



*LIVE LEARN FLOURISH*



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This is the last newsletter of the academic year!

It has been an incredibly busy year and as a whole school, we have achieved so much. I am grateful for everyone's hard work and support, and am very proud of all that we have achieved together! The children and staff have been persistent in working towards the school targets since the last Ofsted Inspection in April 2022, and raising the expectations in school. School improvement is a continuous process and we will continue to embed the phonic scheme and the curriculum over the next academic year.

Who would have thought that we would have finished the year with a visit from Ofsted; a good point in time to measure impact over an academic year. Once the report has been approved, it can then be released. It will be posted on the school website, so keep looking as it maybe be sometime over the summer break!

## **A few thank yous:**

**The Children of Uley School** - You have worked so hard with the changes and expectations that have been implemented this year. You've not only worked on your own and the school's targets, but continued to fill in the gaps left over from the impact of Coronavirus. You certainly are building resilience, stamina and determination. The staff at Uley are so proud of each and every one of you and all that you have achieved throughout the year.

**CHIPS** - Thank you to the CHIP Council for your dedication and commitment to Uley School. Your views and contributions are very much valued.

**The staff** - I am so proud and privileged to lead such a committed team. The teamwork and dedication of the staff, no matter what their role, in making sure your child is thriving educationally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually is second to none. The drive to improve has been embraced by all and the difference is showing – thank you.

**Parents, Carers and Families** - I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your help and support, from working with the school to support your child's learning, to helping with the maintenance of the school, gardening, painting the new garden building, helping with Christmas at Uley or helping on school trips, it all enhances the children's experiences and opportunities.

**Friends of Uley School** - A big thank you to Friends of Uley School for all your hard work raising funds to provide resources and experiences for our children at Uley – thank you. Thank you to Mr Jagger for transforming the school garden and making it more accessible. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Kemmett. Mrs Kemmett has been an incredible support to the school over a number of years and will be greatly missed!!

**The Community** - Thank you to Canon Michael and St Giles Church for supporting the school over the year. Sadly, we say goodbye to Canon Michael. You have been a pivotal link between school and church and you will be greatly missed. We wish you a much deserved, happy and healthy retirement!

Thank you to the Governors of Uley School for having the children's best interests at heart and for ensuring the best possible education and nurture is provided.

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future – we hope that you will look back at your time at Uley with fondness and happy memories. Who knows, we may even see some of you again if you return to Uley on work experience!

For our Year 1 to Year 6 children returning in September, we looking forward to seeing you all at **8.40am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. We also look forward to greeting our new Reception in Group A on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Group B on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Don't forget the new timing for the end of the school day – **3.20pm from Wednesday 6th September**

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Zoe

## LIVE LEARN FLOURISH

Keep being the best you can be and keep flourishing!

Well done to:

The Reading Ambassadors and Mrs Dance for their commitment to reading.

Lowri for working hard and showing a positive mind-set.

Violet Cl and Elsa for using colour to express emotions very well.

Toby (Class 2) for his positive attitude to reading and handwriting.

Thea for her RE knowledge and contribution pf ideas towards class worship.

Amara for showing courage in the Live, Learn and Flourish worship by sharing her learning with the whole school.

Joss for her Roman myth all about Romulus and Remus.

Classes 3 and 4 for an amazing production 'serving' our school community.

Louis for his mature attitude in our Live, Learn, Flourish worship.

Olivia for always showing the school values, being helpful and being an all-round superstar!

Well done everyone!!



### Sports Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy Sports afternoon. Thank you for your understanding in the change of date. The weather worked out for us in the end.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Katherine Lai to Uley School. Katherine will be in the school office on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon

### **School Timings**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, by September 2023, all state-funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of 32.5 hours / 6.5 hours a day. At Uley, our school day is currently 6 hours and 25 minutes; 5 minutes a day short. After careful consideration, from September, the **school day will finish at 3.20pm.**

### **Parent Governor**

The deadline for the Parent Governor vacancy was Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor and are interested in knowing what the role involves, it is not too late to ask. Please do hesitate to come and speak to me or one of our current governors.

