

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



12th November 2020

Live, Learn, Flourish

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a restful break.

As we move through the autumn term (and lockdown number 2) our aim is to ensure that the school remains open to full capacity and to minimise the risk of closing any class or even the school. We are keen to prevent disruption to the children's learning and we can all help to minimise the risks by following current national guidelines and school procedures. This will ensure that staff and children are able to remain in school and then surely we can get to Christmas with as little disruption as possible. Come on team Uley, we can do this!

We huge welcome Miss Laura Davies to Class 3. Miss Davies is an experienced teacher who has joined us from a Year 3/4 class. She is settling in well and getting to know the children in Class 3, and over time, the children across the school.



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH

We may not be able to mix classes and we may have to keep our distance but that does not stop us from living, learning and flourishing. Let's celebrate...

Brady for showing resilience and a positive mature attitude towards spelling.

Kayla for a bright and hopeful firework picture.

Lily for her interesting questions when discussing a range of topics during class worship.

Lydia (Class 2) for a positive and hardworking attitude to meet her goal of moving up a reading level.

Miyelle for her perseverance with Rainbow Maths.

Elden for some excellent reading and phonics work.

Poppy S for her fantastic approach and attitude towards her work.

George H for his varied fluency in Maths.

Fantastic work everyone!

Remembrance

We will remember them – this was a poignant moment captured as we put coronavirus to one side and stopped to remember the fallen in the two minute's silence.



Thank you to School Council for selling poppies. All donations have been collected by the Royal British Legion.

Forest Green Rovers Updates

Thank you Henry for your fantastic report (Please see attached).

Attendance Addendum

We have adapted the Attendance Policy to reflect the change in start times to the beginning of the day. You can find the addendum on the school website under policies.

Food Bank

A huge thank you for your contribution, from Uley School and the Food Bank. We filled 6 boxes of food which have been gratefully received.



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

This Friday is Children in Need. The children (and staff) would love to come to school in non-uniform so wear your tracksuits, leggings, jumpers, jeans, skirts or dresses. Children can come in dressing up clothes if they so wish but please avoid bringing any additional props.

In the current climate we are asking for all donations to be made Parentpay only (no cash) using the link below;

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1660>

Please help us raise money for a fantastic cause.

Anti-bullying Week – United Against Bullying

Next week is anti-bullying. We will be reflecting on good friendships and reminding ourselves what bullying is through a variety of activities including worship.

Monday 16th is Odd Socks day and to kick start the week we would like everyone to come to school in odd socks to help raise awareness of bullying. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Children will be designing their own socks and we will be pairing the socks up in to their buddies.

Five to Thrive – Get Involved

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/five-to-thrive-hub/>

Boost physical and mental wellbeing in the classroom but also at home, as well as a super fun and simple way to help raise money for BBC Children in Need.



FUS

Jill Cook is making beautiful Christmas wreaths again this year, with all proceeds going to Friends of Uley School.

The wreaths are handmade using a willow frame and cost £12 each, and will be delivered to your doorstep.

As we cannot hold our Christmas Fair this year, orders can be placed by email.

To place your orders, please email our new email address hello@friendsofuleyschool.org by 30th November.

Please include your name, address and telephone number.

Payment can be made by:

BACS to Friends of Uley School. 77-68-59, 01240460

PayPal to paypal@friendsofuleyschool.org

(Choose friends and family to avoid us paying charges)

Thank you for your support

School Closures

In the event that the school has to close the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check: <http://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

Ofsted Parent View

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

Homework

Homework is due Monday 23rd November. Please send digitally via class emails and children can then spend time sharing their homework with the class.

Policy Updates

Please find below some policies that have been reviewed which are available on the website:

- Remote Learning Policy

- Learning Environment Policy
- Attendance Addendum

Library Books

Library books are due back week commencing 30th November. Please bring the books back to school this week, we can then quarantine them.

Free School Meals

<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 might 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 - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

All children are entitled to free school meals from Reception through to Year 6, even the infants who already receive universal free school meals. Please speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals.

Scholastic Books

Unfortunately we cannot have our normal book fair this year, instead we have setup our new **Scholastic Book Club on-line**. Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/uley-gl11/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this Book Club, **our school will earn** Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 30th, 2020**.

Recruitment

We are recruiting. Please see the Gloucestershire School Vacancies website <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/results.aspx?NC=NC> or ask for more information.


Dates

Monday 23rd November – Homework due in
Friday 4th December – FUS non uniform day

Support

Gloucestershire Covid-19 Emergency Living Fund

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Children+and+Families



Our centres are still closed for the time being but we are using our local volunteers as delivery hubs. Some deliver everyday but others are now operating three times a week (see below for our schedule).

All voucher requests should still come through the office which is manned every day. Voucher requests can't always be actioned that day due to coordinating with volunteer teams, see the schedule for deadlines as they vary per area. Any voucher arriving after 2pm they may fall to the next delivery slot depending on our work load. Please let your client know what to expect to manage expectations.

Once we receive a voucher request, a volunteer on the delivery shift will call the household to find out what else they might like and ask about any dietary requirements. These will be packed and delivered.

We have seen a big increase in the frequency of visits to the Foodbank over the past 6 months, and we have been aware that it has been a challenging time for all. So we haven't been following too closely to the 3 vouchers in a 6 month period guidelines, however – we may be in touch on a case by case basis to make sure no-one falls through the cracks.

We are recommending agencies sign up to become an e-referrer. It's a simple way of issuing vouchers online and is highly secure. Do contact us at the office if you would be interested. office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk

Our last full working day of the year is 23rd December – vouchers will need to be requested by mid-day to be actioned. Office will be closed from 24th December to the 4th January.

	Delivery Schedule Autumn 2020					Voucher deadline for same day delivery
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Stroud	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	2:00 PM
Stonehouse		am		am	am	9:00 AM
Dursley	pm		pm		pm	12:00 PM
Nailsworth	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	2:00 PM
Wotton & Vale	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	2:00 PM

* closed weekends, Bank Holidays, last voucher deadline for 2020 – 12pm 23rd December (closed until 4th January 2021)

Healthy Start Vouchers

With Healthy Start, you get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins.

Families with children under the age of four or if there is a pregnancy could qualify if on benefits, or if pregnant and under 18.

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic we've temporarily extended the validity of the Healthy Start vouchers by 4 weeks, giving you 12 weeks to use your entitlement, we will keep this under review.



Lockdown Support

Shopping or prescriptions—please call
01453 548530

Activities and groups—these will all move online
Benefits and debt advice— call **01453 548530 (Wed and Thurs)**

Employment support—please call for an appointment



The Door will remain open during the 2nd lockdown, via video and telephone calls. The youthwork team will still be available for young people and the telephone support line is up and running
01453 705350.

www.thedoor.org.uk