



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th November

Time is flying by! Next week we welcome the start of December and the start of advent. We look forward to ISingPop (more information to follow), the Christmas Fair on 9th December and the end of term Christmas Service on Friday 16th December at 1.45pm.

We are currently thinking about how our outdoor room is going to be utilised. A big thank you to all those who helped to decorate the inside.

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:

Misty for her careful observations of places of shelter.

The whole of Class 3 for super behaviour and attitude on the school trip.

Tilly for her amazing attitude to learning.

Freddie for showing enthusiasm in the science topic.

Abigail for showing generosity when sharing equipment.

Elijah for always being generous by helping other children in the classroom.

Bailey for his kind sharing of rainbow toys.

Joseph D for being a supportive friend.

Arina for always being generous with her time at the end of the day by helping to clear the cloakroom of all leftover items.

Misty for super sharing and turn taking during Fizzy.

Lillia for being generous with her thoughts – always asking after others.

Oliver (Class 4) for always being kind.

Pippa for always being beautifully behaved.

Xanthi for super effort and attitude in her Maths work.

Jorja for a fabulous learning attitude across ALL subjects.

Sara for using as many of her WILFs (what I am looking for) as possible in her biographies.

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

A Message from your Governing Board

We welcome two new Governors to our Governing Board.

We welcome:

Martin Bragg – Co-opted Governor

I am a retired primary school Headteacher with over 30 years' experience of a range of educational settings. Most recently I worked as an OFSTED Inspector, specialising in the inspection of independent and special schools. I have recently moved to Uley, having lived in Dursley for 20 years. My children both attended Uley school when they were younger and my granddaughter now attends Uley Playgroup. I am a member of Dursley Running Club and currently Chair of the Triathlon Section, as well as being a Level 2 Triathlon Coach. I am well aware of the pressures faced by small rural schools and want to offer my support to help Uley School maintain its reputation of being an excellent village school at the heart of its community.

Andrew Levitt – Local Authority Governor

I've lived in the Cam for over 25 years and am married with 2 grown up daughters, both of whom attended Rednock. I retired last year after a career in IT and now enjoy spending more time on interests such as walking our 2 dogs, cycling, football and the occasional game of golf. Education is hugely important and having more time on my hands now I'm really keen to put something back into the community and as such am delighted to have joined Uley C of E as a governor.

As a Governing Board we are looking forward to getting to know our new governors, welcoming them in to school and continuing to fulfill our roles as governors.

Governor Visits

Karen Randall – visit during anti-bullying week

Anti-bullying week has been a great way to encourage the children to prevent or respond appropriately to bullying. There was much evidence of an enthusiasm for learning and a happy school community working well together.

Karen Randall – visit Class 3 Live, Learn, Flourish worship

Thank you to the parents for coming to join Class 3 worship as it shows so much support and encouragement for the children who love performing to an audience.

Graham Wilkes – visit during anti-bullying week and meeting the CHIP Council

On Friday 18th November 22, I had the pleasure of my first governor visit of the academic year. The visit was to see the anti-bullying week campaign and to meet the CHIP council to find out from a children's perspective how the week had gone.

The first part of my visit was to see the big buddies and little buddies working together to make kindness fortune tellers. The majority of this visit took place in Class 4 where I had the opportunity to witness first hand one of our newest staff members Miss Morris. After watching a small video Miss Morris explained the task in hand and what struck me most was the clarity that tailored to all year groups in the class. It was explained and from speaking to the children they fully understood the task which was to make the teller and for the end results when you played with the fortune teller was to say "I like the way my buddy.....", "What is being a friend...." "How does my buddy make me feel.....". The end result was of the 8 fortune tellers I saw all of them met the criteria and

all had positive comments around their buddies. Thank you Morris for a lovely lesson executed perfectly with brilliant results. I did briefly tour the other classrooms and the approach in all classes was consistent and the same message given to all.

The second part of my visit was to meet the CHIP Council. After the initial shock of finding out it wasn't the chips you eat, I met an absolutely brilliant group of children. They took me through what activities they had been doing for the week. They had been asking children across the school a different question each day to ensure the "Reach Out" National Campaign was delivered in the school. They asked questions like What Bullying is? Who can you speak too if you have a concern? What is banter and how it can affect people? It became very clear quickly that our school value of compassion is embedded in the school and children are aware of what is good and appropriate behaviour, which as a governor and a parent, was lovely to hear. I asked each of the children to give me an example of someone they could reach out to and every child gave me a different answer which they achieved promptly. I would like to say a big thank you to the CHIPS for the work they have done over the week and for communicating that to me late in the afternoon.

