

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



20th April 2018

Live, Learn, Flourish

Welcome back to term 5 – the summer term! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the little bit of sunshine that we had (unless, of course, you visited somewhere warm!)

Finally, this week, we have been able to play on the school field at playtime and look forward to spending more time outside.

Welcome

This week we welcome back Mrs. Hannah Saunders and Mrs. Katie Hill; both returning after maternity leave. Welcome Back!

A big Uley welcome to Levi Perry who joins us in Year 5.

School Uniform for the Summer Term

Red Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
White shirt/blouse
Dark grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
Grey or black tights/socks
Sensible, practical footwear which is dark brown or black – no trainers or Crocs please
Red gingham summer dress
Sensible summer sandals
White socks
Summer hat
Sunglasses are optional

Parking



This year, the school has received an increasing amount of concerns and complaints not only from local residents, but from Stroud District Council and the police regarding parking around the school.

Over time the school has sent out several polite reminders and requests with the aim of working closely with the residents to ensure a happy community for all.

We fully appreciate that parking is a challenge at pick up and drop off times, but please may we remind you:

- The Knoll is for resident's parking only
- To help keep our children and other pedestrians safe, please avoid parking down Woodstock Terrace when dropping off and collecting.
- To park with consideration when parking around South Street

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us should you have any comments regarding parking. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Clubs

Gardening Club - We are looking to recruit some more volunteers to keep the club up and running. Please come and speak to us if you can help.

Value

The value for the summer term is Respect. Over the coming weeks we will all be thinking about:

Remembering to pray for others – who do you know that you really respect? Why do you respect them?

Valuing difference – thinking about how each person is unique and everyone is special.

Valuing others as we would like to be valued – ‘do unto others as you would have them do unto you’. Matthew 7.12

Valuing special places – have you been inside a holy building and noticed how peaceful it can be?

Valuing different opinions – everyone has their own opinion or idea. ‘Show proper respect to everyone’ 1 Peter 2.17

Have a look on our school website for the Home School Values activities:

<http://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/about-us/church-links/collective-worship/>

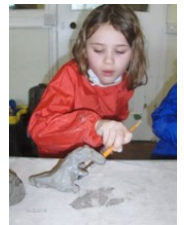


Books at lunchtime

Don't forget, KS2 are able to bring in a book from home to take outside and read (please make sure it is not a best book and it has a name inside). The infants will have a box of picture books to enjoy.

Art Day

Art Day was a big success. The children designed and created dinosaur sculptures from clay. Thank you again FUS for funding this opportunity.



Topic this Term

The topic for the summer term is 'It's Bug Life'. Have a look on the school website to see what each class will be leaning about. Class letters and homework will be out shortly.

<http://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/the-curriculum/curriculum-20172018/>

The Story Traveller

Bill Church 'The Story Traveler,' will be joining us on Friday 27th April to share some poems and stories with each class. Thank you to FUS for funding this fantastic opportunity.

A Message from Fun Club - Use of school field after school

Now that the drier weather has arrived, please could the school field is vacated from 4.00pm to enable them to use it. Thank you.

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.



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

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

<i>Homework is set termly in all classes in the form of a cross curricular topic web which is linked to areas of the curriculum. Each choice of homework encourages a particular skill such as “research”, “make”, “apply” or “practice”. Due to the cross curricular nature of the homework, lots of different skills are used.</i>	Tell us: WOW – what works well?
	Tell us: NOW – even better if
<i>This topic web is also supplemented by regular phonics/spelling practise, reading, Mathematics, Number Facts and Rainbow Maths at home. The discipline of homework also prepares the upper KS2 for the transition to secondary.</i>	



Dates for you Diary

Friday 20th April – Year 1s and 2s start swimming

Tuesday 24th April – Country Dance Festival – Stroud Leisure Centre, 6pm

Thursday 26th April – Head Teacher’s Surgery, 9.15-10.30am

Wednesday 2nd May - Current Reception Transition into Year 1 Meeting, 5.30pm

Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9th May – Head Teacher Surgery – 2-4pm

Friday 11th May – Year 4s to North Nibley – ‘In the Net’ production

Monday 14th May – Y6 SATS week

Friday 18th May – Harry and Meghan’s Wedding

Monday 21st May – Head Teacher’s Surgery, 2-4pm

Wednesday 23rd May – Reception Collective Worship, 9.10am – all welcome

Friday 25th May – End of term 5

Monday 4th June – Start of term 6

W/C Monday 4th June – Comparison Faith Week – Judaism – more information to follow

Thursday 7th June – Y6 visit to Gloucester Cathedral Leaver’s Service – more information to follow

Thursday 14th June– Head Teacher’s Surgery, 9.15-10.25am

Friday 15th June –Father’s Day art and crafts – 9am-10am

Saturday 16th June – Uley Open Gardens

Wednesday 20th June – Book Fair arrives until 27th June

Thursday 21st June – Open Evening from 5.30pm, including homework share and new parent evening at 6.00pm

Wednesday 4th July – Years 1 and 2 Collective Worship, 9.10am - all welcome

Wednesday 11th July – Head Teacher’s Surgery, 2-4pm

Tuesday 17th July – Sport’s Morning from 9.30am – weather permitting

Thursday 19th July – Reserve Sport’s Morning

Tuesday 24th July – Church Service, 2pm

Tuesday 24th July – End of Term 6