

ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



10th February 2021

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.”

The end of Term 3 is nearly upon us. It has been a remarkable journey and I have to say an emotional one at times too, but I would just like to say a huge well done to everyone for showing determination and resilience. We recognise that everyone’s circumstances are different and everyone is experiencing different challenges, but you have all done an amazing job. Hopefully the half term break will be a time for you all to stop and to rest.

The future remains impossible to predict but we await with eagerness and trepidation the lockdown updates that are due on 22nd February. We are already talking about not only what this may look like for schools but for each and every one of us.

School is open and school staff are at the end of an email, a phone call or a video call. I would urge anyone in school or out of school to get in touch if you have any worries, questions or just want to have a chat.

Please have a restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 22nd February.

Best wishes,

Zoe

CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

For the purposes of contact tracing, please inform the school if your child tests positive AND the symptoms have developed within the 48 hours of the last day of being in school. This is so that close contacts can be identified and asked to self-isolate. The covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk email will be checked regularly.

If your child tests positive and the symptoms developed more than 48 hours since the last day of being in school, then the school does not need to be informed, only of self-isolation absence which can be reported on the first day back.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Michelle Thorpe and family on the birth of baby Ivy.

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

We celebrate...

Lucas for sharing his toys in a just and fair way.

Toby for showing justice and fairness with others in the class.



Millie for showing fairness on Teams for allowing others to speak and listening well.

Georgia (Class 4) for her fantastic and insightful contributions to worship and RE lessons.

All of Class 2 home learners for behaving fairly and listening to each other on Teams.

All of Class 3 home learners for perseverance and enthusiasm.

All of the school learners in Class 2 for fair attitude during the 'express yourself' share.

Sammy for playing fairly with friends and trying really hard at his phonics.

Florence (Year 5) for her thoughtful ideas when completing the RE task at home; exploring the values God would like to see.

Thomas (Class 3) for his fantastic attitude and proving he can be the best he can be!

Phoebe for her excellent engagement in home learning.

Rose for an excellent family portrait in PSHCE.

Eleanor (Class 1) for a beautiful matching winter clothes design of a hat, scarf and gloves.

Joe for keeping his pledge for a whole week.

Evie for her fantastic story she has written over lockdown and trying hard to use lots of descriptive language.

Isla (Class 3) for outstanding contributions to whole class learning

Damian for his lighthouse keeper moving picture.

Isla (Class 2) for her postcard to the coastguard with outstanding illustration.

Louis for his enthusiastic attitude to home learning and for using his initiative to create a photo alphabet.

Esme for being brave by being the first to deliver 'My Special Thing' through Teams.

Joseph D (Class 3) for a super attitude towards improving his handwriting.

TRIM TRAIL

Exciting news... we will be replacing the trim trail on the top playground next to the school field and adding a few new exciting features to the main playground.

The trim trail on the top playground will consist of the parallel bars, log roll, suspension bridge and a clamber stack.



A traversing wall will be installed in the compound playground.



And... a tractor and trailer in the infant playground.



During the autumn term, the children had great fun working with staff to select the designs and collect views. We are planning to have this installed during the Easter holidays (all being well) so that it is ready for the summer term.

Other developments.....

Parent Consultations. We are currently exploring an online booking system for parent consultations and this will also include video consultations. More information will follow.

School Roof Replacement to the back of the school (offices, toilets, staff room). These works are being planned from the Easter holidays onwards for approximately 8 weeks. We will keep you updated with any changes that may impact as a school.

HEALTHY START – SEE PDF ATTACHED

If you're pregnant or have a child under 4 and you are getting benefits, you may be able to get Healthy Start vouchers to help buy some basic foods. You also qualify if you are under 18 and pregnant, even if you don't get any benefits. This important scheme provides vouchers to spend with local retailers and also gives you access to free vitamins. Pregnant women and children over 1 and under 4 can get one £3.10 voucher per week. Children under 1 can get two £3.10 vouchers (£6.20) per week. [Find out if you are eligible to get these benefits](#). If you're not eligible, [click here to see the alternative grants and funds available](#). Once you have applied for your vouchers and your application has been approved, you will receive your vouchers for food and vitamins (see Spend your vouchers for more information on how to spend them).

VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORMS

It is great to hear so many children are meeting socially via a range of different platforms and this is a really good way for children to keep in touch with each other and to keep their spirits up.

Microsoft Teams is the Uley School choice of platform to provide an education to remote learners. We have come on a long way with using Teams and it is great to see everyone embracing its potential. Teams has a chat section which can be used to send messages and for video calling. It is important to keep the @uley school teams account for educational purposes only. Teams is free and for everyone to use therefore we recommend that should families wish to use Teams in addition to school due to knowing how it works, we would recommend either setting up a new personal email address or using your own existing personal email address to login into Teams with. This will create another channel for them to use and will not impact on the school's teaching. As always, it is important that parents monitor any interactions outside of school use in order to keep everybody safe and happy.

SUPPORT NETWORKS

COVID-19 Update

Many families may be finding the current circumstances difficult and worrying. The Family Information Service is here for you to offer a free confidential advice line to provide information, guidance and emotional support on any aspect of parenting and family life.

If you would like support and advice, you can talk to one of our Family Information Advisers by:

Ringling our Free phone number 0800 542 02 02 (the service will aim to respond to calls in real time but when busy, you may be asked to leave a message)

Emailing - familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Facebook message - just search for Family Information Service – Gloucestershire

The service is available weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

If you are looking for support outside of these hours you may wish to speak with a Barnardos worker on **0800 157 7015. This service is available Monday-Friday 9am-9pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am-6pm.** Alternatively an online self referral to the service can be completed via <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

See Hear Respond is a new service developed to fill the widening gap for children and young people during COVID-19. This service is aimed at those children who are not receiving support, or who have not met thresholds but because of COVID-19 and wider problems are struggling and them and their families would benefit from some immediate help in the short term.

GLOS FAMILIES DIRECTORY

<https://www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/advice.page?id=8foW0OS9P28>

Here you can search the directory for any kind of support for children and families including signposting to financial support, mental health support and support groups.

LISA HILLS – ULEY SCHOOL FAMILY LIAISON

Don't forget we also have Lisa Hills who is more than happy to support in any way and is available for a chat. Just contact the school and we can put you in touch.



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Many families may be finding the current circumstances difficult and worrying. Whilst having more time together as a family can be a pleasure, the additional pressures of home schooling, managing your child's anxiety and not seeing friends and loved ones is a challenge for us all.

We can help you....

- We have time to listen to you. Let us know what is going on for you and what is causing you concern. No worry is too small or too big for us to support you with.
- Once we fully understand your concerns we can think through together how you and your family can overcome your problems. This may involve us recommending someone else to help you, we may help you access useful websites or resources or we might agree together some practical approaches you can try and call you back to see how you got on.
- Unfortunately we are not able to offer legal, financial or medical advice but can always put you in touch with someone who can.

How to contact us....

Our service is available Mon – Fri, 9am – 8pm and on Saturdays 10am – 6pm

- Call us free of charge on 0800 542 02 02. If we can't answer straight away please leave a message and we will call you back.
- Email us at familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will respond to you the same working day.
- Find us on Facebook –just search for Family Information Service – Gloucestershire and leave us a message.
- Look us up for lots of useful hints and tips, visit us at www.glosfamilydirectory.org.uk

Confidentiality....

Our contact with you is confidential unless you give us permission to share information with someone else. However, in extreme circumstances such as if the health, safety or welfare of you or someone you tell us about is at significant risk we may need to share. If we need to do this we would always try to speak to you about this first.