



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to term 2 everyone! I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Autumn is definitely here!

As it is getting colder and is quite damp, we would like to avoid as many illnesses as possible. Please could the children bring a coat to school every day.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and everything the autumn 2 term holds.



Parents' Evenings

Thank you for coming along to talk about how your child has settled into school and where they are with their learning. If you have not been able to come and have a chat, please do make an appointment.

World Mental Health Day – Tuesday 10th October

Thank you for participating our World Mental Health Day. We raised a fantastic £81.54 Thankyou everyone.

Royal British Legion

A message from Karen Randall

'Please accept my thanks to everyone at school for raising an amazing £187.21 for the Poppy Appeal which was a fantastic collection'.

Food Bank

A huge thank you for all your kind food donations for the Food Bank. Everything has been collected and will be available for families who need this invaluable service.



Once a Week take a Peek – a reminder to check for head lice once a week

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

Whilst head lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/> have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice.

A Message from Lisa Hills, our Family Support

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 20th November, I will be holding drop in sessions, to enable you to discuss any worries or difficulties that you may be having.

The slots are bookable in advance and can be for a face to face chat, video call or telephone call.

I am able to support with-

- Toileting issues
- Behaviour difficulties
- Finance difficulties, including issuing foodbank vouchers
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Special needs support

This list is not exhaustive and if you have anything else you would like to discuss, please get in touch to book a slot.

If you would like to book a time slot to talk with me, please contact the school office and state whether you would like a face to face appointment or telephone call.

Nuts!

We have children at school with medical allergies to nuts. A polite request to please avoid nuts in lunchboxes and peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Friday 24th November.

PE Kits

Just a reminder of our PE kit expectations particularly for juniors coming in already dressed

- Dark coloured shorts (preferably navy)
- Red t-shirt
- Dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings
- Well-fitting trainers – Velcro or laces (or plimsolls)
- School jumper or dark coloured sweater



Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week and the focus is 'make a noise about bullying'. We will be reminding ourselves about:

-  what a good friendship looks like,
-  what to do if someone is being unkind,
-  the definition of bullying
-  what to do if someone is being bullied

The juniors will be focussing on when 'banter' becomes bullying

The infants will be focussing on the super power of kindness and that making others happy through the act of kindness, can bring good things.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lo-8UWhVcg>

Banter and jokes can play an important role in the development and maintenance of friendships. Banter is defined as 'the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks'. However, sometimes these behaviours can be taken too far such that the behaviours constitute bullying. For example, when there is targeted repetition of the 'banter' or if the 'banter' is about personal characteristics such as appearance. The significance of behaviours that we would think of as bullying can also be downplayed when people try to pass these behaviours off as 'just banter'.

We are not saying that we can't joke with friends, but we are encouraging everyone to be mindful of how, sometimes, these jokes may not be received as they were intended.

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day and as it is also anti-bullying week, the CHIP Council would like to combine the two and have a day dressing up in odd socks and spots!

Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! So wear your odd socks!

Spots for Children in Need – wear something spotty as well as your odd socks. This is a non-uniform day so wear something spotty and odd socks!

We are asking each child to contribute £1 towards Children in Need. A Children in Need Page has been set up on Parent Pay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11773>

Football Reports

KS2 have been lucky to participate in some football tournaments at Rednock Secondary school.

They all played 7 aside matches with our local cluster schools and both the boy's and the girl's team demonstrated good sportsmanship, team work and resilience. They were praised on this by Mr Sikes (PE Teacher at Rednock) who helps to organise these events.



The girls came 5th out of 8 and the boys came 3rd out of five- Go Uley Football Team!



Online Safety Information for Parents

Protecting Children from Explicit Content

It is easy for any person, any age, to stumble across inappropriate and explicit content online and for parents this can be challenging. Internet Matters have a range of resources available to help parents including:

- Tips and tools for website/content filtering.
- What to do if your child sees explicit content.
- Resources for further help and support.

You can see all the sections <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>.

Additionally, with everything that is going on around the world at the moment it's important that parents know how to minimise the negative impact of what their children may be seeing. The Mental Health Foundation have put some advice together which may be very useful. You can find this <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/articles/talking-children-about-scary-world-events> .

Fortnite Guidance

Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabined accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. Given the popularity of these games it's possible some parents aren't aware of this feature so it may be worth sharing.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/epic-games-store-parental-controls-guide/>

WhatsApp Guide

Even though WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16+ it is the most popular messaging app from Y4/5 upwards. Over the last year or so WhatsApp have introduced new features so it may be worth sharing this updated guide with parents so that they can ensure the most appropriate settings are applied for their child.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2023](#) for you to **share with your parents**.

Our **Nov/Dec 2023** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar
- Top Christmas Experiences
- How to deal with cyber-bullying
- Homemade Xmas gifts for teacher
- Apps for improving maths skills
- and much more.....

Dates for your Diary

Week commencing **Monday 13th November** – National Anti-bullying Week

Friday 17th November – Odd Socks day – Anti-bullying

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – Non Uniform - come dressed in spots

Saturday 18th November – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Ground

Friday 24th November – School Photographer

Monday 27th November – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, Lesson visit and violin presentation – all to be confirmed via separate letter

Thursday 30th November – Rags to Riches Collection

Monday 4th December – Homework due

Monday 4th December – Library books due back

Monday 4th December – Football Club finishes

Tuesday 5th December – Cross Country Club finishes

Tuesday 5th December – Story and Craft Club finishes

Wednesday 6th December – Young Voices Club finishes

Wednesday 6th December – Homework Share – 9 – 9.30am

Saturday 9th December – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Ground

Thursday 14th December – Nativity afternoon and early evening – timings published soon!