Reflecting on my visit I truly believe that the whole school have a clear understanding of the 'Reach Out' campaign. Thank you again to all pupils and staff for achieving this.

Staffing

Next Friday, we say farewell to Mrs. Sasha Waring who has been supporting Class 2 for the past 2 years. We thank Sasha for her commitment and wish her good luck in her new job at Allsorts.

Illnesses

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase in illnesses in staff and children. These illnesses include coughs, colds, chest infections, sickness and upset tummies.

There continues to be no requirement to test for Coronavirus but to continue to treat these illness as you would typically, i.e. if you are unwell, do not go to school or work. We are ensuring that the school is well-ventilation, everyone is hand-washing and the school is being well cleaned.

Updated School Policies

We have updated our Anti-bullying policy, which you will be able to find on the school website from next Thursday.

Homework

Homework is due in next week in time for our Homework Share on **Wednesday 30th November 9-9.30am**. Come and join us.

Library Books

Library books are due back week commencing **28th November**

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

Cross Country

Our first cross country race of the season (and since pre-covid!) took place on Saturday 12th November at KLB. A huge well done to all the runners, who did amazingly! Next race Saturday 3rd December.



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 16th December**. The CHIP Council will be deciding which special snack will be on sale.

Anti-Bullying Week

The week started with Odd Sock Day and there were a lot of odd socks. I just hope you all managed to get your pairs of socks back together again! The children really appreciated the purpose; to celebrate difference.

Throughout the week, the children engaged in activities that focused on types of bullying, identifying bullying, the roles within bullying – perpetrator, bystander, victim and what to do. They worked on scenarios to distinguish between falling out, friendship problems and bullying, and of course, REACHNG OUT, the theme of this year's anti-bulling week.

The Chip Council sought children's views around how safe they feel in school and in the playground, and all the children completed an annual questionnaire. All results to follow soon. We updated the Anti-bullying Policy and have adopted the Anti-bullying Alliance definition:

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

The younger children focused on our school value of friendship and looked at kind and unkind behaviours.

Towards the end of the week, the children spent time together in teams and with their buddies focusing on working together, acts of kindness and being kind to each other.



Children in Need

Thank you to all who joined in Children in Need last Friday. We raised £125 for a great cause.

Thank you to everyone who contribute to the Pudsey competition. The CHIP Council judged the infant and junior competition.

Thank you to FUS for organising a running the cake sale.



Remembrance

Thank you to everyone in the school community for supporting The Poppy Appeal which raised a fantastic amount of £151.49 .The Royal British Legion supports serving and ex-serving personnel of our Armed Forces starting from day one of service and continuing throughout life, long after service is over.

An Act of Remembrance Service was held in school on Friday 11th November and included the National 2 minutes silence at 11am. All of the children had worked hard with the staff in advance of this service to prepare a song, artwork and to study the significance of Remembrance Day in honouring armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.



The children were incredibly impressive coming into the hall in a most respectful and orderly way to take their places. They were able to answer questions enthusiastically from their class work or by referring to conversations at home. The highlight was the whole school singing the most moving Remembrance song brilliantly. At the end of the service the children created a very beautiful remembrance display at the front of the hall from their artwork before leaving in complete silence.

It was such a pleasure to see the whole school together for this very special service which reflected the school vision for everyone to be “the best that they can be”.

Well done to the staff and to the children.

Karen Randall

Thank you to the CHIP Council for selling the poppies.

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://www.glos.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 or call 0800 073 2200 to see how the service can help you.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th November – Homework Share, 9-9.30am – all invited

Week commencing 5th December – ISingPop!! Lots of singing and rehearsing in school through the week.

Wednesday 14th December – ISingPop performances at 2pm and 6pm. More information will follow but all children will be expected to return for the evening performance.

Friday 9th December - FUS Christmas fair 6pm-8pm

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

Friday 16th December – End of term Carol Service, 1.45pm at St Giles Church

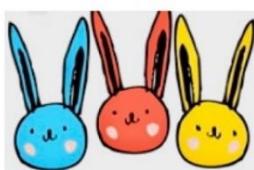
Friday 16th December – End of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January – Start of Term 3 2023

Term dates can be found on the school website

Come and
join us at

ULEY UNDER 5s CHRISTMAS FAIR



26th November, 10-1.30
Uley Village Hall

**Santa's Grotto / Face Painting /
Kid's Craft Table / Tea & Cake /
Craft Market / Raffle / Free Entry**

More information available on
our Facebook page:
Uley Under 5's Playgroup

Please bring cash. Card
readers available for
Santa's grotto and some
stalls only.

