

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



17th December 2020

*Live, Learn, Flourish*

“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.”

As we near the end of term I write to say a heartfelt thank you for everyone’s support and contribution.

It certainly has been a challenging time over the past few months and we have all had to adapt to the situation and explore new ways of doing things. The children have been fantastic in adapting to these changes and have settled back in to their learning better than we could have ever hoped. We are all extremely proud of their progress they have made since their return in September not only academically, but socially and emotionally too.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff for their shared effort and support this term in helping to keep the Uley community a safe and happy place.

My biggest hope for the new year is that 2021 will get a little easier. My hope is with time, we will be able to piece our school community back together bit by bit when it is safe to do so; a time to look forward to.

Thank you again for your support during this term. I wish you all a peaceful and safe Christmas.

Best wishes *Zoe*

## **Covid Christmas at Uley**

### **Advent Window**

Every child at Uley School contributed to our advent window; come and have a look!



**Each class has been visiting the FUS Christmas tree and hanging their decorations**



## Buddies

We've been working hard to keep the buddy system thriving. This week the children have been recording and sending each other Christmas buddy messages.

## Christmas Cakes

The Year 6s have been making and decorating Christmas cakes and Year 5s Yule logs.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – the children will hear a Christmas message from Bishop Robert and Canon Michael

Although we are unable to join together collectively for an infant nativity and church service this year, we will combine the two to pre-record and send to you. These should be with you this week.

## Special Visitors

Father Christmas came to visit us at Uley with two very special guests – two reindeers called Pickle and Chutney. The children (and adults) really enjoyed this special treat which was created by Mrs Cornelius and a contribution from the School Council's funds, so a special thank you for making this happen!



## Christmas Crib Service

This year, due to the current restrictions, we are sadly not able to have a Crib Service in church on Christmas Eve. Instead we will upload a pre-recorded service at 4pm on Christmas Eve which will be available to view over the Christmas holidays.

To view the service simply go to [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk) and then you will be just two clicks away! If you would like to make a Christingle during the service, packs of material can be collected anytime up to Christmas Eve from Liz Rymer's house which is called Fochabers and is at the top of Woodstock Terrace. Liz is happy to be called on 01453 860520. There will also be packs to pick up from the porch of St Giles. We do hope that you will view the service at some point over the holidays and send very best wishes for Christmas from Canon Michael and everyone at St Giles.

## Covid Free Christmas Please!

It is really important to self-isolate if you or your child(ren) have been identified as being in contact with someone who has tested positive.

# How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

## Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

Once school has finished on Friday, please follow the procedures below to report any confirmed cases:

1. Parents/carers and staff must continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms developed within 48 hours of last being in school.
2. Parents/carers of pupils and staff who were not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know.
3. Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school, the school should not be notified. Parents and carers should then follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

By following these procedures for any confirmed positive cases, please email [covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk). This email will be checked daily up to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020. If a positive case is reported to the school, we will be in touch and advise self-isolation to those that have had contact.

## LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH



Jack for excellent number work with addition and subtraction.  
Florrie for fantastic English work using DADWAVERS to make her writing more creative.  
Lowri for her excellent John Daniels life story.  
Nathaniel for starting to use cursive handwriting.  
Xavi for sharing his fantastic facts about the Battle of Hastings with the class.  
Bailey for showing more of a keen interest in books.  
Willow for exceptional retelling of John Daniels.  
Freddie (Class 3) for showing amazing resilience in his writing.  
Regan for carefully counting and making estimates in the Christmas number guessing game.  
Ezrie for her fantastic newspaper report about the Battle of Hastings.  
Merryn for her reflective art for the Lord's Prayer – for thine is the kingdom.  
Rose for sharing her knowledge of the Lord's Prayer with the class.  
Albert for his excellent contribution towards worship.  
Henry for a kind and thoughtful attitude towards others.  
Joseph D, Isla and Brady for using the power of 'yet!'  
Ellie for her enthusiasm around worship and lighting the candle in class.  
Thea for recording a lovely big buddy message full of hope and cheer.  
Myiah for her positive attitude towards working with others.  
Dino for showing respect and having a great attitude.  
Louis for showing a hopeful attitude – looking forward to visiting the Christmas tree.

Charlie for his interesting questions when discussing a range of topics during worship.

Great work everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing all we can achieve in 2021!!

### **Keeping Safe Online - A parent's guide to being social online this December**

Whether trying out new games, sharing family pics or live streaming lunch, this December we will probably be spending more time online playing and socialising. Here's our guide on how you can support your child to be safer online this season.

Follow the links to find out how to keep safe online -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-help-children-stay-safer-online-over-the-winter-break...and-beyond/>

### **Forest Green Rovers**

Look at just some of our Forest Green Rovers supporters.



### **Library Books**

If you haven't done so already please return any library books asap so that they can be quarantined in readiness for the new year.

### **Friends of Uley School update**

As we get close to the end of a very difficult year, we would like to thank all parents and carers who have helped us raise funds this year.

Our Christmas raffle has raised almost £500, the beautiful Christmas wreaths made by Jill Cook raised £178, second hand uniform sales raised almost £20 and our Crowdfunder total is currently standing at £1075!

The [Crowdfunder](#) is still going and we're hoping to meet our target of £1500 in the new year, which will cover the cost of the Athletics subscription and our annual donation for classroom resources. If you are in a position to support us, we really appreciate any and every donation.

Here's to a much better 2021 and thank you again for your support



Friends of Uley School

### **Term Dates**

Term date for 2021 – 2022 can be found in the school website

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – NO FUN CLUB**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