### **For Parents - Online Gaming**

Come rain or shine, over the summer holidays many children and young people will be spending longer on gaming consoles. It is imperative that parents take an active role and understand gaming (it isn't just playing games), the games their children are playing, potential risks and how to mitigate those risks.

Internet Matters have a whole gaming hub, a library of information just for parents covering the areas above and more. You can get to the gaming hub [HERE](#)

[Online Gaming: The Basics | A Parents' Guide - Internet Matters](#)

### **Safeguarding Children During the Summer Break**

*Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.*

Out of school hours contact numbers:

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 who you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, please contact the Gloucestershire Children and Families Front Door which is open from 9am to 5pm:

Telephone: 01452 426565

Email: [childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed please contact the Police at any time on 101.

In an emergency, always dial 999

### **Operation Encompass**

The will continue to receive any notifications from Operation Encompass during the holiday.

Operation Encompass is an innovative project in which schools and nurseries in Gloucestershire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 for schools and 14th December 2020 for nurseries and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will contact the setting to share relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated setting staff. This will ensure that the setting is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each setting has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

### **Message from GCC to Parents/ Carers**

Since April 2022 many schools in Gloucestershire have welcomed children from Ukraine who have fled war with their families. The Homes for Ukraine scheme has allowed Gloucestershire households to share their homes while Ukrainians get settled in Gloucestershire.

The Homes for Ukraine team at the county council are urgently seeking follow-on placements for guests who have already been in the UK for 6 months to 1 year, and have not yet fully regained their independence.

Relocating to a new host can mean children need to change schools, leaving their friendships and disrupting their education. We can support Ukrainian children in our school community by helping them stay in the same area and attend the same school.

If you would like to be part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Gloucestershire please get in touch with the county council. You will find more information on the flyers attached.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like any further information on the scheme using the following email: [hfuteam@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hfuteam@gloucestershire.gov.uk) Alternatively, you can register your interest on the following page and we will contact you directly: <https://apply-to-offer-homes-for-ukraine.service.gov.uk/>

Please note that Gloucestershire County Council have locally increased all host payments to £600 per month, so lower figures published in the national guidance can be disregarded.

### **School Punctuality Reminder**

School punctuality is also an area that will be a focus in the new academic year. Children being late for school has risen throughout the year.

**The school day starts at 8.50am for all children.** We expect children to arrive in good time to start the day therefore staff are on the playground and school door opens at 8.40am. Registers open when teaching begins at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. The register will be marked with an 'L' if a child is not present when the register is taken. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked with an unauthorised absence code 'U'.

### **Lateness**

Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If your child misses the start of the day they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day. Late arriving pupils also disrupts lessons that have already started. Often this leads to the child feeling embarrassed or upset which in turn can lead to reluctance to coming to school. Being 10 minutes late every day throughout the academic year is the same as missing two weeks of school.

Arrival after registration without a reason acceptable to the school will be recorded with an unauthorised absence for the morning session and this will affect his/her attendance figure.

If children arrive late, they need to sign in so we know they are on site and we are able to check their dinner arrangements. If attendance, including lateness, is a problem, we will notify and work with the parents in the first instance. The registers are taken again at 1.15pm. It is recognised that there may be circumstances when a child may arrive late because of transport difficulties etc. In these instances, school should be informed as soon as possible.

If your child has a persistent late record you will be asked to meet with the Head Teacher or the Family Liaison to resolve the problem, but you can approach us at any time if you are having problems getting your child to school on time. See Lateness Letters 1, 2 and 3.

### **Absence Procedures**

If a child is unfit for school; parents should contact the school by 9.00am on the first day, in person, by email or by telephone and repeat this each consecutive day until they return.

Absences will not be authorised without this procedure. It is school procedure to contact parents of children who are absent that have not notified school by 9.15am.

### **Uley School Uniform**

#### **All Year:**

- Red Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Red polo shirt with/without logo
- Dark grey trousers, shorts, culottes, skirt or pinafore dress
  
- Grey, black, white or red tights/socks
- Sensible, practical and smart shoes/boots in black – no trainers or Crocs please
- Warm outdoor coat. Children should have a coat in school for break times during the whole of the Autumn and Spring terms.
- A change of clothes in case of accidents.

