

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

*30th November 2020*

*Live, Learn, Flourish*

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. Psalm 1:3

December is nearly upon us and there are 3 weeks left until the end of term!

I am hoping the children have been talking about the use of video conferencing within school. Lately, we have been experimenting with Microsoft Teams and exploring ways that we can keep the 'in school' community spirit alive. We are missing the opportunities to see each other in collective worship, team and buddy time; hence we are exploring ways of incorporating opportunities for 'seeing' each other and keeping safe.

We welcome Mrs Cath Wasley to the Uley team. Mrs Wasley will be joining Class 3 to help support the children's learning for the rest of this academic year and support Class 1 at lunchtimes.

We also welcome Mrs Anne Bijkerk to the Uley Team. Mrs Bijkerk will be joining Class 4 to help support the children's learning for the rest of this academic year and support Class 4 at lunchtimes.

We continue to seek a Fun Club Play Leader. Please see the advertisement on Gloucestershire County Council School Vacancies website. If you know somebody who is interested, please ask them to contact the school. Thank you.

### **Live, Learn, Flourish**

Sammy for his excellent effort with both his reading and his phonics.



Eleanor Class 4 for her fantastic information text about a Norse Goddess.

Thomas B Class 2 for his sentence writing in phonic lessons.

Elsa for super perseverance and giving everything a try in football.

Millie and Kayla for excellent teamwork in phonics.

James for his fantastic work in Maths converting mixed and improper fractions.

Edith for her symmetrical butterfly.

Violet Year 3 for her fantastic effort at self-motivation.

Joe for showing gratefulness for his garden to play in.

Freddie Class 4 for his super acting when being Zachariah in the Bible story.

Lillia for having a positive attitude towards school life.

Lexi-Jai for being hopeful to achieve her own goals.

Phoebe for giving others hope to achieve through her kindness.

Tayah for the thoughtful ideas she likes to share with the class during worship time.

Damian for his hard work in all he does and continuing his positive attitude.

Nathaniel for showing great resilience this term.



## **A Couple of Coronavirus Safety Reminders**

### **Dropping Off and Picking Up**

Some families that have siblings across different classes and times walk around the one way system instead of waiting at the gates to drop off/pick up. This is more so for Classes 3 and 2 who share the same entrance. By walking around the one way system and back to school minimises the number of people waiting at the gates and therefore reduces the risk. We need to keep the flow of the traffic moving.

### **Only one adult per child please and please keep your distance**

### **Face Masks**

If parents/carers are unable to keep to the social distancing guidelines at drop off and pick up then we strongly request that a face mask is worn.

## **Tier 2 - Gloucestershire**

From December 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloucestershire will move to Tier 2 restrictions for Covid-19.

What does this mean?

- Everyone must wear face coverings in all indoor public settings
- Children should attend school normally unless self-isolating
- Children should self-isolate
  - If they have symptoms or a positive test
  - They live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
  - They are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus
- Everyone should walk or cycle if possible
- Everyone should work from home if they can
- No one should socialise indoors with anyone they do not live with or who is not in their support bubble
- No one should socialise with more than 6 people outside; the rule of six

Tiers are being reviewed on December 16<sup>th</sup> so regulations may change again.

## **A Message from Lisa Hills – Family Support Liaison**

As Christmas is approaching, it can be a very difficult time for many, in lots of different ways, including, financial, loneliness, grief and especially important for this year, people's mental health and well-being.

If at any time over the coming weeks (and months) you would like support for example-

- Food bank vouchers
- Debt management support and sign posting
- Mental health signposting
- Clothing support

Also if you feel that your child is struggling with-

- Anxiety
- Behaviour
- Toileting
- Sleeping

There are also several support groups that are starting in the local area (online to begin, before moving to face to face when safe) including-

- Mother's in mind
- Bump start (antenatal support)
- Best start (post-natal support)
- Dads Matter

Please contact the school office who will be able to put you in touch with our family support worker who will be able to help you.

### **A Special Request from the Infants**

We are looking for socks (boys and girls), tights, dresses, skirts and a few PE Shirts. If you have any of these that are surplus to requirements and are clean and tidy, we would really appreciate them. Thank you.

### **Free Courses with SGS College**

SGS College would like to offer some free distance learning level 2 certificates. As the courses are online no college attendance is required and they are a great way of updating Professional Development either at work or at home.

