



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



30th March 2022

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Imogen for persevering in Maths.

Ellie (Class 4) for persevering in lessons.

Bailey for having a go at new activities and trying hard.

Otie for persevering with her curly caterpillar letters.

Sara for persevering with her writing and adding more detail.

Miyelle for super perseverance in Maths.

Wildlife quizzers for winning round 1! Round 2 next. Keep it up!

Uley Football Team for showing perseverance and fantastic sportsmanship when competing in the football tournament.

Xanthi for preserving in learning her tricky words.

Jack (Class 2) for excellent effort in phonics.

Class3 for showing trust and perseverance with so many unforeseen changes to our week.

Brady for his fantastic perseverance towards improving his writing by trying to edit and correct any spelling mistakes he may have made. Also for his fantastic effort towards learning his multiplication tables.

Tilly for persevering and becoming more independent with her work.

Millie for working so hard in phonics.

Joseph S for persevering with his story book.

Brody C for trying hard this week to improve his handwriting in English and trying to challenge himself in Maths.

Tilly for improving and getting faster at her Rainbow Maths.

Tess for her letter to thank the Queen for a fantastic banquet.

Jesse for persevering in Maths and trying really hard to keep on task.

Lowri for her careful listening and painting of a sunflower.

Evan for his fantastic effort and approach to his work and being kind and helpful to others.

Jack (Class 1) for helping a friend with the pedal bikes.

Sylvie for a positive learning attitude and working so hard all week.

Fergus for his brilliant attitude towards his Maths work in class and trying hard to improve his mathematical knowledge.

Rex S for taking care to make such a beautiful Mother's Day card.

Edith for her enthusiasm and participation in all of her learning.

Sophia for her wonderful attitude in class and being a super role model to the Year 1s at all times.

Nathaniel for persevering with his Maths work and for answering questions in class.

Darrell for persevering on the pedal bikes even though it was a bit tricky!

Thomas (Class 2) for persevering with his Maths until he got it right.

What a lot of preserving, positive attitudes and hard work! Keep it up everyone – keep being the best you can be!



School, Coronavirus and rebuilding a Community

Coronavirus continues to impact on us at Uley School, as it is at many schools in the county. Fortunately for us, as of yet, we have not had to close any classes due to staff shortages but we do have a steady stream of staff not only testing positive but also feeling quite unwell too. We continue to face the daily challenge of finding staff cover; whether that is within in-school or from an agency. Children and families are not exempt either. Children's absences caused by covid have been quite high over the past few weeks and the staff in school are not only teaching the children in school but having to provide an education for the children at home if they are well enough to do so. I am regularly asked "when will school be back to normal?" a good question! I would have hoped to have started by now but we are having to prioritise the school being open on a daily basis with as many well staff and children in school as possible so that learning can continue. We have plans and dates in the diary, and there have been occasions when plans have had to change and this can be disappointing. We are doing all we can in school to keep moving forward and I am sure there will be times ahead where plans will continue to have to be adapted. Although in the future we are not expected to test and will manage the virus as we do a cold or flu, I expect there to be illnesses for the time being.

When are we opening up? We will and bit by bit, cautiously and risk assessed based on the current Uley School virus situation, the event taking place and space to hold it – preferably outside. The Class 4 residential is approaching (week commencing 4th April) and we really need the children and staff to be well-enough to go, so no one misses out.

We appreciate your support and patience in this matter and be reassured that it is not for wanting to be how we used to be (that is the goal), we will get there, but taking small safe steps, whilst balancing the need to keep a school open for education.

Open Classrooms and Coffee Afternoon

We are pleased to announce that open afternoons have been scheduled for **Thursday 31st March** for Classes 1 and 2 and **Thursday 28th April** for Classes 3 and 4.

As part of the afternoon, parents will have the opportunity to come into their child's class to look and share in the learning that has been happening this term, as well as celebrating all of the children's homework efforts. Just a reminder that homework for this term is due in next week. Originally we had planned for homework to be emailed to classes, however we would love for the children to bring their homework into school instead to celebrate with their class.

Following your time in the class, parents will have the opportunity to come and have a coffee and biscuit, meet the FUS team and discuss with the Health and wellbeing team our new Whisper tool and ways to keep your child safe online (which is always ever-changing!) This will also be an opportunity for parents to explore our fantastic Maths resource - Mathletics.

