

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



1st November 2018

Live, Learn, Flourish

Thank you from the Foodbank



Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is **everybody's responsibility**. Mrs Zoe Mandeville and Mrs Debbie Brazier are Uley's Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Philippa Nash and Miss Katie Hill for Fun Club, they are available to meet should you have any child welfare concerns.

The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board also have information on their website including who to contact should you have any concerns;

<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.

Smile!

The photographer will be coming to school to take individual and class portraits on Tuesday 13th November from 9am. If you wish pre-school siblings to be included, please make sure that you are in school at 9am prompt.



School Council

School Council would like us to wear our pyjamas to school and bring our favourite teddies on Friday 16th November. Please bring a £1 to raise money for Children in Need.



Flu Vaccinations

Gloucestershire Care Services Immunisation Team have scheduled the Childhood Flu Programme within our school in Reception, years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for Wednesday 21st November in the morning. Consent is required via <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/our-services/children-young-people/immunisation> there has also been a hard copy sent home in your child's bookbag this week.

Children's Questionnaire Results 2017-2018

Back in the summer term we asked the children for their views and have some pleasing results.

93% strongly agree or agree that they like school.

90% strongly agree or agree that they feel safe in school.

96% strongly agree or agree their teacher tell them how well they are going.

93% strongly agree or agree they can talk to staff if they need help.

95% strongly agree or agree they are doing well.

What does the school do well?

Helping children, making sure everyone is safe, Rainbow Maths, making things fair, making us feel happy, help us understand about learning, teaching, helping us learn, making learning fun, encourages us to do our best, let children have their opinions.

Even better if...

A target sheet to know what you're good at and need help with, harder Maths, read more, longer play, more spelling and writing, more science and art.

Parent Questionnaires Feedback

Results and feedback from the parents' questionnaires will be included in the next newsletter.

Swimming Consultation - Uley School swimming from September 2019

Last summer we sent out a letter regarding swimming provision at Uley School and the financial implications. Thank you for the responses of which we received 30. You shared your thoughts and opinions and we are very grateful for this.



Option 1 - 7%

Option 2 - 10%

Option 3 10 %

Option 4 73%

As you can see the majority of responses wish for swimming to continue for Years 1-6 and there were strong views in support of Option 4. Uley Schools feels that swimming is a crucial life skills that all children should have the opportunity to learn, and you agree. Some responses also feel that the more swimming lessons the children receive the better. There were some value points and suggestions made for Options 1, 2 and 3 that will continue to be considered for future such as one class swimming for a longer period.

Over the past year we have introduced ParentPay to pay for swimming and this has been positively received. We also send reminders out to those that have overlooked payments.

What next - we will continue to provide swimming lessons to all children from Year 1 to Year 6 for 2019-2020 and will continue to monitor payments. The overall financial situation of swimming will continue to be monitored by Governors. We will also continue to remind those who find paying difficult to come and speak to us.

Thank you again for your support, and your thoughts and opinions during this important consultation.

The School Field

The school premises including the school field and top playground is a provision for the children who attend Uley Primary School to use. We politely request that the school field is vacated from 4.00pm to enable Fun Club to use it until it closes at 6pm.

Please also be mindful that sports clubs can takes place on the top playground or field after school up until 4.15pm. Thank you for your support.



Staffing Updates

We welcome Mrs Jennifer Bingham to Class 1. Mrs Bingham is an experienced teacher particularly within the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. To ensure a smooth transition for you and the children, opportunities for meet and greets are currently being organised.

We welcome Miss Michelle Thorpe to the lunchtime team as Midday Supervisor. Miss Thorpe will also be up with the lark to manage the Breakfast Club along with Mrs White and Mrs Caldwell.

We also welcome Mrs Sarah Scott and Mr Sam Kay who have joined the team of teaching assistants.

Welcome to Uley School everyone!



Current Vacancies

We continue to look for a **Clerk to Governors** and will be looking for a **Midday Supervisor** for a fixed period of time from November (dates to be confirmed). Should you or know anyone who may be interested in either posts and require further information, then please come and speak to us.

