

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear All,

Welcome back to a new school year everyone!

Firstly, apologies for the rather long letter! There is always a lot to share with you at the beginning of the year. Newsletters are full of information. We ask that parents and carers read the newsletters and make notes of any dates. If you would like to know more about any of items in the newsletter, please come and ask.

I hope you all had an exciting summer, with plenty of time to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends. The summer period gives an opportunity for some time to rest and reflect. We hope that everyone has arrived back to start the term with as much energy and enthusiasm as we have.

A big thank you from all of us here at Uley for all the kind words and gifts at the end of the summer term.

New Reception Children

We welcome our new Reception children who have started this week. They have come in to school with big smiles 😊 We are looking forward to seeing them all settle in to school life and working closely with their families.

OFSTED

On Monday 10th July we received 'the call'. What followed was a 2 day, Section 5, graded inspection! I am delighted to let you know that Uley School is a GOOD school. The Ofsted report has been circulated and can be found on the school website.

Entrance Hall



If you have not seen our vibrant tree, then please come and have a look at our wonderful new feature in the entrance area.

Mr Matt Summers has created our amazing tree along with all its symbols which reminds us of our Live, Learn, Flourish vision every time we enter the school.

A huge thank you to Mr Summers for this wonderful creation.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Katherine Lai has now officially joined us in the school office on Mondays and Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Amy Quemby replaces Mrs Bonny Dance 3 days a week.

Communication

At Uley School the staff believe in good communication. We are always visible and available in the morning albeit briefly but time to give messages or to request a time to talk, and we are available more so at the end of the day. As a staff we cannot stress enough how much better it is to have a face to face conversation rather than receiving an email. If there is something you would like to talk about – your child's learning, areas of education, you have a worry or, are interested in volunteering, then please do come and ask.

The class emails are not checked as they are used for exceptional circumstances such as remote learning, so please do not send correspondence to class emails.

Staff are happy to arrange to talk to you, 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
- just want to come and say hi

School Timings

As from this term, the **school day now finishes at 3.20pm.**

Parent Governor Vacancy

We continue to look for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor and are interested in knowing what the role involves, then please come and speak to me or one of our current governors.

A Message from our Family Liaison

Hello!

My name is Mrs Lisa Hills and I am the Family Liaison at Uley Primary. I have worked with children and young people for the past 17 years in a variety of roles including primary teacher, deputy manager of a nursery, special needs teacher and as SENDCo before starting at Uley.

I am here to help and support all children and their families with any difficulties they may be experiencing including (but not 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.

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Mrs Zoe Mandeville, Miss Laura Davies, Miss Abby Spain, and Mrs Lisa Hills are Uley's Designated Safeguarding Leads, with Mrs Philippa Nash, Mrs Debbie Brazier and Mrs Hannah Kordula as Deputy Leads and are always available to meet should you have any child welfare concerns.

The school's Safeguarding Policy can be found on the school's website.

If you have a concern about a child please contact the Children and Families Services Helpdesk on **01452 426565** (during 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday), but if you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child please contact the Police on **101** at any time.

The Children and Families Services helpdesk is open between **9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**.

Safeguarding Before and After School

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore we would just like to remind you that all children must not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. Occasionally we have children that are dropped off early at school in the morning and left alone in the playground. Staff are in the playground and will take responsibility for the children from 8.40am and therefore the welfare of the children is the parent's responsibility prior to this time. **An adult must stay with them until the door is open at 8.40am.** Please speak to a member of staff should you wish to book a place at breakfast club.

Please let us know if somebody different is picking your child up. We will not release the children should we have not received a message.

Safeguarding and Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Technology is a wonderful thing and we have seen an increase in smart watches. Although we encourage children to wear watches in school to be able to tell the time, we request that the children do not wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone such as camera, video, messaging etc. to school, this includes before and after school club.

This is a child protection requirement of the school and your compliance is requested for the safety and well-being of the school community.

Additionally, please can I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception is when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk to and from school (Year 5 and 6s), and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency.

Online Safety - Resources for Parents and Teachers

Internet Matters have created dedicated hubs on their website for early years, primary and secondary aged children. These hubs are full of information and resources for teachers and parents, including common issues, top apps and platforms, resources and advice. Direct links to these hubs are: <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

Use of the School Field

We know how important using the school field is after school for clubs, the Uley School community and Fun Club. We would love to invite the school community to use the school field after school,

3.20 – 4pm on a Monday and Friday. Fun Club can then use the field until the end of the school day at 5.30pm.

School Uniform and PE Kit

As with many schools, we have a school uniform of which we are very proud of and one of which shows that we are part of Uley School and take pride in how smart we look, and how smart everyone looks this week! We would like to remind everyone that this is the same standard we expect from PE kits.

Juniors come dressed ready in PE on their PE days and we have noticed over the past year that some parts of PE kits are becoming more inappropriate with mid-drifts, very short shorts or inappropriate footwear. In these cases we have spare kit and we may ask the children to get changed if their PE kit is not appropriate.

PE Kit must consist of:

Dark coloured shorts (preferably navy)

Red t-shirt

Jogging bottoms

Well-fitting trainers – Velcro or laces (or plimsolls)

A pair of socks also for the girls as they may come to school in tights.