Please note the following times for the afternoon:

Thursday 31st March

- 1.30pm Class 2 Open classroom
- 2.00pm Class 2 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 2.30pm)
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- 2.00pm: Class 1 Open classroom
- 2.30pm: Class 1 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 3pm)

Thursday 28th April

- 1.30pm Class 4 Open classroom
- 2.00pm Class 4 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 2.30pm)
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- 2.00pm Class 3 Open classroom
- 2.30pm Class 3 Coffee and chat session (Please exit by 3pm)

Due to ongoing COVID circumstances and in order to minimise risk, please note that we must request that only one parent may attend per child and request you to wear a mask whilst in the classrooms. Please could we ask that all parents sanitise on entrance. In return we will ensure that all classes are well ventilated.

We apologise for the short notice for this event, however we are always monitoring the ever-changing COVID risk at Uley school. Please bear in mind that in the unfortunate circumstance that we have staff shortages or an outbreak, this event may be postponed.

Calendar of Intercession

Every month the Diocese of Gloucester provides a Calendar of Intercessions to help guide daily prayer. Each day includes a global Anglican Communion focus for prayer, as well as a local Diocese of Gloucester church, person or group. As a Church of England School we contribute to this calendar by writing a prayer.

*We pray for peace and safety for the people of Ukraine and the impact on the wider world.
We pray for support in safely bringing our school community back together after the pandemic.
We pray for guidance and strength for our school staff to provide an excellent education for the children whom we serve.
We pray for our school to live, learn and flourish in all it does.*

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Apr-Jun-2022.pdf>

A Message from Dursley Dolphins Swimming Club

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of Dursley Dolphins Swimming Club. We are a small (but growing) club, and firmly believe that swimming can have a positive effect on the physical and mental well-being of children and young people. Our training sessions are held in Stonehouse and Dursley. We welcome swimmers who want to join for the fitness and social aspect, and we also encourage and give opportunities to those who would like to compete, at whatever level.

Dursley Dolphins is looking to recruit swimmers of all ages. We usually trial swimmers from around age 7, who have obtained level 6 in the Swim England Learn to Swim Framework. But we can be flexible, especially as so many children have been unable to access Learn to Swim Programmes during the pandemic. We would be really grateful, if you would share the attached electronic leaflet with the relevant year groups. There is a clickable link, which will take anyone interested directly to our website, which contains lots more information about us.

If you have any queries about us, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Steph Spiers (Secretary, Dursley Dolphins)

[Dursley Dolphins Swimming Club](#)

Red Nose Day

Fantastic news, the cake sale raised an amazing £200 and £55 was raised through Parent Pay. Thank you everyone for your donations.



Friends of Uley School update

FUS needs you!

Two of our committee members are stepping down in September after 7 years involved with FUS as their children are leaving primary, and others are stepping back too. We need **new volunteers** to ensure Friends of Uley School continues. Anyone with links to the school can join and we're always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions – if you can help then please [get in touch!](#)

We're busy planning lots of events this year – look out for info soon about the Easter cake sale, school disco, Jubilee picnic and Summer fair! Our next **planning meeting** is Tuesday 3rd May, 8pm at the Old Crown, come along if you'd like to get involved, find out a bit more about what we do, or just fancy a trip to the pub!

FUS have provided £450 towards the **KS2 trip** to Waterways museum on 28th March, and will be subsidising a KS1 trip soon too. We're also providing hot drinks at the e-safety sessions being held at school soon.

Work has started to extend the school garden and build an **outdoor classroom** – FUS have set up a [Crowdfunder](#) to support this project, and we're excited to say that we've already exceeded our target! Let's keep it going and help make the garden area a really special place for the children.

Don't forget we have a donation bin in the school foyer for **second hand uniform donations**, and if you'd like to purchase any uniform, check our [website](#) for current stock.

Thank you for your support!

Email hello@friendsofuleyschool.org | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | www.friendsofuleyschool.org

Ofsted Parent View

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

Dates for your diary – please also look on the school website calendar where you will find dates and all the information you need:

Wednesday 30th March – Young Voices Club

Thursday 31st March – Classes 1 and 2 Open Class and online safety information – see information above or on the school website

Friday 1st April – Swimming Class 4

Monday 4th – Friday 8th April – Class 4 Residential

Wednesday 6th April – No Young Voices Club

Friday 8th April – End of Term 4

Monday 25th April – Start of Term 5

Thursday 28th April – Classes 3 and 4 Open Class and online safety information – see information above or on the school website

Week commencing 9th May – Year 6 Statutory Test week – more information to follow including SATS breakfasts

Tuesday 17th May – Young Voices to Birmingham

Friday 27th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration picnic – more information to follow