Teams 4 U Shoeboxes

We are running a T4U shoebox collection this year. Leaflets have been sent home which explains more or please have a look at the website:

<http://teams4u.com/>

If you would like to donate a shoebox, please bring it in to school by Tuesday 27th November. Thank you for your support.

Library Updates

We are now looking for library helpers who can volunteer a regular amount of time (we are thinking towards the end of a school day) to support the library by scanning books in and out. If you feel this is something you could support, please come and sign up at the school office. Once we have compiled a list of volunteers, Susan Staniforth (Uley School Governor) will provide some training and then we can prepare rota.



Poppies for Sale

Poppies are on sale in school. We are asking for a minimum of 20p donation towards the Royal British Legion. School Council are selling the poppies in school daily.

Class 4 Assembly

Everyone is welcome to the Class 4 assembly on Wednesday 28th November at 9.10am. Class 4 will be sharing some of the exciting things they have been learning about over the past few weeks.

Readers

We are always looking for volunteers who can spare a little bit of time on a regular basis to come and hear readers. If you think you would like to support reading in the school then please come and let us know.

Use of the trim trail (top playground next to field)

We do not wish to prevent children from using the trails out of school hours therefore supervision of a child is the responsibility of the parent or carer before and after school. For health and safety reasons please avoid using the trim trail in wet or icy conditions.

What does good attendance look like?

Uley C. of E. Primary School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils. Regular and punctual attendance is of paramount importance in ensuring that all children have full access to the curriculum. All pupils of compulsory school age are entitled to a full-time education and attendance has a major impact on a child's future life opportunities. We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We do all we can to encourage the children to attend, and to put in place appropriate procedures. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes towards school. To this end, we strive to make our school a happy and rewarding experience for all children.

WHAT DOES YOUR END OF YEAR ATTENDANCE DATA REALLY MEAN?		
190 days in a school year (52% of the year)		
175 non-school days (48% of the year)		
Percentage %	How much have you missed	
	School Days	School Weeks
100	0	0
99	1	0
97	5	1
94	10	2
92	15	3
89	20	4
86	25	5
84	30	6
81	35	7
78	40	8

Clubs

Clubs (apart from gardening club) started again this week. Here's a reminder of the end dates.

	Club	Age-range	Start date	Finish date	Member of Staff
M o n d a y	Cookery 3.15-4.15pm £2 a week	All year groups Maximum of 8 – first come first serve. A rota will be created depending on the demand.	Monday 24 th September	TBC	Mrs Jane Lewis Governor
	Once Upon a Time – Book Club 3.15-4pm	Years R, 1 and 2 Maximum of 10	Monday 24 th September	Monday 19 th November	Mrs Saunders
T u e s d a y	Cross Country 3.15-4pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Tuesday 25 th September	Tuesday 20 th November	Miss Walker

W e d n e s d a y	Construction 3.15-4pm	Years 1, 2 and 3 Maximum of 12	Wednesday 26 th September	Wednesday 21 st November	Miss Spain Mrs Grace & Mrs Delrosa The Young Voices concert is on Thursday 24 th January 2019 at the Genting Arena in Birmingham.
	Young Voices 3.15-4pm	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6			

School Closures

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check:
<http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st November – Parents' Evening, 5-7pm.

Saturday 10th November – Cross Country Event, KLB, 9.15am.

Monday 12th November – Anti-bullying week – more information to follow.

Tuesday 13th November – Cheese! School Photographer.

Friday 16th November – Children in Need – wear your pyjamas and bring a teddy and £1

Wednesday 21st November – Reception – Y5 Flu Immunisation.

Friday 23rd November – Friends of Non-uniform Day.

Monday 26th November – Open Class/Homework share 2.45pm.

Wednesday 28th November – Class 4 Worship, 9.10am – all welcome.

Saturday 1st December – Cross Country Event KLB, 9.15am.

Thursday 6th December – Book Fair arrives.

Friday 7th December – School Christmas Fair, evening.

Thursday 13th December – iSingPOP concerts, 2.15pm and 6pm.

Thursday 20th December – Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties.

Friday 21st December – Carol Service in the church, 1.45pm.