Wednesday 20th December – School visit to Stroud sub Rooms for pantomime – information to follow

Thursday 21st December – Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties

Friday 22nd December – Service at St Giles, 1 .30pm

Friday 22nd December – No Fun Club

Friday 22nd December – End of Term 2

Monday 8th January 2024 – Start of Term 3

Wednesday 10th January 2024 – Young Voices to Birmingham – see letter

Saturday 13th January – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Grounds

Term dates can be found on the school website

Class 3

Wonderful Weaving!

This week we have been weaving! We have learnt about the earliest stages of Weaving (including Anglo Saxon and Viking weaving!) right up to modern day machines. We have practised with ribbon, pipe cleaners, and felt and will be moving onto weaving a shape to make our own wall hanging.



Class 1

Class 1 have been busy creating their own printed poppies ready for our Remembrance worship on Friday 10th November.

Class 4

Class 4 have been learning to play the violin with Mrs Wheeler. We have been learning several songs like Scooby Doo and the CanCan. We're looking forward to sharing this with our families at our concert.

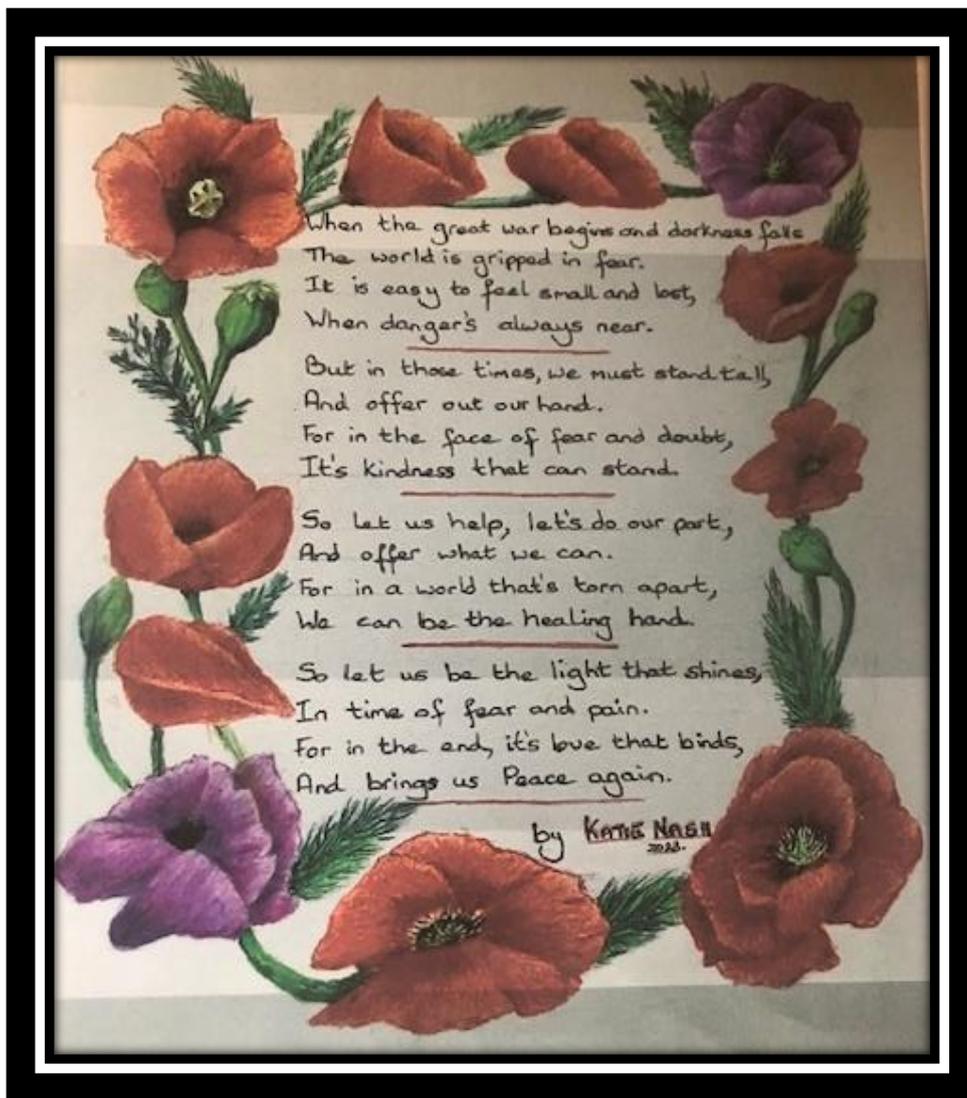


Class 2

Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to Edward Jenner museum to learn about a local "Mover and Shaker". As well as observing exhibits in the museum they explored the grounds and temple where Dr Jenner administered his vaccine to the poor. They also made their own medicine from the herb garden. Our day was fun, exciting but some of the pictures were a bit pussy and disgusting!



A Remembrance Poem written by a past pupil – Katie Nash



Girls can play rugby too! ⚡

- Fun, friendship and new skills.
- Open to all primary school age children.
- Every Sunday at Dursley Rugby Club
- Go to www.dursleyrfc.co.uk/section/minis



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