A clearly named PE bag

Infants will need PE in school at all times, clearly named and stored in a named PE bag. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each term for checking and for a wash! Please ensure all kit is named and return named PE kits at the start of each new term.

For Health and Safety reasons long hair should be tied back, at all times.

Snacks

We aim to be as healthy as possible at Uley School and will be focussing on renewing our Healthy School status this year. Eating fruit and vegetables and drinking plenty of water is part of this.

Monday – Thursday we ask that the children have fruit / vegetables for their morning break. The infants receive a piece of fruit or vegetable daily through the government run, Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and we would encourage juniors to bring in a piece for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack! No crisps or chocolate for break times please.

Everything in moderation - Friday's are Fruitless Fridays when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time. Please no big bags of crisps, large chocolate bars or sugary drinks. Examples of Friday snacks include a cereal bar, popcorn, fairy cake, an extra sandwich etc.

Water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school.

School Meals

The Autumn menu can be found on the school website. As a school we buy in to a Gloucestershire County Council contract for hot school meals. More information regarding Caterlink follow the link <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/gloucestershire-county-council/>.

Free School Meals

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We are very much aware of the impact the rising costs of living may have on families, please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals. This is still applicable even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and are entitled to Universal Free School meals.

Parking

As parents already know, we want to work with the community and promote safe and considerate parking. The Knoll car park **is not** for parents to use to drop children off or pick up. Uley School staff and governors and local residents request that parents **do not** use Woodstock Terrace to drop off/collect for school or Breakfast/Fun Club.

Childhood Illnesses

In school, we expect there to be a variety of childhood illnesses, particularly as the colder weather approaches. Common illnesses include coughs, colds, chest infections, sickness, upset tummies.... In school we follow the recommended guidelines for illnesses.

There is no longer a requirement to test for Coronavirus or to isolate. If your child is poorly, then keep them off school. We always like to know why the children are feeling poorly, not because we are nosey but because we can then plan for patterns and ensure cleaning routines are stepped up!

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.

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

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.

head lice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick and long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

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

Rag Bag Date

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

Clubs run by school staff

A letter will follow shortly with clubs on offer run by school staff.

School Library

The school library will be back up and running very soon. If you have any outstanding books, please return them to school.

Dates for your Diary

Week commencing **Monday 18th September** – Reception until 12.15pm

Week commencing **Monday 25th September** – Reception until 1.30pm – please bring a packed lunch for this week to help children settle in to lunchtimes

Week commencing **Monday 2nd October** – Reception all day – lunches can be ordered

Week commencing **Monday 16th October** – Y6 Bikeability – information to follow

Tuesday 24th October – Flu Nasal Spray

Wednesday 25th October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th October – Harvest Service – time to be confirmed

Thursday 26th October – End of Term 1

Friday 27th October – Staff INSET day

Monday 6th November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 9th November – Parent's Evening – time to be confirmed

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

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – more information to follow

Friday 22nd December – End of Term 2

Monday 8th January 2024 – Start of Term 3

Term dates can be found on the school website



Our New Reception Children

Reception have settled in well to life at Uley School. They have already started their phonic learning and have established routines brilliantly.



DATE CHANGE

Messy Church Food Activities Fun
Games

St Giles Church, Uley

Messy Church Saturday
30th September 2023
10-12 noon in Uley Church.

Everyone is welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult

What is Messy Church?
Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration & hospitality.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
1st September 2023
at 10am
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, NYMPFIELD

DONATIONS OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Uley Primary School Staff List

	Head Teacher – Mrs. Zoe Mandeville School Administrator and Fun Club Manager – Mrs. Carol Cornelius School Admin Assistant – Mrs. Katherine Lai	
	Year groups	Staff
Class 1	Reception & Year 1	Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Class Teacher, Tuesday – Friday Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – Class Teacher, Monday Mrs. Debbie Brazier – Teaching Assistant
Class 2	Year 1 & Year 2	Miss. Abby Spain – Class Teacher – PPA Wednesday afternoons Mrs. Rosie Dean – Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Year 3 & Year 4	Miss. Laura Davies – Class Teacher – PPA Thursday afternoons Mrs Tina Pugh – Teaching Assistant Miss Amy Quemby – Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss. Hannah Morris – Class Teacher - PPA Tuesday afternoons Mrs. Philippa Nash – Teaching Assistant
	PPA is Planning, Preparation and Assessment - Every teacher is entitled to PPA	
IT Support	Mr. Sandy Bryson	
SENDCo Support	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – 1 day a week	
PPA Cover	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin	
Family Support	Mrs. Lisa Hills - Mondays	
Additional Support Staff	Mrs. Liz Trotman	
Additional Adults 1-1 Support	Mrs. Sarah Scott Mrs. Michelle Carnegie Mrs. Helen West-Boyle	
Enrichment Groups	Mrs Tina Pugh – Thursday afternoon	
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs. Carole White Mrs. Sam Caldwell Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Lindsay Dagger Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall	
Breakfast and Fun Club	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Carole White Mrs. Lindsay Dagger Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Mrs. Lin Quemby	