



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



13th May 2022

Live, Learn, Flourish

It has been great bringing a school back together after so long. It is lovely to see the children playing together on the school field; seeing all the children's faces during whole school worship, and staff and children being able to visit other classrooms. This month, we welcome Canon Michael who will be joining us for worship.

Of course, we look forward to the school disco tonight! Time for a boogie!

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Lowri for a positive attitude to working on phonetical spelling of words with silent letters.

Merryn for working hard in Maths and not giving up!

Gilbert for his fantastic diary entry about the Battle of Marathon, containing lot of historical language.

Thea for being truthful about a little mishap.

Evie T for persevering with her writing when thinking about our beliefs.

Kaeden for making wise choices.

Max for showing truthfulness by asking for help when he needs it.



To all the Year 6s for completing their SATS tests this week with such mature attitudes and resilience.

Wildlife Quizzers

Would you know the colour of ash tree buds? Would you know the colour of a heron's beak? What is couch a type of?



These were just some of the questions the Uley team were presented with during round 2 of the Wildlife Quiz. Competing against Stone with Woodford and North Nibley, Uley had some difficult questions but did really well. Unfortunately, that is the end of the line for us, for this year anyway! Well done to the Uley Team!

Staffing News

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Sara Delrosa will be replacing Mrs Katharine Grace. She will be taking on the role of Class 1 teacher 4 days a week from September. Mrs Delrosa, an experienced teacher with 21 years of teaching practice, has been our PPA teacher as well as Class 1 teacher, so she knows the school extremely well. This does mean that we will now be recruiting for Mrs Delrosa's PPA and Class 1 (one day) replacement.

Breakfast Club Leader

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Lindsay Dagger will be replacing Miss Michelle Thorpe. Mrs Dagger is already familiar with the school and knows the children through her roles of midday supervisor, Breakfast Club and the occasional help in the classrooms.

A Message from Mrs Royle

Firstly, I want to say thank you to all the wonderful children, staff and parents who have all made my 5 years (nearly 6) at Uley an extremely special time.

Since I started at Uley back in 2016, I have felt extremely fortunate to have taught numerous children and to have played a part in their journey through primary school and some with their transition to secondary school. I have had some fantastic experiences, through the multiple residential trips to Morfa Bay (and getting extremely muddy by the children!) to seeing many children participate in different sporting events and directing many school performances (some lyrical songs I still remember to this day!) It has also felt like the first place where I truly became a Royle! Above all, seeing the children smile, enjoy learning and feel they can achieve will be the best memories I could ever take away from my time at Uley.

Deciding to move on from Uley has been a very difficult decision to make, however, the time has now come for me to be closer to home and closer to my family. I will also be moving to teach at a larger Church of England school, where I am very much looking forward to continuing and developing my professional career.

I would like to say thank you for all the wonderful messages, kind words and best wishes I have received from parents and staff, they have been so lovely to hear and are truly appreciated! I look forward to having a fantastic final term at Uley, sharing many special moments with all pupils and especially my class. I will try holding back the tears for as long as I can, but I cannot promise anything!

Thank you

Mrs Lizzie Royle

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunchtime Picnic

Come dressed up in red, white and blue, wear a crown and bring a picnic.

We would love to invite all parents and carers for a Jubilee Picnic Lunch on the last day of term –Friday 27th May at 12pm – 1.15pm to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of service. We are hoping for a sunny day so that we can sit on the school field to eat, drink and be happy.

Attendance Reminder

We have had an increasing amount of time out of school requests. Attendance is important for your child's achievements. Schools are expected to teach a national curriculum that is progressive where children build on knowledge, skills and understanding. When children take time out of school for any reason, they miss out parts of this learning and it takes time to ensure any lost learning is addressed.

Coronavirus has had a huge effect on education and impacted on all of our lives. We have all missed out holidays and being with family and friends, but we ask that you consider the loss of learning and the impact on the children's education before booking time out. Now that hopefully the coronavirus situation is improving, we will be expecting school attendance and reasons for absence to also be improving.

Children are expected to be in school for 190 days a year – 52% of the year, therefore 175 days children are not in school – 48% of the year.

In our Attendance Policy, we aim for 100% attendance and punctuality. Our policy, which can be found online, explains what exceptional circumstances look like. We completely understand that there are times when absence cannot be avoided, such as illnesses.

Persistent Absence (PA) and the Local Authority

In September 2015 the Department for Education (DfE) announced that any pupil whose attendance falls below 90% is classed as a Persistently Absent pupil.

Therefore, if a pupil misses 19 or more days over an academic year they will be classed as Persistently Absent.

The DfE say...

“If over 5 academic years a pupil has attendance of 90% the child will miss a half of a school year, that’s a lot of lost education. Pupils taking unauthorised leave of absence early in the year could be categorised as persistently absent well into half term five but have perfect attendance from their return date onwards.

As parents play an essential role in supporting attendance the information regarding persistent absence needs to be shared with them”

Uley School is monitored and challenged by the Local Authority and the school is required to take action should a pupil’s attendance become a cause for concern. Actions we may be considering include Penalty Notice and possible prosecution by the Local Authority.

We are always here to talk about any difficulties regarding school attendance.

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire May/June 2022 by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)

This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father’s Day gift ideas, adventures at home and much more.

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

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

Friday 27th May – End of Term 5

Monday 6th June – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 7th June – Start of Term 6

Thursday 9th June – New Parent’s Evening, 5.30pm

Friday 10th June – Church Service – Pentecost, 9.45am

Thursday 16th June – Year 6 Cathedral Service – pupils only – information to follow

Friday 17th June – Father’s Day Celebration 9.15 – 9.45am

Monday 20th June – Life Education Van for pupils

Friday 24th June – Year 4 visit to In the Net at Cam Juniors – information to follow

Monday 27th June – Homework due in

Monday 27th June – Homework share @ 2.45pm

Saturday 9th July – School Fair

Tuesday 12th July – Sports Morning – more information to follow

Wednesday 20th July – Y6 Live, Learn, Flourish Celebration, 1.30pm Uley School Hall

Thursday 21st July – End of term service and Leaver’s Service, 1.45pm St Giles Church