



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



16th December 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. Psalm 1:3

We are approaching the end of the autumn term. Our lovely reception children have settled in exceptionally well and classes have adapted well to the changes throughout the term. It has been a very busy and productive autumn. Coronavirus has definitely given us its challenges and disappointments, particularly over the past few weeks with more children, families and staff succumbing to the virus. Thank you for all of your support during these difficult times. I am sure we are all looking forward to returning to how it used to be.

We continue to follow our safety measures to ensure we can keep everyone as safe as possible and move between levels on our contingency plan for the time being. As the New Year approaches we are certainly not ruling out further disruption whether that is a reduced number of children and/or staff or the consideration of moving to remote learning. As I mentioned earlier in the week, it is prudent to check your children's emails and to let us know if you are having problems logging on – just in case! After all, we all know what happened at 8pm on Monday 4th January 2021!

Hopefully it will not come to this and we can all return to school to continue as normal as we possibly can.

The staff and I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, and look forward to seeing you all on our return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Freddie E for his fantastic effort with writing a descriptive story set in Victorian times

Millie for being trusted to always do her best work.

Sylvie and Myiah for amazing perseverance and determination across a range of subjects.

Xanthi for always coming to school with a smile even when she is tired.

Class 1 – everybody for a wonderful nativity.

Amber for her excellent attitude and approach to her English.

Florence (Class 4) for being a supportive and trustworthy friend.

Kayla for her excellent use of maths language when discussing a pictogram.

Elsa, Thomas, Imogen and Kaeden for being trusted to get themselves organised each day.

Elizabeth for being trusted to learn her lines – you were fabulous!

Brody for showing a mature attitude towards his work this week.



MATHS GOVERNOR VISIT

Karen Randall recently attended one of our Maths staff meetings:

I was most impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff in planning, co-ordinating and delivering their approach to Maths to ensure it is interesting, relevant, fun and a subject to be enjoyed, not feared. Thank you to the staff for doing a great job and for creating the right environment for the children to 'Live, Learn and Flourish'.

FUN CLUB

Don't forget that there is no Fun Club on Friday or the last day of a long term – Friday 8th April 2022 and Thursday 21st July 2022

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books were due back week commencing 29th November. Please return any outstanding books asap in order for staff to scan the books back in ready for re-lending in January

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Uley Designated Safeguarding Leads are available should there be any safeguarding concerns. Please phone the school 01453 860350. If there is no reply please leave a message and email admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk.

Out of school hours contact numbers:

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 who you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, please contact the Gloucestershire Children and Families Front Door which is open from 9am to 5pm:

Telephone: 01452 426565

Email: childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed, please contact the Police at any time on 101.

In an emergency, always dial 999

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is an innovative project in which schools and nurseries in Gloucestershire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 for schools and 14th December 2020 for nurseries and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will make contact with the setting to share relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated setting staff. This will ensure that the setting is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each setting has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our setting's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSLs in the setting who are Zoe Mandeville and Abby Spain. Please be aware that this is a police led project and therefore any complaints that you have regarding this process must be directed through the police complaints process.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/and>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

TRADITIONAL 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.

REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

Just so you know, our Remote Learning Policy can be found on our school website.

OFSTED PARENT VIEW

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check:

<http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>

- A message will be posted on the school website

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th December – End of Term 2 – 1.30pm

Tuesday 4th January – INSET DAY – staff only

Wednesday 5th January – Welcome back everyone!

COMMUNITY

by Uley School

Happy

Kind

Caring

Safe

Loving



Tolerant

Respectful

Friendly

Christian

Supportive

Compassionate

COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTINGLE WITH US!



Christingle/Crib Services at St Giles, Uley

Christmas Eve

To help with social distancing there will be two services this year

3pm 24th December

5pm 24th December

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at one of our Christingle celebrations and bring hope to more children's lives.

All donations are in support of the Children's society and can be made at the service or by following the link below.

[St Giles Church, Uley | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

We are unfortunately unable to guarantee social distancing at these services. All adults are required to wear a face covering in church unless they have a medical exemption. In the unfortunate event that we should need to cancel the services – please come and collect a Christingle from the porch at St Giles on Christmas Eve and light up your window with Christmas hope!