

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Live, Learn, Flourish*

*15th May 2019*

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Gabby for her excellent attitude towards her work.

Sophia for overcoming her fear when going swimming.

Nellie for her creative ideas when jumping into a picture.

Evelyn for building tension successfully in her character description.

Anya for her fantastic persuasive letter, persuading Senhor not to cut down The Great Kapok Tree.

Lillia for applying her excellent use of phonics when writing questions about dinosaurs.

Katie for consistently improving and editing her English work.

Samuel for recording addition and subtraction sentences.

Eve (Class 3) for being generous and kind in class by helping others when they are stuck and unsure about their work.

Thomas for being a kind and generous member of the class, who always helps others.

Isla for listening to everyone's ideas in circle time and showing generosity of spirit.

Alexander for generously giving up his time to play the piano for school.

Evie (Class 3) for sharing her colours in class so everyone can use them.

Edith for sharing her toys and books with others.

Zach for looking out for others and showing a caring attitude.

Jess for always being willing to share with others.



Well done for being the best you can be!

We welcome back Miss Leah James, who is joining Class 2 to complete her 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher training placement.

## **Use of school field after school**

Summer clubs have started which include sports clubs. Sports clubs will need the use of the field after school, therefore we politely request that you refrain from using the area whilst a club is on.

Fun Club also request that the school field is vacated from 4.00pm, when sports clubs are not running, to enable them to use it. Thank you.

## **Wildlife Quiz**

A huge well done to the Wildlife Quiz members who competed against Kingswood on Tuesday they were sadly knocked out by 2 points, but they did a fantastic job answering some very tricky questions.

## Country Dancing

We all had a great time 'do-si-do-ing' and 'promenading'. Great energy was shown by all the children, who were fantastic at remembering all the moves and positions, and of course, well-done to all the adults who took part. We look forward to doing it all again next year.



## Team Points Spring Term 2019

The team points have been counted and verified and the team with the most teams points for the spring term is Dauncey's, well done. The children have chosen to have a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th May.

Angeston 2224	Rockstowes 2636
Dauncey's 3047	Sheppard's 1791

## Governor Visit

Mrs Susan Staniforth, our English link Governor, came to visit our phonic sessions recently. This is what Susan had to say:

'There was strong evidence that phonics is progressing well in the school and that the staff are working hard to make this enjoyable for the children.'

Any questions about phonics or if you would like to know a little bit more about how to support your child with phonics, please come and speak to us.

## Uniform

In the last newsletter, we explained that there would be a change to the Uniform Policy. For clarification, the red polo shirts will be introduced for new families from September 2019. The Governing Body appreciate time is required for any change to happen, therefore there will be a transitional period of one year, to allow children to grow out of recently purchased clothes. From September 2020 there will be an expectation that all pupils will be wearing red polo shirts, either with or without the school logo. Red polo shirts can be purchased from:

Batemans Sports in Stroud  
Online  
Tesco's  
Matalan  
Asda

The Uniform Policy will be updated after half term. 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. Although face to face is a good way to meet, appointments can also take place over the phone if necessary.

Dates for the Summer Term 2019 are as follows:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2 – 3pm**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2 – 3pm**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 9 – 10am**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2 – 3pm**

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](mailto: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.

### Comparison Faith Week

This year in our Comparative Faith Week we will be focussing on the Muslim Faith. We will start the week with a 'WOW Day' of activities including dance, music, symbols and food tasting. Children will work in with their buddies throughout the day.



We will be reading Islamic stories that represent our 4 core values of Friendship, Wisdom, Compassion and Trust. Children will be exploring these in their teams and creating art work

Throughout the rest of the week children will work in classes, at an age appropriate level, to learn about the beliefs and lives of Muslim families.

### Father's Day Celebrations

Come and join us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-10am, for some Father's Day arts and crafts. We welcome dads, granddads, stepdads and look forward to seeing you all.

### Open Evening and New Parents Evening

We will be having an Open Evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30 until 7pm. This is an opportunity for existing and new parents to meet each other, chat to staff and have a wander around the school. Let the children show you what they have been learning about through sharing their books together. Homework will be displayed and celebrated. A new parent's meeting will take place in Class 1 at 6.00pm.