#### **On warmer days:**

- Red gingham dress
- Sensible summer sandals – black, red or white

#### **Sandals**

A polite reminder to ensure that the children wear sensible sandals – here are some examples. It is surprising how many trip and falls can be caused by poorly fitted sandals.



#### **Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

- One pair of stud earrings and a watch may be worn for school. No other jewellery, including smart watches or other piercings are permitted.

- All jewellery must be removed by the child when participating in any physical education, so we encourage no jewellery at all on PE or swimming days. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Hair bands, ribbons, bows or scrunchies should match the uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decorations attached.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.
- Make up, nail varnish and artificial nails should not be worn to school. If a pupil is wearing these, they will be asked to remove them.
- No transfers or tattoos
- No crop tops - mid-drifts on display - school uniform or PE kit

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Friends of Uley School love helping parents save time and money, and love recycling too! Parents can buy logo uniform for £1 per item, other items are free! Please refer to the Friends of website [Second hand uniform - Friends of Uley School](#) to see what is currently have in stock, and email [hello@friendsofuleyschool.org](mailto:hello@friendsofuleyschool.org) to request any items.

Donations of all types of used uniform are always welcome (especially items with the school logo). Parents can bring uniform donations into school and drop it in the grey bin in the school reception.

### **LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH Awards**

We will be presenting our LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH awards before wishing our Year 6s all the best in the Leavers' Service in church on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1.45pm.**

Live, Learn and Flourish awards for infants and juniors constitutes a Live, a Learn and a Flourish award for the Infants and a Live, a Learn and a Flourish for the Juniors - these reflect our school vision:

Live – Learn – Flourish

-  Live: at home, in school and in our local community
-  Learn: about self, others and our ever-changing world
-  Flourish: be the best we can be in all that we do

Plus, our Live, Learn, Flourish tree incorporates 11 symbols:

-  The book represents knowledge and learning
-  The dove represents church and community
-  The light bulb represents ideas and imagination
-  The treble clef represents music and dance
-  The football represents sport and fair play
-  The star represents reward and recognition
-  The number '3' represents maths, science and analysis
-  The mask represents drama and self-expression
-  The globe represents awareness of our place in the world, geographically and socially
-  The speech bubble represents debate and openness
-  The butterfly represents freedom and fun

### **Rag Bag Date**

If you are having a good sort out over the summer break, just so you know, there will be a Rag Bag Collection on 30th November!

### Library Books

If you have any outstanding library books at home, please bring them in so that we can pop them back on the system. If you have lost a library book, then please let us know as we will need to look at replacing them with your help.

### Term Dates

Term dates for 2023 – 2024 can be found on the school website  
[Uley CofE Primary School | Term Dates \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](http://uleyprimary.co.uk)

### Skin Health

Young skin is delicate and very easily damaged by the sun. In hope and preparation of the sun regularly shining, please slap on a sunhat and slop on plenty of sun cream before school. At school the children are encouraged to slurp plenty of water. Please also put some clearly named sun cream in your child's bag. The children will be encouraged to apply this independently so please consider the application method e.g. tube, roll etc.



on some cool clothing,

on a hat,

on some sun cream and

plenty of water

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am at Uley School– Y6 Live, Learn Flourish Presentations – Year 6 families

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – 1.45pm - End of Year Service at St Giles - Live, Learn, Flourish Awards and saying goodbye to our Year 6s – all welcome

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day – staff only

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day – Staff only

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Y! – Y6 return to school 8.40am with registers being taken at 8.50am and 3.20pm finish

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Group A – 8.40am doors open, registration at 8.50am. Pick up 12.15pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Group B – 8.40am doors open, registration at 8.50am. Pick up 12.15pm

*This is Uley School.*

*Let peace dwell here.*

*Let the rooms be full of contentment.*

*Let love abide here.*

*Love of one another, love of mankind, love of life itself  
and love of God.*

*Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so  
many hearts make a school.*

# PROBLEM?

NOT SURE WHO TO TURN TO?

## WHY NOT WHISPER IT?

Whisper is our school's confidential system for reporting problems at school or at home

WHO IS IT FOR?  
You, your friends or family



## LINK

Click on where you see the link:

<https://swgfwhisper.org.uk/Report/ul>  
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## BUTTON

Click on the button on your school website or blog

