

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## **Brrrrrr!! 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Well, the arrival of snow was a surprise on Sunday! I hope you all managed to get out and enjoy it; after all, who doesn't like a bit of fresh snow...

This autumn term has been a fantastic term and a very productive one. We have all been working rigorously towards our Ofsted targets and we will continue to do so after Christmas. It was lovely to see how keen Class 2 were when I said they would have to do double phonics on return to school this week!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the school community for all the hard work and support this term.

I wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas everyone. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023!

## **LIVE LEARN FLOURISH**

Every week we celebrate the children's talents and achievements. We also celebrate good examples of values particularly the term's value which is generosity. The children receive a certificate for curriculum work and stickers for demonstrating values.

A fabulous well done to:

Scarlett for being generous with her ideas.

Sophie for helping other children.

Miyelle for generously sharing some excellent homework and being kind about others.

Millie for her generous attitude with her classmates.

Merryn for being super brave at swimming and trusting her teacher.

Amara for making an effort with her handwriting.

Dino for a fantastic start to debating with good use of language.

David for super involvements on English discussions.

Well done to all the children for participating in the rehearsals for iSingPOP and for such fantastic performances.

Well done everyone for being the best you can be!

**They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3**



## **Friday 16th December – 1.45pm**

End of term Carol Service in the church, 1.45pm all welcome. Some children will read the Christmas story as the reception children form a tableau of the first Christmas. We will take the children back to school after the service. The children may be picked up from school if the service finishes early. There is no Fun Club after school tomorrow.

### **iSingPOP**

What an amazing event. I hope you all enjoyed listening to the children and watching them perform with such spark and energy.

Day 4 of iSingPOP rehearsals was recording day! I am so excited to be sharing with you the link to the website and a code you will need to access the recordings of the children singing:

<https://www.isingpop.org/uley>

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I really hope you enjoy listening to this over the Christmas period and again and again in the future.

### **FUS Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair on Friday, particularly the organisers, school staff and all of the helpers!

### **Staffing**

We are currently recruiting.

<https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/vacancies.aspx>

### **Illnesses**

Please refer to the letter from the Health Protection Team regarding scarlet fever. The letter is attached to the email.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

### **Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)**

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as **skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat (also known as Strep throat)**. In **very rare cases**, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. **It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.** Parents are advised to trust their judgement when their child is unwell; if their child seriously deteriorates, they should speak to their GP or call 111 for advice.

**You can reduce the spread of all infections by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene and other standard infection control measures.**

### **Updated School Policies**

These policies can be found on the school website:

Anti-bullying policy

Relationship, Sex Education

Mental Health and Wellbeing.

### **Library Books**

Library books were due back week commencing **28<sup>th</sup> November**

Please ensure books are returned so we can ensure that we can put them back on the system and ready to loan again.

### **Cross Country**

Another super country race on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. A huge well done to all the runners, who were fantastic! Miss Davies was very impressed! Next race Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January.



### **Children in Partnership Council – Snack Shop**

The CHIP Council would like to run a Snack Shop with healthy snacks at the end of each term when the school has Golden Time. The next date for the CHIP Snack Shop is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. The CHIP Council will be deciding which special snack will be on sale.

### **School Closures**

This was tested this week!

Making the decision to close a school is quite a challenge as there are so many factors to consider. In the event of a closure, the decision will be as early as possible, this could be early in the morning to allow for additional information such as monitoring of the area and weather forecasts.

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

The Remote Learning Policy is currently under review and will be adapted to meet a range of scenarios including closures due to snow or Coronavirus.

Let's Talk is a free NHS service available to provide evidence-based therapies to help with stress, anxiety, depression and related conditions.

Let's Talk is for all adults aged 18 and above, and you do not need a GP referral. Simply visit [www.letstalkglos.nhs.uk](http://www.letstalkglos.nhs.uk) or call 0800 073 2200 to see how the service can help you.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper (along with school uniform) and Parties

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term Carol Service, 1.45pm at St Giles Church

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term 2 – NO Fun Club after school

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** – Start of Term 3 2023



Crib and Christingle Service  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm

For all the family – All Welcome!

It would be lovely to see you at our Christingle service.  
We will sing some carols, hear the Christmas story in a fun  
way, ask for

God's blessing and light our Christingle candles.

It should be a light and hope filled start to Christmas.

If you would like to donate to the work of the Children's Society  
please bring along your Children's Society box

Merry Christmas Everyone!