

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Welcome back everyone!

Live, Learn, Flourish

I hope you all had an exciting summer, with plenty of time to enjoy some quality family time. As always, the summer period gives everyone an opportunity for sometime to reflect and to recharge their batteries. We hope that everyone has arrived back to start the term with as much excitement and enthusiasm as we have. We look forward to the year ahead.



A big thank you from myself and the Uley team for all the kind words and gifts at the end of the summer term.

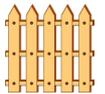
What's New?

Mrs Carol Cornelius – a big welcome to Mrs Cornelius, our School Administrator. She is here to help so please be patient whilst she finds her way around and learns the ropes. Mrs Cornelius will be on the door each morning so do come and say hello.

New Reception Children – we welcome our new Reception children who have started this week. We are looking forward to seeing the children and families settle in to school life. It won't take long, I'm sure!

Uley Primary School Website – our new website is up and running, full of up to date information. Some areas continue to be developed so keep an eye out for any updates.

Fencing – you may have noticed the new fencing around part of the field. This safeguards our children whilst playing in the field and, as I'm sure you will agree, it looks tidier too!



Head Teacher's Surgery

Whilst it is possible to make appointments to see the Head Teacher, there is also a Head Teacher's Surgery. This offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with me to discuss experience of school and aspects of school life. Head Teacher's surgeries will take place on the dates below, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. All appointments will initially be 15 minutes, with follow up appointments if necessary. All times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A letter will be sent out with how to book an appointment. Please find some dates below in the first instance.

Monday 25th September 2pm-4pm
Wednesday 11th October 2.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 1st November 9am-10.15am

Please don't forget that teaching staff are also available to talk about your child's education. Staff are outside briefly at the beginning of the day for messages and again at the end of the day, so please see staff if there is anything you would like to talk about. If you would like a bit more time with a member of staff, an appointment can be arranged.



Guided Reading – we have invested in new books and materials to support guided reading in the school. We are looking for some help with stamping and book banding these books so that we can get them up and running as soon as possible. If you can spare a couple of hours to help us do this, then please come and let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated!

What is Guided Reading?

Guided reading involves an adult working with small groups of children throughout the week. It is an instructional approach to reading in which the children are able to read the text with the adult's skilful support and questioning. The text offers challenges and opportunities for problem solving but is easy enough for the children to read with fluency and enjoyment.



Flu Vaccination

Gloucestershire Care Services Immunisation Team will be delivering the Childhood Flu Programme within primary schools in Gloucestershire from September 2017. The Immunisation Team is already accustomed to working closely with Gloucestershire Secondary schools delivering school aged immunisation programmes.

The flu immunisation programme is being extended nationally to include children in Reception, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 within schools from September 2017. The vaccine is given via a nasal spray (not an injection) and will be delivered by trained nurses in the school setting.

More information will follow from the Immunisation Team, which includes parental consent.

Topic for the Autumn Term

The topic for this term is 'To infinity and Beyond' which means everything space. Class letters will be out shortly, in the meantime an overview of the topic can be found on the website, just look in 'The Curriculum and Beyond'. Curriculum expectations for each year group can also be found here.

Clubs

A letter listing all the clubs on offer will be sent out shortly.

Swimming

Swimming this term is for Class 4. Please see the letter for dates and costings. Class 3 will be swimming in the spring term followed by Y1 and 2 in the summer term.



Welcome Back Parent Drop in Session

Come and meet the teacher, ask questions and find out about expectations for the year on Monday 18th September between 3.30-4.30pm.

Establishing Routines

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in the school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines, and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Please help us by ensuring children are in school from 8.40am (in preparation for an 8.50am registration), wearing the appropriate school uniform (which is clearly named) and prepared to learn. We know it takes a day or two to settle back in to a routine after a break and this is key to helping the children do their best. The Attendance Policy is available on the school website or please ask in school for more details.

Uley School Timetable



8.40am–8.50am – Doors open for children to come in to school
8.50am – The school day starts
8.50am-9.10am – Register and Rainbow Maths
9.10am-9.30am – Collective Worship
9.30am-10.25am – Session 1
10.25am-10.45am – Play
10.45am-11.05am – Phonics/spelling
11.05am-12.15pm – Session 2
12.15pm-1.15pm – Lunch
1.00pm-1.30pm – Guided/independent/shared reading
1.30pm-3.00pm – Session 3 and 4 – with a break
3.00pm-3.15pm – Stories
3.15pm – Home time

Absence and Illness

If a child is absent due to illness parents/carers must either:

- contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence and subsequent days;
- send a note in on the first day the child returns with an explanation of the absence; or
- call into school and report to reception.

Staff at Uley School

Mrs Zoe Mandeville – Head Teacher/SENCO Mrs Carol Cornelius – School Administrator including Fun Club Manager	
Class	Staff
Class 1	Miss. Katharine Priest Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Wednesday afternoons (PPA cover) Mrs. Debbie Brazier
Class 2	Miss. Abigail Spain Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Tuesday afternoons (PPA cover) Mrs. Rosie Dean
Class 3	Mrs. Georgina Saddington Mrs. Sara Delrosa—all day Friday Mrs. Julie Batchelor Mrs. Bonny Dance
Class 4	Miss. Elizabeth Walker Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Thursday (PPA cover) Mrs. Rachel Williams Mrs. Tina Pugh
Lunchtime Staff	Mrs. Philippa Nash Mrs. Carol White Mrs. Sam Bailey Mrs. Sam Caldwell
Fun Club Staff	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Mrs. Rachel Williams Breakfast Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mrs. Philippa Nash Breakfast Club and Fun Club Mrs. Katie Hill – currently on maternity Mrs. Hollie Pawlyszyn - Covering maternity
Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) The school has a statutory duty to ensure that class teachers have dedicated PPA time per week. This means that class teachers will be out of the classroom for a proportion of time. This time is covered by qualified teachers.	