You will be provided with an online book which you can read through in your own time and when you feel ready you can then undertake an assessment online, this is then submitted to an assessor. Please see the PDF attached for a list of courses.

### **Royal British Legion**

A note from Karen Randall:

Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone at the school for making such a generous donation of **£103.45** to the Poppy Appeal.



This is much more than past years and really is a fantastic amount which will be much appreciated as the fundraising by the Royal British Legion, like so many charities, has been challenged this year.

### **Library Books**

Library books are due to be returned week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please return them this week so that we can quarantine them all at the same time.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you for all your donations. We raised £218.00.



### **Homework**

A huge thank you and well done for all the amazing homework sent through, you have all been very busy and it is great to see such a high level of involvement. The children have been sharing their homework learning within the classes.

## Class Emails

Just a reminder that these emails have been set up for remote learning purposes (homework, class lockdowns or a school lockdown) and are not continually manned. Please continue to use the admin@ email for all other communication regarding your child(ren) as this will ensure it gets to where it needs to go and quicker too.

## 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**.

## Remote Learning Policy Updates

This policy is a working document in that it will be added to overtime. Information will be sent out soon regarding logging on to Microsoft Teams.

## Families Gloucestershire magazine

### Link to the Nov/Dec 2020 digital issue of Families Gloucestershire magazine

It's full of home-based activities and Christmas fun that are appropriate for this new lockdown situation.

This the LINK <https://bit.ly/3npg0dS>

## 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.

## Ways to find information during the covid period and communication

- Newsletters are sent out approximately every other week and are full of information about what is happening in the school, updates and dates. A copy of the newsletter is:
  - emailed (if you have requested this)
  - on the school website

- The school email [admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk) is used to send/receive a lot of correspondence. Please check your emails regularly and let us know if you have changed your email address
- Uley School has a Facebook Page where notes and reminders can be added
- The school website contains a lot of school information including supporting learning at home. Any correspondence sent out is added. You will find notes and reminders on the home page. There is also a link to our Facebook page from the website.
- Other correspondence that requires a response will be sent out via hard copies or email
- Any questions about the information sent out or if you think you may have missed some information, please ask a member of staff.

**Wonder Wander Nativity Trail** – Fantastic news, we have five winners of the Nativity Trail at Uley:

Myiah Cole – angel  
 Albert Tiley - shepherd  
 Ellie Stone - king  
 Evie Amato - sheep  
 Lillia Penna - donkey



Well done to everybody who took part. We look forward to seeing your life sized figures at St Giles church, date to be confirmed.

### **FUS – last day to order!!**

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 yours orders, please email our new email address [hello@friendsofuleyschool.org](mailto:hello@friendsofuleyschool.org) by **30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paypal@friendsofuleyschool.org)

(Choose friends and family to avoid us paying charges)

*Thank you for your support*



### **Term Dates**

Term date for 2021 – 2022 can be found in the school website

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school



## **Christmas**

Christmas is fast approaching and although we are unable to join together to celebrate the festive period together this does not mean that Christmas is cancelled 😊

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

FUS non-uniform day in exchange for goodies for the raffle – see previous correspondence sent out.

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

A little surprise for the children shhhhhhhhh!

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

The children will be taking part in a Christmas cross country event – Santa hats included! More information to be sent.

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Y6 Christmas cake making. Information sent out.

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Cards**

It would not be Christmas without the children sending a Christmas card or two. During this Covid Christmas, we will be unable to have the usual post-box and delivery of Christmas cards across the whole school.

Instead of saying no cards at all, we are asking the children to send a card to each other within their class only.

Please could all cards be brought into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that we can quarantine them over the weekend and hand them out week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Uley School Advent window – all the children will be contributing to our window.

### **Across 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Classes will be visiting the Uley Christmas Tree.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Y6 Christmas cakes and Y5 yule logs. Information sent out about cakes. Yule log information to follow.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas jumper day in school and school parties – everybody to wear a Christmas jumper. Christmas lunch too, we will email choices out soon.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Bishop Rachel pre-recorded service

Although we are unable to join together collectively for an infant nativity and church service this year, we will combining the two to pre-record and send to you.

Staff gifts – we politely request no gifts this year due to Covid, instead why not donate to a charity. Thank you.

