

ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



28th January 2021

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.”

Dear Uley School Community,

We are now half way through the term and I am immensely proud of all the effort and hard work the teachers, school staff, children and parents/carers are putting in to ensure that education remains a priority in school and out of school.

The drive from the government this lockdown, regarding the children’s education, has certainly been communicated and everybody has stepped up. It would be great if we could continue to pull together as a community to ensure the gaps in the children’s education remain minimal, and that the mental health and wellbeing remains a high priority. We completely understand, as we did last time, that individual’s circumstances are different and there are families trying to juggle the children’s education with working from home. We are here to support; so please get in touch.

As a Church of England School there is typically a daily act of worship and at present this is continuing in school. Our Monday worship focuses on the achievements of children showing our current value of ‘Justice’ and celebrating individual talents linked to our tree symbols. We are excited to announce that from Monday 1st February 2021 this celebration will take place via Teams at each class registration. We look forward to sharing these worships with the families at home.

EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Please refer to our Remote Learning Policy for the expectations of education of those children not in school. Our Remote Learning Policy can be found on the homepage of the school website. A code of conduct has also been circulated.

We want to do all we can to support the families outside of school to engage in the school provision which is also delivered to the children who are attending school. This will ensure that there is continuity, and any gaps in children’s learning will be minimal.

HEAD TEACHER SURGERIES FOR FAMILIES IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

There are no set times for Head Teacher Surgeries during the lockdown due to the unpredictability of the covid situation. But should you need to speak to me or another member of staff please get in touch. We can set up phone calls or video conferencing.

STAFF LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, from this week the school staff will be starting Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing twice weekly. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. The LFD will detect this. It may be that there is a little more disruption to the staff and families in school should a test prove positive as we would have to inform all close contacts to self-isolate for 10 days therefore impacting on classes, and before and after-school club.

SCHOOL BEAT OFFICER

PC Mark Weedon has been in touch with the children via a pre-recorded video with words of support and encouragement.

He also sends an internet safety message:

Like many other Social Media platforms, TikTok has an age restriction of 13 years old. Whilst TikTok can be very appealing to younger audiences, many parents and carers are reminding their children that they need to be 13 before having the app.

The online world can be an exciting place for children, however, it is not without its risks. It is important that children follow cyber safety advice and utilise age appropriate apps and games, this way we can reduce those risks and make their online experience as safe and fun as it should be.

It's great to take an active interest in your child's life online and we'd encourage you to talk openly with them about the things they do. Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities

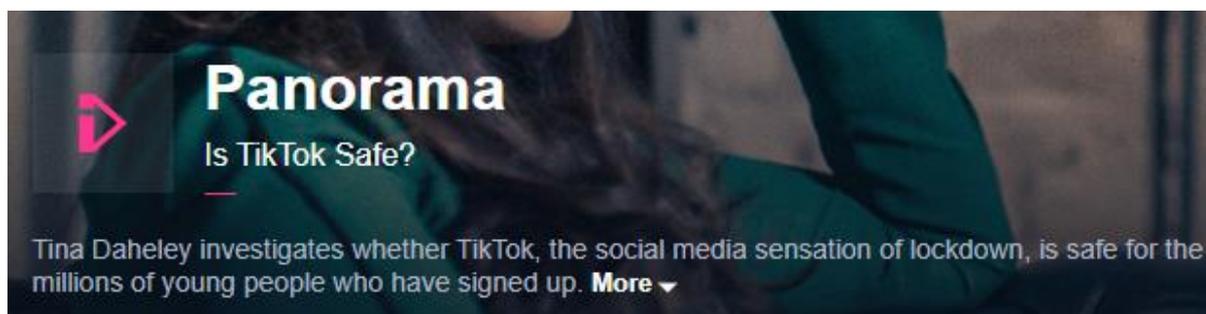
Useful information for parents and carers and online safety advice/resources can be found on the below sites.

The NSPCC's online Net Aware service provides expert reviews and safety advice on all of the most popular social networks, apps and games young people are using;

www.net-aware.org.uk

CEOP's ThinkUKnow website contains resources and advice tailored by age, as well as specific tools for parents and professionals; www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Also, below is the link to a Panorama episode which looked into how safe TikTok really is;



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000p3p9/panorama-is-tiktok-safe>

UPDATED POLICES

We have recently reviewed:

- Supporting Children with Medical Needs in School Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Fire Policy
- Debt and Debt Collection Policy
- Charging Policy

These polices can be found on the school website <https://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/documents-and-policies/policies/>

FAMILY MAGAZINE

people in school having to self-isolate, then please email this information to covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk. For test results during the week, please phone/email the school as usual.

CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

For the purposes of contact tracing, please inform the school if your child tests positive AND the symptoms developed in the 48 hours of the last day of being in school so that close contacts can be identified and asked to self-isolate. The covid@uley.gloucs.sch.uk email will be checked regularly.

If your child tests positive and the symptoms developed more than 48 hours since the last day of being in school, then the school does not need to be informed, only of self-isolation absence which can be reported on the first day back.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families circumstances may change, even more so during these challenging covid times. Please follow the link below to request free school meals. For children in school they will receive a packed lunch and for children not in school we can arrange vouchers.

<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)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

All children are entitled to free school meals from Reception through to Year 6, even the infants who already receive universal free school meals. Please speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Uley Designated Safeguarding Leads are available should there be any safeguarding concerns. Please phone the school 01453 860350. If there is no reply please leave a message and email admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk.

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

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

Ofsted Parent View

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Dates

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February is half term as planned, and we suggest that everybody has a well-deserved break and some rest to help prepare for the next term ahead.

**Thank you everybody for your continued support during these very difficult times. Please continue to keep yourselves safe and well. You are all doing a fab job!
Keep in touch!**