

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Live, Learn, Flourish

26th February 2020

“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.”

Welcome back to term 4.

We hope you enjoyed the week despite the wind and rain!

Great News!

Uley School has been awarded the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Award! This award celebrates the actions and achievements the school has made to create a happy and healthy school for each child to achieve within.

A big thank you to Miss Walker for all her hard work in making this happen.



Mrs Dance will very soon be returning to support Class 4. We very much look forward to welcoming her back.

Term Dates

The term dates for the next academic year 2020 – 2021 can be found on the school website.

School Curriculum

As part of the school’s development plan, we have been taking time to review the school curriculum. Over the next few newsletters we will be sharing with you what this looks like and where you can find updated information about the Uley School Curriculum.

Swimming Provision at Uley School



Swimming provision at Uley School is constantly under review, and the swimming income and expenditure is closely monitored. Each year Uley Primary School has to heavily subsidise the costs involved with swimming (the coach hire, the hire of the swimming pool and swimming instructors) due to the large shortage of contributions.

As you may well know school budgets are continually being squeezed and therefore we are having to prioritise spending more and more in order to minimise the impact on the funds necessary for educational resources to support learning.

The financial year for 2019 – 2020 is coming to an end and the governors and I are beginning to plan ahead for the next financial year. Unfortunately, subsidising swimming is not sustainable and if we do not receive the contributions to cover the cost of swimming then we will have no option than to cut back on the provision to only meet the requirements of the National Curriculum for the next academic year.

The National Curriculum states:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

We will keep you posted on the decisions being made in respect of the swimming provision at Uley School.

Keeping Safe Online

Following on from our Internet Safety Day and the visit from PC Mark Weedon, we would like to share this interesting information with you.

Below you will find a list of online games and apps, and the age recommendations.

Roblox	PEGI* 7	Minecraft	PEGI* 7
Fortnite	PEGI* 12	Apex Legends	PEGI* 16
Call of Duty	PEGI* 18	Instagram	13
Snapchat	13	TikTok	13
Facebook	13	Whatsapp	16

*Pan European Game Information (**PEGI**) is a European video game content rating system established to help European consumers make informed decisions when buying video games or apps through the use of age recommendations and content descriptors.

School Council Dressing Up

We raised £119.43 to support the Australian Bushfire Emergency Penny Appeal.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day.

On Thursday afternoon, the infants will be visiting Dursley Library for a story plus visiting a local book shop. The juniors will be inspired to tell stories through the use of Lego. We will be looking for a couple of helpers for the trip to the library, so if you can lend a hand please let us know. To help cover the cost of the coach, we are asking for a £3 contribution. We will be leaving Uley at 1.15pm and returning for the end of the school day.

We will be sending home World Book Day vouchers this week and, of course, there is the opportunity for the children to borrow books from the library.

Please find below some good websites to help you support your child's reading at home.

Words for Life - Home

wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk

For parents to help their children develop vital communication and literacy skills from birth to age eleven.

<http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk>

How to read with your child | Book Trust

www.booktrust.org.uk

How to read with your child Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects. Reading together increases literacy skills and does.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>

Reading | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Oxford Owl Reading has 250 free eBooks for you to share with your child as well as simple ideas, top tips, activities and games to help your child with their reading



Reading Rockets

www.readingrockets.org

Offers strategies, lessons, activities and ideas designed to help young children learn to read.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents>

Open Class/Homework Share

Homework is due on Monday 23rd March. Come and visit the classrooms on Tuesday 24th March, 2.45 – 3pm. The children would love to spend some time with you showing you their homework and their books.

Class 3 Worship

Everyone is welcome to the Class 3 worship on Wednesday 11th March, 9.10am. Class 3 will be sharing some of the exciting things they have been learning about over the past few weeks.

Sport Relief – Friday 13th March

Sport Relief is back with the theme ‘Game on!’ To take part and raise money we are asking for each child to dress up in something sporty for the day and to bring in a donation of £1. We will have a special worship to reflect on the work of Sport Relief and take part in fun sporting activities throughout the day.



