



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



25th April 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

A People Place

by William J. Crocker

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
Where do I go to cry?
If this is not a place where my spirits 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'll 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 be just me?

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. What lovely weather we had over the Easter weekend! A good dose of sunshine can really make a difference. After such a busy term it was a welcome break and here we are starting the summer term and looking forward to lots of warm weather.

It has been so lovely to welcome the community back in to school for Open Class and Easter breakfasts. I know how frustrating it has been to feel so distanced but hopefully onwards and upwards and we can look forward to returning to some normality. Thank you for the positive comments; these are always nice to receive.

Ofsted visited on Tuesday 5th April. I had just arrived at Morfa Bay only to have to turn around and return to Uley! It was a great feeling to arrive back with the children on the Wednesday and join back in with the activities. We will circulate the report once it has been received. Thank you for those that contributed to the parent view. This information will also be analysed along with parent questionnaires and results shared in the next newsletter.

Staffing News

I write with mixed emotions to let you know that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Katharine Grace at the end of the summer term. Firstly, huge congratulations to Mrs Grace who will be embarking on a new journey which is taking her to Belmont Special School in September. Mrs Grace has been at Uley for just over ten years and has brought so much to the school and the children. It has been a pleasure to have Mrs Grace on the Uley team and although it will be difficult to say farewell, I know that she will flourish in her new role. I am sure you are with me in wishing her a very successful future.

In May, we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Michelle Thorpe who has run our Breakfast Club for nearly 4 years whilst also being a Midday Supervisor. We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to still seeing her at drop off and collection. We will be advertising for both roles very soon.

Covid Measures

We are working towards bring the school 'back to normal'. There are still a few areas that need clarification within school so please be patient whilst we make sure that we have all our information accurate before we send it out. As a staff we will be looking at the measures this week.

Chicken Pox and Scarlett Fever

Just so you know, we have received correspondence from Public Health regarding a recent increase in routine childhood infectious diseases across the country and specifically in the South West. Although these are two routine childhood infections, coinfection of both chickenpox and scarlet fever may carry an increased risk of complications. As a school, we will be monitoring the situation.

Open Classrooms and Coffee Afternoon

We are pleased to announce that the open afternoon has been scheduled for **Thursday 28th April** for Classes 3 and 4.

As part of the afternoon, parents will have the opportunity to come into their child's class to look and share in the learning that has been happening this term, as well as celebrating all of the children's homework efforts. Just a reminder that homework for this term is due in next week. Originally we had planned for homework to be emailed to classes, however we would love for the children to bring their homework into school instead to celebrate with their class.

Following your time in the class, parents will have the opportunity to come and have a coffee and biscuit, meet the FUS team and discuss with the Health and wellbeing team our new Whisper tool and ways to keep your child safe online (which is always ever-changing!) This will also be an opportunity for parents to explore our fantastic Maths resource - Mathletics.

Please note the following times for the afternoon:

Thursday 28th April

- 1.30pm Class 4 Open classroom
- 2.00pm Class 4 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 2.30pm)
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- 2.00pm Class 3 Open classroom
- 2.30pm Class 3 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 3pm)

Due to ongoing COVID circumstances and in order to minimise risk, please note that we must request that only one parent may attend per child and request you to wear a mask whilst in the classrooms. Please could we ask that all parents sanitise on entrance. In return we will ensure that all classes are well ventilated.

We apologise for the short notice for this event, however we are always monitoring the ever-changing COVID risk at Uley school. Please bear in mind that in the unfortunate circumstance that we have staff shortages or an outbreak, this event may be postponed.

Summer Term Statutory Assessments

Although we have our own in-school assessments and tracking system, schools have not been expected to administer statutory assessments since 2019; we will be expected to this year, so here are some key dates. Any question, please come and ask.

Week commencing 9th May – Year 6 Statutory testing – more information to follow

Between 6th – 24th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tests – information has been sent out

Week commencing 6th June – Y1 Phonic screening – more information to follow

Between May and June – End of Year 2 assessment – more information to follow

April 28th and 29th – NFER Year 2 reading sampling – information has been sent out

By the beginning of July – Foundation stage Early Learning Goals – more information to follow

Governor Visit Reports

Maths by Karen Randall

A big thank you to the FUS for funding the online resource 'Mathletics' which was so valuable during lockdown and is being used every week as part of Mathletics March. The Maths team have been working hard to close any gaps post lockdown and your encouragement at home, especially times tables, could really help your child.

Reading by Jane Lewis and Matthew Fort

It is good to know that there is still a high standard of reading at Uley School. We are all looking forward to the end of every Covid restriction so that fun book and reading days can be re-introduced on a whole school basis.

Science by Jane Lewis

Class 2 have been growing things and making models! They have also been learning about the different properties of different materials; which are bendy, which are waterproof etc.

Good tie in with English where the children have been learning how things that are grown are re-utilised and turned into other things.

I looked at their science books and was impressed by their understanding. Obviously the standard of work varied but each child seemed to fully encompass what they had been taught.

The children were very engaged with the subject and were diligently making their models of bean sprouts and cutting out flower parts and roots to create a flower in the right order....

I talked to most of the children and they were very eager to impart their knowledge to me.

In general, I was extremely impressed with that wonderful combination of excitement, enthusiasm, engagement and excellent behaviour.

Safeguarding by Karen Randall and Mark Easy

The staff really care about the children and being a small school everybody is there to offer help and support at earliest stages of intervention.

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

Monday 25th April – Start of Term 5

Thursday 28th April – Classes 3 and 4 Open Class and online safety information – see information above or on the school website

Week commencing 9th May – Year 6 Statutory Test week – more information to follow including SATS breakfasts

Tuesday 17th May – Young Voices to Birmingham

Friday 27th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration picnic – more information to follow