



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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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

Daffodowndilly

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."

A. A Milne

Hello May! I hope you all had an exciting bank holiday weekend.

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Elden for compassion in his homework share.
Jorja for perseverance across all of her learning.
Lewis for persevering with his written work and presentation.
Rex H for persevering with his Rainbow Maths even when it was a little bit tricky.
Poppy H for persevering with her Maths and English work this week.
Phoebe for her consistent kind and caring attitude, and supporting others' wellbeing.
Abigail for her general enthusiasm towards all of her work.
George H for his superb learning attitude in all of his work.
Isla (Class 3) for showing great maturity and resilience across all of her learning.
Elizabeth for a wonderful dragon poster using her newly learnt descriptive vocabulary.
Ben for his brilliant contributions to class discussions.
Jaycee for her effort in phonics and independent reading.

A fantastic start to the term – keep being the best you can be!

Team Points Spring 2022

The team points have been counted and verified...here is the total amount of team points for the spring term! Well done to Eve, Aayan and Rockstowes. The children of Team Rockstowes have chosen to have a non-school uniform day, which will be on Friday 13th May. Well done to Dauncey's, Angeston's and Sheppard's too – it was so close between Angeston and Rockstowes!

Angeston 5292	Rockstowes 5307
Dauncey's 4858	Sheppard's 4533



More Staff News

I write to inform you that Mrs Lizzie Royle will be saying goodbye to us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Royle has been a valued member of staff; arriving at Uley School in September 2016. She has taught all of her pupils with dedication and passion and now wishes to move to a larger school closer to home. While we are delighted at her good news, we will be very sorry to see her go. I am sure you are with us all in wishing her the best of luck in her new post at Shurdington Primary School.

Recruitment to find a suitable replacement will begin asap.

A Message from Mrs Grace

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your kind words and congratulations since the news broke last week that I am leaving Uley at the end of the Summer term. I have been at Uley for a little over 10 years now and it will always be a very special place to me as it is where my teaching career began. I am extremely grateful to have worked with so many children and their families over the years, as well as the truly incredible staff both past and present. However, it is time for me to move on to pastures new and embrace a new challenge. My time at Uley has led me to realise that I have a passion for working with SEND children and I am excited to be able to have the opportunity to do this at Belmont School on a full-time basis. It will not be without its challenges I am sure and will be a very different teaching role to my current one. For now, I am looking forward to enjoying my final two terms here at Uley with Class 1 and with all the Summer fun of sports day, church services and jubilee celebrations still to come. Tissues at the ready for the end of the school year though please!

Best wishes and thanks,
Mrs Grace

Coronavirus Measures Updates

We feel that it is now time to open up! Speaking with staff last week, it was quite difficult remembering how we 'used' to be! There are some ways of working that we would like to keep for the better but the aim is to return to pre-coronavirus times which we are very much looking forward to as I am sure, so are you. We will continue to have a contingency plan which we will need to implement following advice, should the number of coronavirus cases rise.

From Thursday 5th May, start and end of the school day:

Pre-coronavirus parents came into the playground. The one-way system will end.

- Class 1 – will continue to start and end the day through the large bottom infant gate
- Class 2 – will continue to start and end the day through the main entrance
- Class 3 – will now start and end the day through the main entrance
- Class 4 – will continue to line up at the hall door and end the day through the hall door

Please could the children wait with adults in the playground and not on the slope by the main entrance. Parents/carers must stay with the children until the doors open at 8.40am.

Safeguarding at the end of the day:

At the end of the school day, we will still make sure that the children go home with the appropriate adults:

- Class 1 will wait behind the gate
- Classes 2 and 3 will wait on the slope by the main entrance
- Class 4 will wait on the slope by the hall door

Please let the school know should anyone different be collecting your child. If we have not been notified, then we will need to check before safely dismissing.

- Playtimes – all children will be able to mix when on the school field
- Lunchtimes – we continue to stick to two sittings.
- School events – it has been great to see so many people come in to school for the events that we have already held. We aim to hold events as usual throughout the summer term but will always send a reminder not to attend should anyone feel unwell. Our next school event is the school disco on 13th May 😊.
- Use of the school field after school – we are beginning to put plans in place to establish if the field is going to be utilised for any clubs after school. In the meantime, the children are able to use the school field on a **Thursday until 4pm**. They will need to be supervised by a parent/carer. Fun Club will use the field straight after school on a Friday.

Control measures

We will continue to:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. The children and adults will continue to clean their hands regularly. This will be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work.

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents

Cleaning schedules still remain in place. This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

When school is in operation, we will ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, and a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or do your normal activities

You should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people
- avoid meeting [people at higher risk from COVID-19](#), especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine

You can go back to your normal activities if you:

- feel well enough to do so
- do not have a high temperature

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in adults

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) in adults can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children

Children and young people aged 18 and under can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but it is usually a mild illness and most get better in a few days.

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What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities

They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

Encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands after using or throwing away tissues.

Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.

Governor Visits

EYFS by Barry Kordula

EYFS has gone through a change in curriculum and it looks like will help the pupils in securing the steps prior to starting the National Curriculum. These changes have been well implemented with staff attending training.

PSHE visit by Barry Kordula

It is good to see that Health and Wellbeing is being focused across the school, including adults. Staff have passion to support the children and provide a good PSHE curriculum.

Fun Club News

Starting this week we will be selling ice lollies again on a Thursday after school to tie in with the use of the school field, the stall will be set up near the hall exit.

Dates for your diary – please also look on the school website calendar where you will find dates and all the information you need:

Week commencing 9th May – Year 6 Statutory Test week

Friday 13th May – FUS School Disco

Tuesday 17th May – Young Voices to Birmingham

Friday 27th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration lunchtime picnic – all parents/carers invited – more information to follow soon

Friday 27th May – End of Term 5

Monday 6th June – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 7th June – Start of Term 6