### End of Year Reports

We are making some changes, for the better, to the end of year, school report format from Year 1 to Year 6. The Foundation Stage reports will currently stay the same.

The main changes are:

- We will be reporting on whether your child is in line with age-related expectations for the year group, above age-related expectations for the year group or below. This is in all curriculum areas. Please see the chart below.
- We've included a code for 'Attitude to Learning'. Please see the chart below.

	End of Year Attainment		Attitude to Learning
WT	Working towards national expectations for age	NI	Needs to improve
ARE	Working at national age related expectations	G	Good
AARE	Working above national expectations for age	VG	Very good

- We will be reporting on all areas of English and Maths such as phonics, addition and subtraction. Hopefully, it should make easier reading!
- We've included a section of areas to focus on at home for English and Maths, which will help support your child's learning.
- End of year attendance will be clearer. Attendance will be categorised in to green, amber and red. You will also receive a breakdown of attendance information from September that year.

Take a look at the report format on the school website, which can be found on the home page. Please do not hesitate to come and ask us any questions.

### Nuts!

A polite reminder that we have children in school with nut allergies so please could everybody avoid bringing nuts to school. Many thanks.

## Assessments and Statutory Tests

It's that time of year again when schools administer statutory assessments at the end of KS2, KS1 and Y1 Phonics Screening. We know these tests do not measure all the talents the children have but we encourage them to be the best they can be and showcase their knowledge and skills– and they certainly do. Any questions on any of the assessments mentioned below please come and ask. Uley School also has an Assessment Policy which can be found on the school website by clicking on 'Documents and Policies'.

- **Year 6 Statutory Assessments**

Statutory assessment week is well under way for the Year 6s. These tests, apart from writing, are marked externally.

- **Year 2 Statutory Assessments**

The Year 2 statutory assessments are a type of assessment used to support the class teacher's, teacher assessment. During the month of May, and kept very low key, the Year 2s will complete a Maths and reading paper. It is not unusual to ask the children to complete an assessment if they are able to access one.

- **Year 1 Phonic Screening.**

During June the Year 1s will read a mixture of 40 real and pseudo phonically decodable words. 32 has been the pass mark since the introduction of the screening in 2012. It is made fun and accessible to the children with the use of humorous monster pictures.

- **Year 4 Multiplication Tests**

You may have already heard that there will be a statutory multiplication test for Year 4s due to be implemented in June 2020. For this year we will be having a go at the voluntary trial to help us familiarise ourselves with the check so that we are ready for 2020. The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including  $12 \times 12$  by the end of Year 4.

## Transition

We have already started to think about the new academic year ahead, the staff and class structures and children moving year groups – I know, but the last few weeks of the summer term fly by so quickly!

Due to the small size of our school, all the staff are privileged to know the children across all of the year groups. In addition, the children are also familiar with all the different adults who help and work at Uley as classes, groups and key stages frequently work together on projects or in subjects areas such as phonics and spelling.

At Uley School we acknowledge that moving to the next class or phase of education is exciting and can sometimes be a little daunting. We always support your child through these changes to ensure a smooth transition.

We begin the preparation for the next stage in their journey through 'getting to know you' sessions. These sessions are planned for:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, am  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, pm  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, am

Staff will also have opportunities for 'handing over' information from one class to another.

If you or your child have any questions please come and ask.

## Ofsted Parent View

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

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 your Diary

Monday 13th May – Y6 Standard Assessment Tests

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Class 4 residential

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Class 1 Worship, 9.10am in school – all welcome

Friday 24th May – End of term 5

Monday 3rd June – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 4th June – Term 6 starts

W/C - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Themed week – Islam

Thursday 6th June – Y6 Cathedral Service – letter sent out

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers' Event, 9.15 – 10am

Monday 17th June - District Sports KS2 Field Events, 4pm at Rednock

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Scholastic Book Fair arrives until 24<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 19th June - District Sports KS2 Track Events, 5.30pm at Dursley

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Open Evening 5.30 – 7pm and New Parents' Evening at 6pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Maths Day

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 and Y2 multi skills 10-11.30am, Rednock – letter to follow

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Uley School Fete

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Class 2 Worship, 9.10am

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Sports morning, 9.30am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports morning reserve

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's Presentations pm – more information to follow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of term service – awards and leavers, 1.45 St Giles

Friday 19th July – End of school year