

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*Live, Learn, Flourish*

## LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Brody for his amazing effort with his handwriting.

Xavi for persevering with his maths this week when exploring perimeter and area.

Scarlett for her wonderful piece of writing about her holiday.

Seth for achieving full marks on his spellings.

Joseph Class 1 for working hard to remember and use his split digraphs correctly in his writing.

Roxy for her fantastic writing in English; a story written in the style of Roald Dahl.

Cerys for growing in confidence in Maths and practising her Maths in Rainbow Time.

Alexander for outstanding effort in his homework.

Inaya for outstanding effort in her homework.

Class 2 for showing rainbow attitude towards each other at playtime.

Albert for being an excellent role model in showing you can forgive someone even when they make the wrong choice.

Lydia Class 1 for always showing a positive attitude, and supporting other to make the right choices.

Katie for her wonderfully forgiving nature.

Sylvie for her calm and forgiving nature that supports others to make the right choices.

Ben for his positive attitude towards writing about The Tiny Seed.

Lindy for always being kind and forgiving in class.

Isabelle for being reflective on her own behaviour and encouraging others to do the same.

Great work everyone!



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Walker and her partner on their recent engagement.

## Mrs Grace

Mrs Grace and Aurora will be visiting school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and will be around at the end of the day to say hello, so come and say hi.

## Red Nose Day—Crazy Hair Day!



Red Nose Day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. School Council would like Uley School to raise money for Red Nose Day by asking everyone to wear their hair in a crazy way for the day—the crazier the better. Please support us in raising money for Red Nose Day by bringing £1 on the day.

### **Cake Sale – Friday 15th March**

The FUS will be having a cake sale after school on **Friday 15th March**. All proceeds to Red Nose Day. Please bring donations of cakes and biscuits on Friday morning.

### **Class 3 Worship – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Everyone is welcome to the Class 3 assembly on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.10am**. Class 3 will be sharing some of the exciting things they have been learning about over the past few weeks.

### **Open Class/Homework Share – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Come and visit the classrooms on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9-9.30**. The children would love to spend some time with you showing you their homework and their books. Homework deadline is Friday 22nd March.

### **Celebrating Mothering Sunday – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Come and celebrate Mother's Day by joining us and your children in school on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9 – 10am**. There will be art activities followed by the children singing you a special song.



### **Class 2 Whole Class Percussion Lessons – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Class 2 have been learning to play percussion and would love to show you! Please come along to their performance on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**. This follows on from the Mothering Sunday arts – a double treat!

### **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. Please don't forget that teachers are also available to talk to you about matters relating to your child's education.

Dates for the Spring Term 2019 are as follows:

#### **Wednesday 27th March - 9.30 - 10.25am**

You can make an appointment in one of three ways:

1. Return a reply slip – please see the website under Parent Info/Head Teacher's Surgery
2. Telephone the school and book an appointment
3. Send an email to [admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk)

All appointments will initially be 15 minutes, with follow up appointments made if necessary; all times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. It would be very helpful if the overall focus of the meeting could be known in advance in order that I might be able to have some answers to any particular questions.

### **Easter Week Plans**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – The children will be spending some time in church for Experience Easter. Experience Easter is an imaginative approach to help children experience Easter through six interactive stations set up in different parts of the church.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Come and join us for a hot cross bun breakfast on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15 until 10am. A letter has been sent out. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Join us in the church at 1.45pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for the end of term Easter Service.



## **Momo Updates**

Understandably, parents and schools are increasingly concerned due to the intense media coverage and the story being further fuelled by 'YouTubers'. Unfortunately this has led to some individuals adding doctored videos to YouTube and YouTube for Kids which have then been spread across social media as "proof" that the challenge exists.

A message from Victoria Brinton, Cyber Protect Officer at Gloucestershire Constabulary

'We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the need to discuss internet safety with their children to ensure they know not to add / talk to strangers and that usage is supervised. Many of the stories seen have involved young children (mostly between the ages of 6-9) who have come across videos whilst using YouTube, an app rated for 13 year olds and over, unsupervised. We are also aware that some doctored videos have been added to YouTube Kids but the platform is working to get these taken down.

ParentZone have produced a three minute briefing for parents which may be useful to share: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>

## **Parent's Evening**

Thank you for attending Parent's Evenings this term. If you haven't had the opportunity to speak to the class teacher about your child's learning and progress, then please do get in touch to arrange a time.

## **Enrichment Sessions**

Mrs Pugh will continue our Enrichment Sessions this term and the summer term. As the year has progressed, we have made some tweaks including the size of the groups and we have created a simple baseline to support us in identifying areas for focus and monitoring any impact.

### **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.

## **Family Support Liaison**

Don't forget Mrs Lisa Hills is available to speak to on a Monday. Mrs Hills works alongside the staff at Uley to deliver an extra layer of support for the parents and carers of our pupils, providing individually tailored practical and professional advice, and guidance on all aspects of parenting as well as working with pupils.

'I am here to help and support all children and their families with any difficulties they may be experiencing including (but 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'

## **Family Information Service**

The Family Information Service offer a wide range of information to support families, children and young people from 0 - 19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs). This includes information on finding and choosing child-care, such as local day nurseries, playgroups, childminders, children's centres, out of school clubs and holiday play schemes.

They can also provide information on family support, tax credits, benefits, funding and much, much more.

[www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

## **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 as 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.
- c) avoid parking on the zig zag lines outside of school as this can hinder the view of children walking to and from school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



## **Quick-sticks Hockey**

Well done to our Quick-sticks Hockey team who played in a tournament last at KLB last week. They gave it all they had and came 3rd. Well done!

## **PE Kit**

We are finding that more and more children haven't got a PE kit in school. 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. Please also remember to bring PE kits back into school the next day, if they have used it at a club and have worn in home. Thank you.

## **Ofsted Parent View**

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

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

## **New Systems**

We are looking at ways to make systems up to date and easier for both parents and ourselves. In the last year we have used text messaging, Facebook, emails and the website to update you all.

Going forward we will be looking at the following;

- parent's evening in the next academic year we will be looking in to an on-line system, like secondary schools use. This will save a lot of time and paper and you can book your slot at your own convenience.
- Extended Schools operate a system which is cumbersome for both parents and staff. We have been looking at on-line systems where parents can book/cancel on-line and make payments again at your own convenience.



### **Dates for you Diary**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – FUS cake sale after school

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming Class 3

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 Worship, 9.10am – all welcome

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Swimming Class 3

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Head Teacher's Surgery, 9.30 – 10.25am

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Classes 2 and 3 Library books returned

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Morfa Bay information session, 5.30pm at Uley School

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Classes 1 and 4 Library books returned

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday Art – 9.15 – 10am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 Percussion performance, 10am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming Class 3

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Oral Health Survey – 5 year olds – letter sent out

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Breakfast, 9.15 – 10am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Uley School Easter Service, St Giles, 1.45pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of term 4

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of term 5

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Country Dance club – 3.15 – 4pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Country Dance Festival – please see separate letter

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Standard Assessment Tests

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Class 4 residential

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – End of term 5

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day – staff only

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Cathedral Service – more information to follow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of school year