

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



26th March 2018

*Live, Learn, Flourish*

Dear God,

Thank you for our Mums and Dads. Thank you that they have time for us and that they can come and watch us when we do our shows. Thank you that our Mums and Dads look after us when we are ill. Thank you that they always care for us.

By Lydia Tutton for Class 3 Collective Worship

**LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH**



Isabelle Lloyd for trying hard with her Maths and supporting other children in the class.

Zach Praki for excellent story writing about Harry and the Dinosaurs.

Austin Wilson for his fabulous violin playing as a soloist.

Brody Coyle for his excellent work identifying and labelling features of a non-fiction text.

Daniel Eavis for changing his attitude towards his writing and trying hard to use a range of writing features.

Freddie Evans for accurate measuring in Maths and for helping Mrs Nash with phonics.

Jimmy Russell for a superb sunset picture of Stonehenge.

Noah Birkbeck for a superb sunset picture of Stonehenge.

Evan Pugh for fantastic work using pictograms in Maths.

Malachi Latham for showing courage by playing in a hockey tournament even when he felt injured from the day before.

Annie Bailey for coming to school with a smiley face and showing courage in her learning, and trying very hard in Maths.

Joseph Summers for being so brave when he had to go to hospital for his bumped head.

Charlie Wilcox for persevering even after finding our multiplication work difficult.

Huw Naylor for delivering a talk about his holiday to the class (his class share) even though he felt nervous!

Leon McGee for being brave and putting his best efforts into doing his biggest write ever.

Sophia Meredith and Joseph Dagger for being courageous and determined to rescue a ball that was stuck.



## Art Day

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March is Art Day at Uley School. Arty Pots will be joining us for the day and supporting the children with clay models on a dinosaur theme! Arty Pots will be taking the models home to be fired and will return them after Easter.



## Easter Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – The children will be spending some time in church for Experiencing Easter. Experiencing Easter is an imaginative approach to help children experience Easter through six interactive stations set up in different parts of the church.



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Come and join us for a hot cross bun breakfast from 9 until 9.45am. Don't forget to send in your replies so we know how many buns to buy!

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Join us in the church at 2pm for the end of term Easter Service.

## Updated policies:

Below is a list of policies that have been recently updated. They can be found on the school website. Policies help the school with procedures and creating standards of quality for learning and safety. Please take some time to have a read and come and speak to a member of staff should have any questions.

- Assessment Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Handwriting Policy
- Supporting children with medical needs at School
- Accessibility Plan

## Library updates

Susan Staniforth and Jane Lewis have been very busy working through the library books making sure that each book is stamped, coded and put on the system. The school has purchased the subscription to Junior Librarian where any new books are being added.



## Enrichment Sessions

It has taken us a little longer than anticipated to set up our groups but we are very nearly there!

Enrichment sessions (formerly known as Nurture Groups) are aimed at children who may benefit from a little time during an afternoon, once a week, out of the classroom, to engage in activities that support the children to meet the social and intellectual demands of school life, improving their self-confidence and self-esteem, through a carefully planned curriculum.

More information to follow shortly.

## Clubs

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to run or support a club this term. The clubs for the summer term will be sent out by the end of the week.

## Gardening Club

Sad news, Barry McGee is hanging up his gardening gloves and will be finishing his role at gardening club from the summer term. A big thank you to Barry for his inspiration and commitment to the club over the past few years, he will be missed. This means we are looking for volunteer helpers who can give a little time on a Friday to ensure gardening club continues. If this is something you feel you could support, or would like to find out more, then please come and speak to us.

## School Meals

The price of a paid school meal will increase to £2.36 from Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. The County Council reluctantly have to increase the selling price of a meal due to the increases in the national living wage paid to school catering staff and the inflationary costs of food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.



## Homework

The Homework Policy is under review and we would like to see how well you think it has been working. Please take the time to fill in the form at the end of the newsletter (or you can pick one up at reception). Your feedback is important.

Our policy says:

We believe that our children should be encouraged to undertake homework at an appropriate level. This is because:

- Learning is not something that just goes on in school
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning
- It promotes independence
- It encourages children and parents to understand that learning is something for which they too have a responsibility
- It consolidates learning and aids progress
- It encourages shared opportunities between adult and child
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, spellings, handwriting and other key facts
- It helps to foster good habits of organization and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School

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	Tell us: NOW – even better if
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## Ways of Getting Information



There is a variety of ways to find school information.

- Newsletters are sent out approximately every other week and is full of information about what is happening in the school, updates and dates. A copy of the newsletter is:
  - emailed (if you have requested this)
  - sent out as hardcopies (if you have requested this)
  - pinned on the noticeboard outside the school
  - on the school website
- Uley School has a Facebook Page where notes and reminders are added
- The school website contains a lot of school information including a calendar of events. Any correspondence sent out is added. You will find notes and reminders on the home page. There is also a link to our Facebook page from the website.
- Other correspondence that requires a response will be sent out via hard copies or email
- Hard copies of correspondence will be sent home via pupils, so please check with them and check book bags.
- A few copies of each letter sent home can be found in the letter rack next to the front door.

Any questions about the information sent out or if you think you may have missed some information, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff.

## Internet Safety

We will be running a second Internet Safety Information Session on Wednesday 28th March, 5.30-6pm where we will be looking at some interesting statistics and how you can support your child at home in using the internet safely. Hope you can join us!

**School Events**

There has been a lot happening in school recently! Thank you for coming to share these very special occasions with us!

**Mother's Day**



**Class 3—Violin Performance and Assembly**



**Homework Share**



**Mock Court Trial**

Well done to the team who took part in the Mock Court Trial. This year, Uley School were the defence and Gatrells, the prosecution. The trial was based on cyber-bullying. Our Uley defendants were found guilty, but we are proud to say that Uley gave a better performance and received more points. Well done to Stanley Davies for winning the Reporter's Prize.



**Class 3**

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Hannah Saunders will be returning from maternity leave from 16<sup>th</sup> April for 4 days a week, Monday – Thursday with Mrs. Sara Delrosa continuing to teach on a Friday. Mrs. Delrosa will also be covering PPA for Mrs. Saunders every other Thursday morning. PPA is a statutory time that teachers have out of the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment. Mrs. Saddington will continue to play a part at Uley School as a supply teacher and by supporting small groups of children for the summer term.

## Can you kindly lend us a hand?

We are looking to replace a few slabs in the nature area. Mrs Kemmett has kindly offered the resources and now we are looking for someone who can volunteer a little time to lay them. Please let us know if you can help, thank you.

## Fun Club

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Katie Hill who returns to Fun Club on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## The Story Traveller

We have re-organised the date for Bill Church 'The Story Traveller.' He will be joining the children in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to share some poems and stories with each class.

Don't forget that we are all happy to talk 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



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Children's Art Day

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Internet safety Information Session, 5.30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Breakfast, 9-9.45 – more information to follow

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service, 2pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – End of term 4

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – No Fun Club after school

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 starts

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Country Dance Festival, Stratford Park Leisure Centre, 6pm – letter to follow

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Bill Church 'The Story Traveller'

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS week

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Reception Collective Worship, 9.10am in school

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – End of term 5

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Term 6 starts

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