# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Live, Learn, Flourish

20th July 2017

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of all the children. As I reviewed the reports, I was pleased to read the positive comments made by the dedicated staff, and hear how much progress the children have made over the course of the year; they have made great strides.

With the ever changing demands made on the primary curriculum, each child has responded incredibly well and worked so hard. As a school we have seen increasingly positive attitudes towards learning; building resilience and determination to overcome barriers and obstacles. The children want to challenge themselves and we love celebrating their successes together!

We say farewell to our Year 6s. It didn't seem that long ago they were starting their final year at Uley and now they are more than ready to move on to pastures new. I know they will go on to achieve great things in the future. I am proud of them all. The staff at Uley wish them all the best on their new journey.

It seems a while ago that Ofsted visited the school and judged us a 'good' school. Uley School never stands still and we are always looking at how we can improve, and 2017-18 will be no different. We continue to move the school forward in many areas and anticipate our next inspection; the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) in the autumn term. At Uley School we aim for our four key Christian values of Friendship, Wisdom, Trust and Compassion to underpin all that we do within the flourishing school community. Each day, we strive to support each other, value each other and encourage each other to be the best we can be.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard -working and dedicated staff for their remarkable contribution this year. This team consists of the before and after school team, midday supervisors, Mrs Saunders, teaching assistants, teaching staff, peripatetic teachers, IT support and of course Ceri, our cleaner/caretaker. Each, of which, plays a very important part in the life of the school to ensure the

children of Uley School are nurtured, educated and safe. It is a pleasure to work with such a great team who strive for the best for each and every child.

I would also like to thank all parents, carers and families for your support this year. Whether it is supporting your child's learning, helping with swimming, helping on the start line on Sport's Day, assisting on trips, organizing and running clubs, helping at the school fete; your help and support is extremely appreciated and valued, and I sincerely thank you. I look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

On Friday, we will be saying an emotional farewell to Mrs Saunders and thanking her for all the support she has given the many families that have passed through the school. We wish her a very happy and restful retirement – well deserved after a dedicated service of 28 years.

I hope you all have a restful summer. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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Well done to:

Dino Latham for a great monster finger puppet.

Charlie Worsfold for being an excellent helper in Class 2 on Friday; encouraging lots of children with their work.

All Year 2 children for an amazing year in Class 2 and wishing them every success in Year 3.

Archie Howarth for his super acrostic poem.

Harley Pawlyszyn-Thompson for being truthful on sports day and supporting others when they didn't win races.

Ella Toms for working hard with her Rainbow Maths this term.

Ruby Pawlyszyn-Thompson for being honest and truthful when asked about damage to property and owning up. Class 2 for always being open and honest in all situations.

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### **THANK YOUS**

I can't begin to express how grateful
Uley School are for the support from
parents/carers, the extended families
and the community; we are truly blessed to have such
dedicated volunteers in our community.

Thank you to Open the Book for volunteering their time each week to visit the children, deliver an interactive collective worship and getting the children involved – thank you.

Thank you to Uley Community Stores for supporting the school in many ways, including sponsoring the Uley Football Team, who achieved an amazing result in the Nationals this year, supporting the Christmas Cakes and Yule Logs by donating ingredients, and contributing to the school fete – thank you.

Thank you to Friends of Uley School for all their hard work raising funds to provide resources and experiences for our children at Uley – thank you.

Thank you to Canon Michael and St Giles' Church for supporting the school with services over the year. A special thank you to Miriam for accompanying the children's singing. We look forward to working with you again next year.

Thank you to the Governors of Uley School for having the children's best interests at heart; ensuring the best possible education and provision, and supporting the school.

Thank you to Uley Playgroup for their close links with Uley Primary School. We look forward to continuing the close links next year.

Thank you to the School Council for their dedication and commitment to Uley School. Their views and contributions are valued.

Thank you to the team captains. I'm impressed with how you have encouraged your teams throughout the year. I hope you have enjoyed the responsibility.

#### **TEAM POINTS**

Here is the total amount of team points for the summer term. Each week the points are totalled and announced by the children on a Monday morning.

Angeston 3965	Rockstowes 4166
Dauncey's 4619	Sheppard's 3785

Here are the total team points for the year and what a lot of points there are!

Angeston	Rockstowes
16,036	17,175
Dauncey's	Sheppard's
18,586	15,532

Well done to all the teams for their hard work throughout the year. There will be new captains and vice captains for the academic year 2017-2018, in the autumn term.

# A message form Dauncey's Captain and Vice-Captain:

We would like to thank our team for a great year, for working hard and earning lots of team points. Keep up the good work when we've gone! Toby and Arthur.

## **NEW FENCING**



Over the summer holidays, some of the old chain link fencing, bordering the school field, will be replaced with more robust fencing including a new gate.

## **TOPIC FOR THE AUTUMN TERM**

Our topic for the autumn term is all about Space in our 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic.



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### **GOVERNOR NEWS**

As you know, we had parent governor vacancies for September. I'm pleased to update you that these have been filled. There was no need for a parent vote as we had 2 candidates for 2 vacancies. Erica Latham has been re-elected so will continue in her role. This is great news as Erica has built up a great deal of experience over the past 4 years, particularly in areas of child safety and EYFS.

In addition we are delighted to welcome Graham Wilkes to the team. Graham is father to Cerys (already at the school) and Florence who will join us in four years. Graham says "I believe that joining the governing body will drive a passion to sustain the reputation of Uley School. I trust with my experience within Retail and Logistics Management that I can transfer those skills to working with my fellow governors to sustain the school ethics to live, learn and flourish. Along with this I am approachable and friendly and looking forward to getting to know the parent body".

### A NOTE FROM DAVID ROACH—GUITARS

Dear Parents,

Music brings together and develops intellectual, physical and sensory skills in a unique way. If you would like your child to benefit from what music has to offer, guitar lessons can be taken at Uley during the school day, on Tuesday afternoons. Tuition is given by Dave Roach, a peripatetic guitar teacher who has taught all ages—from year 1 to the sixth form—in Gloucestershire schools since 2002, and at Uley since 2012.

Lessons are tailored to the individual. Emphasis is on the practical rather than the theoretical—although music theory is covered wherever possible. Songs—played as melodies, riffs and/or chords—come from the vast repertoire of popular music.

Fees are paid termly in advance. The fee for 10 x 20-minute lessons shared with one other student is £58. If you would like any more information concerning guitar lessons please call Dave Roach on 0788 3911138 or email dave roach@hotmail.com

# **SEASONAL FLU VACCINATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2017**

From September 2017, children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be offered a flu vaccination at schools in Gloucestershire. The vaccine will be administered by nurses from Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust.

The vaccine will help protect your child from what can be a very nasty illness. It may also reduce the chance of others in your family who could be at greater risk of flu – such as grandparents or those with long-term health conditions – getting flu from your child. In areas of England where the flu vaccine in schools was piloted, less flu was detected across all age groups.

Information and leaflets are available to download on the Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust website:

https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/our-services/childrenyoung-people/immunisation/20-general-cic/ourservices/449-influenza

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday  $21^{st}$  July – Leavers' Service in the church, 2pm Friday  $21^{st}$  July – End of Term 6

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – INSET days; school staff only

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Start of Term 1 for Year 1 to Year 6

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – New reception group A start, morning only

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – New reception group B start, morning only.