the school again regarding parents parking in the residents car park. The car park does not belong to the school, therefore please avoid parking in it. Thank you.



Attendance

What does good attendance look like?

Uley C. of E. Primary School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils. Regular and punctual attendance is of paramount importance in ensuring that all children have full access to the curriculum. All pupils of compulsory school age are entitled to a full-time education and attendance has a major impact on a child's future life opportunities.

School attendance is monitored through various ways:

- Through the school procedures
- Through the school census in October, January and May each year.
- Through the Local Authority.
- Ofsted and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspections ask questions about school attendance

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We do all we can to encourage the children to attend, and to put in place appropriate procedures. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes towards school. To this end, we strive to make our school a happy and rewarding experience for all children.

Soon, we will be sending out your child's attendance data for the autumn term.

WHAT DOES YOUR END OF YEAR ATTENDANCE DATA REALLY MEAN?		
190 days in a school year (52% of the year) 175 non-school days (48% of the year)		
Percentage %	How much have you missed	
	School Days	School Weeks
100	0	0
99	1	0
97	5	1
94	10	2
92	15	3
89	20	4
86	25	5
84	30	6
81	35	7
78	40	8

Colds and Bugs

There are a few illnesses around at the moment. Please follow the link below for more information.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx>
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

Headlice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick or long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

Have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing headlice - <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Snacks

The Infants receive a piece of fruit or vegetable daily through the government run, Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and we would encourage Juniors to bring in a piece for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack! Fruitless Fridays are when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time. Water is available throughout the day. Toast is available every Tuesday for the Infants and every Thursday for the Juniors, 10p a slice.



Library Updates

We hope the children are enjoying their library books and that you received the updated library dates. Please return the library books either on the dates specified or sooner if you so wish. We can then scan them back in and get ready for the next round of borrowing.

We continue to look for volunteers to help with the library, either scanning books in /out on the specified dates or helping to keep the library tidy. Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested in supporting.

Internet Safety Day

We will be celebrating internet safety day across the school on the 5th February. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in important discussions around how to stay safe online and how to be a smart cyber user.



KS2 will be visiting Skillzone for the day. Part of the day will be spent in the Cyber Café learning how to keep safe online.

Infant children will be searching for pictures online by clicking on letters of the alphabet and learning about the digital trail and how information spreads online.

Acceptable Use Policies – all schools are required to have an Acceptable Use Policies for staff, parents and children. Acceptable Use Policies are intended to raise awareness and to promote responsible users and safe use while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.

On entry to Uley School, parents sign an Acceptable Use Policy which supports children's online safety. We will be sending home a copy of the Acceptable Use Policies for parents and children for your reference. The children will be reviewing them in school.

Information for parents on how to support keeping children safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Parents' Evening

The Parents' Evening letter has been sent out. If you are unable to make any of the dates then please arrange to see the class teacher at another time. Please note, there will be no after school clubs on these days.

Use of the Trim Trail (top playground next to field)

We do not wish to prevent children from using the trails out of school hours therefore supervision of a child is the responsibility of the parent or carer before and after school. For health and safety reasons please avoid using the trim trail in wet or icy conditions.



The School Field

The school premises, including the school field and top playground is a provision for the children who attend Uley Primary School to use until 6pm. We politely request that the school field is vacated from 4.00pm to enable Fun Club to use it.

Please also be mindful that sports clubs can takes place on the top playground or field after school until 4.15pm. Thank you for your support.

Head Teacher's Surgery

Whilst it is possible to make appointments to see the Head Teacher, there is also a Head Teacher's Surgery. This offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with me to discuss experience of school and aspects of school life. Please don't forget that teachers are also available to talk to you about matters relating to your child's education.

Dates for the Spring Term 2019 are as follows:

Thursday 14th February, 9 - 10.25am

Monday 4th March - 2.30 - 4pm

Wednesday 27th March - 9.30 - 10.25am

You can make an appointment in one of three ways:

1. Return a reply slip – please see the website under Parent Info/Head Teacher's Surgery
2. Telephone the school and book an appointment
3. Send an email to admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

All appointments will initially be 15 minutes, with follow up appointments made if necessary; all times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. It would be very helpful if the overall focus of the meeting could be known in advance in order that I might be able to have some answers to any particular questions.

Don't forget that we are all happy to talk should you:

- like an update on your child's progress other than Parent's Evenings
- like more information on how to support your child at home
- like to celebrate your child's achievements in and out of school
- have a worry
- have any questions about your child's education
- need clarification/reminders on information



Dates for you Diary

As well as the library loaning dates above:

Thursday 31st January – FUS School Disco, 6-7.30pm—POSTPONED

Friday 1st February – Swimming Class 3

Saturday 2nd February – Cross Country, KLB, 9.15am

Tuesday 5th February – Internet Safety Day – ‘Together for a Better Internet’

Tuesday 5th February – KS2 Trip to Skill Zone

Thursday 7th February – FUS School Disco (new date)

Friday 8th February – Swimming Class 3

Wednesday 13th February – Parents' Evening 5-7pm

Thursday 14th February – Head Teacher's Surgery, 9-10.25am

Friday 15th February – Swimming Class 3

Friday 15th February – End of term 3

Monday 25th February – Start of term 4

Thursday 28th February – Parents' Evening early 3.40 – 5.30pm

Friday 1st March – Swimming Class 3

Monday 4th March – Head Teacher's Surgery 2.30-4pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – more information to follow

Friday 8th March – Swimming Class 3

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – more information to follow

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Wednesday 20th March – Class 3 Worship, 9.10am – all welcome

Friday 22nd March – Swimming Class 3

Wednesday 27th March – Head Teacher's Surgery, 9.30 – 10.25am

Friday 29th March – Swimming Class 3

Thursday 4th April – Easter Breakfast , 9.15 – 10am

Friday 5th April – Uley School Easter Service, St Giles, 1.45pm