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. Mrs Zoe Mandeville, Mrs Debbie Brazier and Mrs Philippa Nash are Uley's Designated Safeguarding Leads and are always available to meet should you have any child welfare concerns.

The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board also have information on their website;
<http://www.gscb.org.uk/article/113150/Im-a-parent-or-carer>

The school's Safeguarding Policy can be found on the school's website.

Safeguarding Before and After School

Occasionally we have children that are dropped off early at school in the morning and left alone in the playground. Staff are in the playground and will take responsibility for the children from 8.40am and therefore the welfare of the children is the parent's responsibility prior to this time. Please speak to a member of staff should you wish to book a place at breakfast club.

We have frequent requests for adults picking up after school and to ensure the children are sent home safely please:

In the first instance, if you know your child is being picked up by somebody other than the usual agreed person, please fill out a form issued by Mrs Cornelius at the door at 8.40am.

If a change happens throughout the day then please inform the school via telephone – please leave a message if phone is not answered.

Due to the high volume of emails we receive it would be more effective to follow steps 1 and 2 to ensure information is effectively received by the school. These steps will ensure that these messages can be recorded and received by the relevant classes in good time for the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

Medication and First Aid Policy

We have an up to date 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' and 'First Aid Policy'.



Definition of Supporting Children with Medical Needs

This policy relates to pupils who have a recognised medical condition who is being supported or treated by medical professionals, which will last longer than 15 days and will require the pupil to have a care plan protocol in school. Such conditions include anaphylaxis shocks, asthma, epilepsy or medical conditions that need longer term prescribed medication.

This is not a policy for short-term illness and related medication, for example antibiotics or paracetamol for a cold or eye infection etc. The school remains insistent that under these circumstances it will have to consider whether to administer medication. Any pupil who is infectious or too poorly should not attend school until they are well enough.

Principles

We have adopted the key drivers of the 'Supporting pupils at school with Medical Conditions' by the DfE as our aims and objectives. Wherever possible we will endeavour:

- To ensure children with medical conditions are properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.
- To ensure arrangements are in place to support pupils at school with medical conditions, including the use of risk assessment and health care plans.
- To work with health and social care professionals, pupils and parents to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are properly understood and effectively supported.

If you have informed the school that your child has a medical condition that requires medication to be kept in school, then staff will speak to you to make sure any medication/information is up to date. If your child has recently been diagnosed with a medical condition then please come and speak to us.

Illnesses

For illness information, the school follows guidance from the Public Health England's document 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings', which can be found on the internet.

Allergies and Medical Needs

Just a polite reminder to please avoid nuts particularly peanuts, in school as we have some children with nut allergies.

School and Fun Club adopt the same 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' policy in order to support children with medical needs in school. This is something to think about if your child has a medical need and attends Breakfast and/or Fun Club. If your child has an inhaler or adrenalin pen, then we will request two; one for school and one for Breakfast/Fun Club. Any questions or queries, please speak to a member of staff.

Hot School Lunches

Caterlink provide our school lunches at £2.28 per meal. Menus were sent home at the end of the summer term and a menu can be found in the reception. Information regarding school meals will be sent to new Reception parents shortly. Any questions please ask.

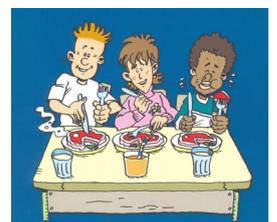
Free School Meals

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

For every child that is entitled to Traditional Free School Meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your Free School Meal.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

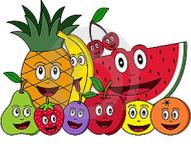
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual 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

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals.

Snacks



The infants receive a piece of fruit or vegetable daily through the government run, Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and we would encourage juniors to bring in a piece for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack! Friday's are Fruit less Fridays when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time. Water is available throughout the day.

Toast is available every Tuesday for the Infants and every Thursday for the Juniors, 10p a slice.

Parking

Most schools have parking issues whether in a rural location or in the middle of a town or city and we are no exception!

We ask you, for the safety of our pupils and the relationship between the school and neighbours to:

- a) walk down Woodstock Terrace rather than drive, and
- b) refrain from parking in the Knoll car (park as it is for residents only).

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Don't forget that staff are happy to arrange to talk to you, should you:

- like an update on your child's progress other than Parent's Evenings
- like more information on how to support your child at home
- like to celebrate your child's achievements in and out of school
- have a worry
- have any questions about your child's education
- need clarification/reminders on information



Dates for you diary – please also check the school website. Any questions about events, dates or times, please do not hesitate to come and ask. Don't forget to check book bags for letters or information.

- Monday 18th September – Parents drop in session, 3.30pm-4.30pm – see information above
- Friday 29th September – Life Education Van visit to school – more information in the next newsletter
- Friday 29th September – **No Fun Club after School (Breakfast Club as normal)**
- Thursday 5th October – Parent's Evening, 5.00pm-7.00pm
- Wednesday 11th October – Parent's Evening, 3.40pm – 5.30pm
- Thursday 19th October – Harvest Service in the church, 2.30pm
- Thursday 19th October – End of term 1