

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Live, Learn, Flourish

7th September 2018

I've got something in my pocket,
That belongs upon my face,
I keep it very close at hand,
In a most convenient place.
I'm sure you couldn't guess it,
If you guessed a long long while.
So I'll take it out and put it on,
It's a great big Uley smile.

Firstly, apologies for the rather long letter! There is a lot to share with you.

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had an exciting summer with plenty of time to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends. As always, the summer period gives everyone an opportunity for some time to rest and reflect. We hope that everyone has arrived back to start the term with as much excitement and enthusiasm as we have. The older part of the school has had its makeover as planned and now looks cleaner and brighter.

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

New Reception Children

We welcome our new Reception children who have started this week. They have come in to school with big smiles and look forward to seeing them all settle in to school life. It won't take long, I'm sure!

A Message from our Family Liaison

Hello!
My name is Mrs Lisa Hills and I am the new Family Liaison at Uley Primary. I have worked with children and young people for the past 15 years in a variety of roles including primary teacher, deputy manager of a nursery, special needs teacher and as SENDCo before starting this exciting new challenge.

I am here to help and support all children and their families with any difficulties they may be experiencing including (but not is not exclusive to) anxiety, behaviour, mental health support, housing and benefits and additional needs.

I will be at school every Monday from 9.30am until 2.30pm, if you would like to book an appointment to see me, please leave a message with Mrs Mandeville or the school office.

If you would like to pop in and meet me, I am hosting a meet and greet session on Monday 10th September at 3.15pm until 4pm. Come and introduce yourself and have a chat. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

Enrichment Sessions

Mrs Pugh will continue our Enrichment Sessions again this term.

What are Enrichment Sessions?

Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Mandeville (SENDco) working with the class staff, identify children who may benefit from some 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.



The aims of our nurture group will be:

- To develop children's self-esteem
- To develop children's social skills
- To provide a calm environment
- To build relationships between adults and children
- To help the children grow in confidence, trust and reliability
- To provide a secure environment where children learn
- To provide the children with nurturing care from caring adults
- To help children learn the consequences of certain behaviours
- To work in partnership with parents and school staff to ensure consistent approach
- To prevent possible exclusion

This, of course, will be working in conjunction with you, as parents. Parents will be fully involved along the way. If you would like more information, please come and speak to Mrs Pugh or Mrs Mandeville.

Library Updates

Susan Staniforth and Jane Lewis continue to work hard, sorting, labelling and adding books on to the library system and the library now has new lighting and has been redecorated.



What next? Staff will be receiving training on the use of the library very soon and thinking about how the library will be integrated in to the school curriculum to support the children's learning. We are going to set the children up on the library system after which we will be introducing them to the layout and organisation of the library. Any parents who would like to get involved in supporting us with the use of the school library in the not too distant future, whether it is scanning returned books, supporting children in selecting books etc, then please come and speak to us.

John Dougherty, a local author, will be spending the day with us on Friday 21st September. He will be working with the children throughout the day. We are in the process of finalising the timetable for the day, so more information will follow. The aim is to have an opportunity for families to visit towards the end of the day to meet John and to visit the library.

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 prior to each surgery with how to book an appointment. Please find some dates below in the first instance.

Thursday 20th September 9.15-10.25am

Monday 1st October 2.30-4pm

Friday 12th October 9.15-10.25am

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. If you would like a bit more time with a member of staff, an appointment can be arranged.

Class 3 Whole Class Brass Lessons

Each year Uley School provides whole class music tuition from Gloucestershire Music and this term Class 3 will be learning how to play a brass instrument! The children will engage in weekly session for 10 weeks, delivered by a qualified musician, after which they will demonstrate their skills in a short presentation – date to be confirmed.



Flu vaccination

Re: Implementation of the Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme within Primary Schools in Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire Care Services Immunisation Team will be delivering the Childhood Flu Programme within primary schools in Gloucestershire from September 2018. 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, 4 and 5 within schools and will be visiting Uley Primary School in November 2018. 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 'Home Sweet Home' which means just that – our local area of Uley. Class letters will be out shortly, and you will be able to see an overview of the topic on the school website in the next week. 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 next week.

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.



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 and prepared to learn. We know it takes a day or two to settle back in to a routine after a breaking 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

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

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. Mrs Zoe Mandeville, Mrs Debbie Brazier, Miss Katie Hill 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.gsrb.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.

