

ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2nd March 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.”

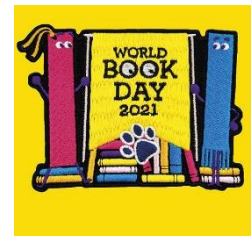
Welcome back to term 4! What a difference a bit of sunshine can make! I hope you have all had a restful half term week. I very much welcomed the news of the children returning to school 8th March. All the staff at Uley just cannot wait for all the children to be back together in school.

I thank the children for their engagement and perseverance during remote learning and thank the parents for supporting them over the past 8 weeks. Uley School has an incredible staff body that have also shown dedication and resilience through this very challenging term. Let's hope the sun continues to shine as we begin to celebrate the children returning and for the new life we are beginning to see in the world around us as spring approaches.

Our first week back to school will be one focussed on PSHE activities, integrating children back to school and with their peers, and establishing school routines again. It may be worth considering establishing routines at home this week to give the children a bit of a head start.

As we did when returning from the last lockdown, we will begin assessing all children over the first couple of weeks starting with mainly 1-1 assessment (reading, spelling) during the first week so that children can spend some time 1-1 with an adult. Formative assessment starts straight away through the teaching and learning of planned lessons. More formal summative assessments will begin from the 15th March.

World Book Day we have delayed until Thursday 11th March so that children can spend time celebrating the love of books together in school – more information will follow.



This Thursday 4th March, as well as some World Book Day activities, some of the children have suggested a topsy turvy day! This means that the children in school come in non-uniform and the children at home wear their school uniform (this will also give parents/carers the chance to see what still fits!). Some of you already wear school uniform at home, so you choose.

As we look forward to all children returning on 8th March, we acknowledge that for some this may be an anxious time. Please get in touch with us if you would like to have a chat about any worries or have any questions.

In light of these challenging times, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody of and reflect on our school ethos as one of care, support and nurture. Our four key Christian values – Friendship, Trust, Compassion and Wisdom provide the foundations of our school for all children and adults. During this time it may feel a little fragmented but we continue to have an open door policy - we just have to be careful to not let the pandemic in through it! We have been and continue to be at the end of the phone or video, or in some circumstances, face to face. We strive to bring the children at home in to school, and are always thinking of ways to bring the pupil and adult community together through the pandemic. We long for the day that we can bring the whole school community back together and every day that passes, is a day closer.

Trust

Be honest and just
 Believe in yourself – you can do it!
 Persevere on your journey, seek help from others

Friendship

Do as you would be done by
 Encourage, support and be proud of each other
 Smile and be thankful

Wisdom

Reflect on our mistakes and learn from them
 Make appropriate choices
 Have the courage to be the best you can be

Compassion

Be tolerant; embrace difference and diversity
 Say sorry, show you're sorry
 Show forgiveness and generosity

A People Place

**If this is not a place where tears are understood
 Where do I go to cry?**

**If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing
 Where do I go to fly?**

**If this is not a place where my questions can be asked
 Where do I go to seek?**

**If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard
 Where do I go to speak?**

**If this is not a place where you will accept me as I am
 Where can I go to be?**

**If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow
 Where can I just be me?**

Attributed to William J. Crockett

ULEY SCHOOL SYSTEM OF CONTROLS

New government guidance has been received and our school system of controls updated to reflect this – please have a read.

One control measure that I would like to highlight is waiting at the school for siblings at the end of the day, now that everybody is returning.

Waiting for siblings from Class 1 – parents can continue to wait in the playground near Class 1 but please keep socially distancing – children and adults.

Waiting for siblings from Class 2 – to please avoid waiting on the footpath outside of school by either going for a walk around the school, or waiting just inside the gate on the school field which will be zoned. Unfortunately the children will not be able to run around on the school field due to covid and Fun Club using it.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The government has said that wrap around care can re-open from 8th March but we celebrate that we have continued to run during the pandemic and lock down as much as we have possibly been able to. We continue with our provision in line with government guidance to ensure that this provision is as safe as it possibly can be as well as juggling financial viability.

Like most businesses, Fun Club has not been exempt from financial difficulties during the pandemic and relies on fees to run. Staffing levels, number of places, financial viability and safety are taken into consideration when deciding to open during covid and non-covid times and huge thanks to Mrs Cornelius for enabling Before and after School Club to continue and huge thanks to all the staff involved for making this happen!

As you know we have been looking for a replacement Play Leader and as of yet, this has proved unsuccessful. Mrs Nash continues to step in (thanks Mrs Nash!) whilst we continue to source a suitable member of staff.

We are still living through a pandemic and we all have to remind ourselves that it can happen here at any time, so please be mindful that should any staff be required to self-isolate, then the provision may have to temporarily close. To find a replacement member of staff would be challenging due to the requirements in qualifications and the safeguarding regulations involved.

CLASS EMAILS SUSPENDED FROM FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

Please note that all class emails will be suspended from the end of the school day on Friday 5th March and will only be used to send/receive work for children who are self-isolating, or during a class lockdown. Parents are requested to not send emails to these addresses as they will no longer be checked and therefore will not receive a response. Please continue through admin@ email and emails will be forwarded to the intended recipient. Thank you.

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Lindy for her fantastic biography report about her grandfather who was also a famous inventor.

Myiah for the Tudor House made from natural materials.

Jaycee for her fantastic attitude to learning.

Nicholas for his interesting ideas when participating in 'would you rather' questions. For also listening and questioning people's ideas.

Sophia (Class 2) for working fairly and considerately with others.

Kayla for showing courage and being happy and smiley.

Great work everyone – keep smiling!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are planning to hold Parent Consultations week commencing 22nd March. This will be via an online booking system and via video. This system is new and we are all having to learn yet another new online system so please be patient. More information will follow.

SCHOOL MEALS

We will continue with packed lunches for the time being. As it is our aim to return to hot school meals when we can, we have been thinking about how we can logistically provide this and will be back in touch once we have finalised any plans.

COVID EMAIL

We have a COVID email. The purpose of this email to inform the school if a child or parent tests positive for Coronavirus over the weekend. If you receive positive test results over a weekend and it will impact on people in school having to self-isolate, then please email this information to covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk. For test results during the week, please phone/email the school as usual.

Dates:

Monday 8th March – All children to return to school ☺

Sunday 14th March – Mothering Sunday

Thursday 1st April – End of Term 4

Monday 19th April – Start of Term 5

LISA HILLS – ULEY SCHOOL FAMILY LIAISON

Mrs Lisa Hills continues at Uley as our Family Support Liaison and is more than happy to support in any way she can and is available for a chat. Just contact the school and we can put you in touch.

RETURN TO SCHOOL SUPPORT – MILESTONE SCHOOL

As we prepare for the return of all Children, we want to ensure that we are supporting schools in all areas that we can. Having spent the past 8 weeks supporting schools through our complimentary well-being programme and free training courses, we are moving with the current demands and will be offering further training workshops to help support the children, parents, and staff with transition back into the classroom.



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Advice to parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Letters containing advice on where to access testing will be made available for schools to share with parents and staff shortly.

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.