

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Live, Learn, Flourish*

*31st January 2029*

“They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do.”

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Lydia (Class 1) for an excellent big write about the Rainbow Crow.

Leonard for his fabulous ‘A New Home for Koala’ story.

James for contributing and sharing more of his ideas in class.

Callum for making fantastic progress in his phonics.

Elsa for her hard work in understanding place value of 2 digit numbers.

Evan for showing lots of effort in his learning.

Henry (Class 1) for flourishing with his reading and moving up a level.

Lindy for her fantastic multiplying decimals work.

William for persevering with his big write and re-writing it to include finger spaces.

Arthur for persevering with his reading and retrieving information.

Ezrie for showing perseverance with her assessments; having a positive approach and having a go.

Violet (Class 3) for persevering with all her assessments and working with a smile.

Harley for persevering with his Rainbow Maths and completing number sequences in ones and twos.

Iris for persevering with her measurement conversions and practising at home.

Thomas (Class 1) for persevering with his writing and improving his handwriting.

Lily (Class 4) for showing perseverance when tackling problems in maths.

## **Fun Club Stars of the Week**

Lowri, Zoe and Austin for always using their manners, playing nicely, sharing and always smiling.

Iris always using her manners and for helping write the Fun Club rules.



## **Cross Country**

A super well-done to the Cross Country Team for taking part in this year’s cross country racing. A huge well-done to Freddie H in (Class 3) who received a medal for finishing 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior Boys team. Well done everybody.

## **Girls Football**

The Uley team of 8 played a fantastic match at Rednock and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 teams. Great work girls.



## Young Voices

We had a fantastic time at the Young Voices 2020 – adults included. There were 6,041 children in the arena – that is a lot of children! All those children singing together sounded absolutely amazing. We were joined in the arena by some famous and upcoming artists; we can boast that we have been backing singers to Tony Hadley, The Shires and Ruti!



## Attendance

As you know school attendance is closely monitored. Good attendance is essential to ensure that every child has a chance to Live, Learn and Flourish.

The whole school attendance currently stands at **96.7%** for the autumn term. This could be improved over spring and summer terms.

**65%** have attendance between 100 % - 97% of which **25%** have 100% attendance so far this academic year – Fantastic!

**35%** have attendance of 97% and below.

### How can we improve our attendance data?

- Avoiding taking children out of school for holidays during term time
- By avoiding **routine** medical/dental appointments during the school day. We understand that some children may have some medical/dental needs which means they have appointments issued through the NHS which are necessary and unavoidable.

If a child is clearly unwell with a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then they need time at home to recuperate. It is fine to send a child to school with a minor cough, cold or sore throats. Here is a useful website to help you decide whether to keep your child off school due to illness <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

### What Does Your End-of-Year Attendance Percentage Really Mean?

**190 days in a school year**

**(175 NON-school days)**

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

**Every day a child is absent impacts on their education.**

## 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](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures)

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

## 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 and 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/>

## Internet Safety Day

Internet safety Day is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. We teach children about internet safety throughout the year as part of our curriculum, but like to recognise the importance of internet safety in this for ever developing online world. The focus for this year is ‘Together for a better future’.

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>

## School Council Dressing Up

School Council have organised a dressing up day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February to support the Australian Bushfire Emergency Penny Appeal. Bring £1 and dress up as a famous person – a famous sports person, a famous artist, the Queen, Henry VIII, a famous person from history such as Samuel Pepys

## Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a reliable and committed Casual School Club member of staff to join our vibrant school community, Breakfast Club from 7.30am until 8.40am Monday-Wednesday. The Club has been running successfully for over ten years providing before and after school care to pupils.

We are looking for someone who is:

Able to interact well with children and enjoy working with children

Hard-working

Well-organised, with good initiative

Able to work as part of a team

Good humoured, with good interpersonal skills, representing the school well.

**Salary:** Grade 2 £17,711 - £18,065

Please contact the school for more information and an application pack, email [admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk) or phone 01453 860350.

## School Office

Please note that the office PC is going to be upgraded and will be out of action for a period of time. During this time there will be limited access to emails and other systems. If you have an urgent matter please contact the school by telephone or wait for the office to be back up and running. The date is being scheduled and will be confirmed soon.

## **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.

### **Parents' Evening**

The Parents' Evening letter which has been sent out and you can find a copy on the school website. Dates for parents evening are:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 3.40pm – 5.30pm

If you are unable to make any of the dates then please arrange to see the class teacher at another time. Only Wildlife Club will continue to run on Wednesday 12th.

Uley School will be exploring an online booking system for the next academic year – watch this space.

### **Friends of Uley School update**

We're on the final countdown to get the party started for the FUS school D.I.S.C.O on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February! Don't forget to complete and return the yellow section of the Disco Flyer that went home in book bags last week – It's always a really fun evening with quality hotdogs, drinks, glitter tattoos, party surprises and Dizzy Feet disco all included. The £5 cost per child can be paid by cash to Carol, PayPal to [uley.fus@hotmail.com](mailto:uley.fus@hotmail.com) (select Friend or Family to avoid us paying charges) or BACS to Friends of Uley School, 77-68-59, 01240460.



We're holding a valentine's cake sale after school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, all donations of cakes as always are greatly appreciated – why not buy a cake to take home for someone special?!

The next FUS fundraising planning meeting will be held at 8pm at the Old Spot in Dursley on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – all welcome we'd love to see you!

Email [uley.fus@hotmail.com](mailto:uley.fus@hotmail.com) | [Facebook](#)

### **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**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Class 3 swimming

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm – 7.30pm – FUS school disco, school hall (Fun Club closing at 5pm)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3 swimming

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 2.30 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day – more information to follow

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents’ Evening – from 5pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3 swimming

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – FUS valentines cake sale

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – End of term 3

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Start of term 4

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – FUS fundraising meeting, Old Spot 8pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 9.00 – 9.30am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3 swimming

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – information to follow

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 Worship, 9.10am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 swimming

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 – 9.30am - Head Teacher’s Surgery

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March—Rags to Riches Collection Day—information to follow

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 swimming

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Service, 1.45pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of term 4