Staff

Mrs Zoe Mandeville – Head Teacher/SENCO Mrs Carol Cornelius – School Administrator including Fun Club Manager	
	Staff
Class 1	Mrs Katharine Grace Mrs Sara Delrosa – Tuesday afternoons (PPA cover) Mrs Debbie Brazier Mrs Philippa Nash
Class 2	Miss Abigail Spain Mrs Sara Delrosa – Thursday afternoons (PPA cover) Mrs Rosie Dean
Class 3	Miss Lizzie Walker Mrs Sara Delrosa – Wednesday afternoons (PPA cover) Mrs Julie Batchelor Mrs Philippa Nash
Class 4	Mrs Hannah Saunders and Mrs Sara Delrosa Mrs Bonnie Dance Mrs Tina Pugh
Lunchtime Staff	Mrs. Philippa Nash Mrs. Carol White Mrs. Sam Bailey Mrs. Sam Caldwell
Fun Club Staff	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Mrs. Philippa Nash Mrs. Katie Hill Mrs Carole White Mrs Sam Caldwell
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.	

Picking children up

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. If you know your child is being picked up by somebody different, please fill out a form when dropping off and hand it in to the office (forms can be found outside the office or at Breakfast Club if your child attends). These forms can then be distributed to the right classes and children safely released to the appropriate person collecting. If circumstances change during the day i.e. you are running late or somebody else is collecting, then please let us know either by phoning the school or emailing the office.

Medication and First Aid Policy

We have an up to date 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' and the 'First Aid Policy' both of which can be found on the school website.



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 anaphylactic shock, 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 be speaking 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 Gov.UK document 'Health Protection Guidance on Infection 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 needs and attends Fun Club. If your child has an inhaler or adrenalin pen, then we will request two; one for school and one for Fun Club. Any questions or queries, please speak to a member of staff.

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 Fruitless 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.

PE Kit

We will send PE kit home at the end of each short term so it can be checked (and washed!). Don't forget to bring PE kit back to school, ideally on the first day back after each holiday.

Our prospectus says that PE should consist of:

- Dark coloured shorts
- White or red t-shirt
- Indoor gym shoes



Please also pop in a pair of jogging bottoms during the colder months and an extra pair of socks. All items of PE kit should be clearly named and kept in a clearly named PE bag.

Hot School Lunches

Caterlink provide our school lunches at £2.36 per meal. Menus can be found in the reception, on the school website or on the Caterlink website:

<http://www.mycaterlink.co.uk/gcc/menus.php>

Information regarding school meals will be sent to new Reception parents shortly. Any questions please ask.



Free School Meals

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get 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 - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

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

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) refrain from parking in the Knoll Car Park (it is for residents only).

b) walk down Woodstock Terrace rather than drive. Please avoid parking on the pavements in and around Uley particularly along the High Street to allow safe access for children and adults.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Meet the Sheep

We are participating in the Tyndale Arts Week which takes place on 5th to 7th October. The project is based on a flock of sheep of which we currently have 2 waiting to be painted (the plywood variety not real ones!). We have been asked to paint them in the style of a famous artist or art movement, so we have chosen **Pop Art, Van Gogh, Salvador Dali and Piet Mondrian**. Thank you for the artistic sheep returned so far. Work continues on the sheep within the school curriculum.



Summer Reading

Let us know if you took part in the Summer Reading Challenge or took a snap shot of any extreme reading.



Value for the Autumn Term

We start the autumn term by exploring the value of Friendship. Throughout the term the children will be thinking about: **Sticking together** – a friendship bracelet shows how the strands are woven together takes time and effort, just like building a good friendship. Christians believe that Jesus is woven into their lives and will be their closest friend.

Encouraging one another – St Paul wanted to teach people that the best way to live in friendship is to encourage one another rather than being critical and negative.

Supporting one another – thinking about friendship and how friends can be relied upon and will do anything to help each other.

Making time for each other – thinking about the way that our friendships are strengthened by spending time together.

Learning to listen – sometimes we need to show compassion towards our friends when times are tough

Experiencing Pentecost – knowing God's presence

You can find a link to the Home School value activities:

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

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

One Last (Unusual) Request

We keep a range of spare clothes in the infants, just in case, and are on the lookout for some boy's pants, age 4-7. If you have any boy's pants that are surplus to requirements, please bear us in mind as we can use them. Preferably clean please.

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.

Week Commencing Monday 10th September – Reception mornings until 12.15pm.

Monday 8th September – Meet Mrs Hills, Family Liaison, Meet and Greet at 3.15pm.

Friday 14th September – Swimming starts for Class 4.

Week Commencing Monday 17th September – Reception with packed lunch until 1.15pm.

Thursday 20th September – Head Teacher's Surgery, 9.15-10.25am – letter to follow.

Friday 21st September – John Dougherty—visit from local author.

Week Commencing Monday 24th September – Reception all day with hot school lunches.

Monday 1st October – Head Teacher's Surgery, 2.30-4pm – letter to follow.

Wednesday 17th October – Parent's Evening, 3.40-5.40pm – letter to follow.

Thursday 18th October – Harvest Service - am time to be confirmed.

Thursday 18th October – End of term 1.

Monday 29th October – Term 2 begins.