



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



9th March 2022

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

Welcome back to term 4 everyone! Let's hope that we are saying goodbye to winter and hello to warmer and drier weather. We look forward to moving onwards with a stepped plan to bringing the Uley School Community back together after such a long and challenging time.

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Thea for her excellent spelling and writing in English.
Gabby for being a polite a well-mannered member of the class and for challenging herself more in lessons.
Oliver Class 1 for making good choices.
Arthur for his amazing 'brain growing' attitude.
Joseph Dr for stepping up and taking over a role in our performance poetry.
Brianny for her excellent contributions to topical and English discussions.
Louis for his fairy tale problem solving, and editing and recognising his mistakes.
Florence Class 1 for trying really hard with her Rainbow Maths.
Nellie for her all round enthusiasm in school and at home 😊
Freddie for asking lots of inquisitive questions at Skillzone.

Good job everyone!!

Ukraine Relief - Ways to Support

There has been an overwhelming response of donations locally to be sent to the Ukraine.

For more information on other ways to support the Ukraine

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/international/ukraine>

<https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/en>

Stroud Stand with Ukraine – Facebook

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

[Homepage | The Salvation Army](#)

<https://www.peta.org.uk/action/ukraine/>

Team Points Autumn 2021

In the last newsletter we had planned for autumns winning team - Rockstowes to have a non-uniform day on 18th February but... this did not happen. The date has been arranged to Friday 11th March.

World Book Day

It was really uplifting to see the whole school brought back together for this event as we have not done so since 2019! It was lovely to see the children dressed up and engaging in activities throughout the day. The atmosphere was one of enjoyment and humour, and excitement resonated through the school.



School Development

As you may know, schools always review and self-evaluate themselves regularly each year. Uley School has a School Development Plan created from ongoing school evaluation and a summary of the main areas that we are working on can be found on the school website.

Please have a look - [Uley CofE Primary School | School Performance and Reports \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](https://uleyprimary.co.uk)

Promoting Good Attendance

Being at school is a very important part of any young person's life.

It enables them to learn, to make friends, to gain important knowledge and to develop a variety of skills which will prepare them for adult life. School and parents are partners in making this a success.

We recognise that due to mainly coronavirus, some absences will be lower than usual but we work with families to continue to monitor and explore reasons for absences, and continually try to improve.

Absence Procedures

If a child is unfit for school; parents should contact the school by 9.00am on the first day, in person, by email or by telephone and repeat this each consecutive day until they return.

Absences will not be authorised without this procedure. It is school procedure to contact parents of children who are absent that have not notified school by 9.15am. This safeguarding procedure ensures all our children are accounted for.



Teacher / Parent Meets

Thank you for everyone that has signed up and has had a successful meeting. We all know that technology is a wonderful creation when it works seamlessly but there have been glitches during the teacher/parent meetings. When this happens, we are unsure as to the cause (Wi-Fi? The devices used?) but it is frustrating for all involved. If it does not work for your appointment, we will phone you or re-arrange. Either way, we will be in touch. The video system has its place and may still be an option in the future, but it is not our intention to continue fully with the system in the future. Once we are able to meet as we have done so in the past, then we will 😊.

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 - 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. This is still applicable even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and are entitled to Universal Free School meals.

School Meals

The new spring/summer menu can be found on the school website. As a school we buy in to a Gloucestershire County Council contract for hot school meals. More information can be found at <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/gloucestershire-county-council/>.

Head Lice Alert!

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.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/> have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th March. We are aiming for a photoshoot involving individual portraits, siblings in school and class photo.



Wildlife Quizzers

Well done everyone – through to Round 2!

Red Nose Day - Children in Partnership Council

Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March. Red noses can be purchased from Sainsbury's. This year the CHIP Council would like a non-uniform day, with red noses of course. Please pop your children's names on the noses so we know whose nose is whose!

We are going to compete in Red Nose and Spoon Races, plus get creative and design your own Red Nose habitat. The Red Nose Day website shares videos of habitats made with Lego - <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego> or why not make your own using materials other than Lego and bring them in to school.

Cake Sale Friday 18th March

The FUS are holding a cake sale after school on Friday 18th March, bring your pennies.

Ways of Getting Information

There is a variety of ways to find school information.

- Newsletters are sent out approximately every other week and is full of information about what is happening in the school, updates and dates. A copy of the newsletter is:
 - emailed
 - sent out as hardcopies (if you have requested this)
 - on the school website
- The school website contains a lot of school information. Any correspondence sent out is added.
- Other correspondence that requires a response will be sent out via hard copies or email
- Hard copies of correspondence may be sent home via pupils, so please check with them and check book bags.

Due to the busy nature of schools, there is always information to circulate. Any questions about the information sent out or if you think you may have missed some information, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff.

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

Dates for your diary:

Friday 11th March – Swimming Class 4

Wednesday 16th March – Young Voice Club

Thursday 17th March – School Photographer

Friday 18th March – Swimming Class 4

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – see above

Wednesday 23rd March – Young Voices Club

Wednesday 23rd March – Morfa Bay Parents/children's Information Session 4.45pm at Uley School

Friday 25th March – Swimming Class 4

Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday

Monday 28th March – KS2 trip to Gloucester Waterways Museum – email sent out

Wednesday 30th March – Young Voices Club

Friday 1st April – Swimming Class 4

Monday 4th – Friday 8th April – Class 4 Residential

Friday 8th April – End of Term 4

Monday 25th April – Start of Term 5

Tuesday 17th May – Young Voices to Birmingham