Celebrating Mothering Sunday - Mothering Sunday is on Sunday 22nd March.

Come and celebrate Mother's Day by joining us and your children in school on **Friday 20th March, 9 – 10am**. There will be art activities followed by the children singing you a special song.

PE Kit

A new term has started. Please ensure your child has an appropriate PE in school at all times.

Dark coloured shorts (preferably navy)

Red t-shirt

Jogging bottoms

Well-fitting trainers – Velcro or laces (or plimsolls)

A pair of socks also for the girls as they may come to school in tights.

A clearly named PE bag

PE kits will be sent home at the end of each term for checking and for a wash! Please ensure all kit is named and return at the start of each new term.

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.

Head Teacher's surgeries will take place on the dates below, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. All appointments will initially be 15 minutes, with follow up appointments if necessary. All times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Thursday 27th February – 9.00 – 9.30am

Wednesday 11th March – 2.30 – 3.30pm

~~Wednesday 25th March – 9.00 – 9.30am~~ re-arranged to Wednesday 1st April – 2.30 – 3.30

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

Please don't forget that teaching staff are also available to talk about your child's education, whether you are looking for an update on progress, how you can support your child at home or would like more information on an area of the curriculum – please ask. Staff are outside briefly at the beginning of the day for messages and again at the end of the day. If you would like a bit more time with a member of staff, an appointment can be arranged.

Every Sleep Counts

Please follow the link for advice on keeping babies safe from harm during sleep.

<https://www.gscb.org.uk/media/2095528/every-sleep-counts.pdf>

Coronavirus Updates

We continue to be updated on the government's response to Coronavirus. Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals remains low.

Latest information:

Updates on Coronavirus:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

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](#)

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

Ofsted Parent View

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



FUS Update

The Treasurer's report from our fundraising meeting is available on our Facebook page and highlights our donations to the school so far this academic year: Christmas books for all the children, Planetarium for KS2, Athletics subscription, £250 resource budget for each class and 50% of the Life Education bus.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, we're holding a Mother's Day cake sale on Friday 20th March – all donations very appreciated! We're also planning a cake sale to celebrate VE day on Thursday 7th May with a competition.

Uley Dog Show is being held at Uley Cricket Pavilion 11am – 4pm on Sunday 31st May – we've been offered the chance to run the cake sale and face painting which is a great opportunity to raise funds, please get in touch if you're able to help out even for a 30min slot.

This year's Uley School Summer fete will be a little different: it's on Friday 26th June 5-7pm and we're looking for volunteers, particularly helping out with the barbecue, drinks stalls and fun and games – please get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

Thinking ahead to next academic year, we've been invited to shake the donations buckets at Fireworks October 24th 2020, but we'll need lots of helpers to make it work – please put the date in your diary.

Gill Entwistle, secretary of FUS will be leaving the committee in July and we're on the look out for a replacement – please get in touch if you'd like to get involved or to know more. Our fundraising brings so much joy to the children and we can only continue with the support and involvement of parents.

Our next fundraising meeting will be at the Old Crown in Uley, 8pm 29th April, hope to see you there!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th February – Head Teacher's Surgery – 9.00 – 9.30am

Thursday 27th February – Parents' Evening

Friday 28th February – Class 3 swimming

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 11th March – Class 3 Worship, 9.10am

Wednesday 11th March – Head Teacher's Surgery – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief

Monday 16th March – Rags to Riches Collection Day – information to follow

Friday 20th March – Mothering Sunday activities, 9am

Friday 20th March - FUS Mother's Day cake sale after school

Friday 20th March – Class 3 swimming

Monday 23rd March – Homework due in

Tuesday 24th March - Homework share, 2.45 – 3pm

Wednesday 25th March – Head Teacher's Surgery - 9.00 – 9.30am

Friday 27th March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 1st April – Head Teacher's Surgery – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 3rd April – Easter Service, 1.45pm

Friday 3rd April – End of term 4 after the church service