

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



10th January 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."



January and the Roman God of Beginnings and Transitions

Janus- is the god with two faces, one looking onwards and the other one backwards. **Janus** was the Roman god of doors, choices, beginnings and endings. It is thought the first month of the year is called **January** after him.

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the Spring term 2020. I hope every one had a wonderful Christmas and a good rest and, like Janus, the transition in to the new year has provided an opportunity to reflected on 2019 and look forward to 2020.

The staff and I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for such lovely Christmas gifts and kind words!

Here's to a very happy and successful 2020.

The staff and children have already started the year by thinking about the 4 Christian values...

Trust

Be honest and just
Believe in yourself – you can do it!
Persevere on your journey, seek help from others

Friendship

Do as you would be done by
Encourage, support and be proud of each other
Smile and be thankful

Wisdom

Reflect on our mistakes and learn from them
Make appropriate choices
Have the courage to be the best you can be

Compassion

Be tolerant; embrace difference and diversity
Say sorry, show you're sorry
Show forgiveness and generosity

...and whether there are any values that need more of a focus over the next term.

We have also started the term settling back in to routines and thinking about the British Value of Individual Liberty. The children have been exploring emotions and will be focussing on feeling calm with their buddies, through the poem 'Calm'

*Your little boat floats gently on an ocean smooth and blue,
softly rocking back and forth, you gaze upon the view.*

*The sea birds serenade you as they slowly pass you by,
and with the lapping faces, you give a peaceful sigh.*

As part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional) Curriculum and Healthy School activities, the classes will be making feeling thermometers.

Next week the children will be completing assessments in English and Maths to show off their knowledge and to identify areas that may need a little more practice or more challenge. Curriculum and homework webs will be sent out soon.

Ways of Getting Information

There is a variety of ways to find school information.

- Newsletters are sent out approximately every other week and are full of information about what is happening in the school, updates and dates. A copy of the newsletter is:
 - emailed (if you have requested this)
 - sent out as hardcopies (if you have requested this)
 - pinned on the noticeboard outside the school
 - on the school website
- Uley School has a Facebook Page where notes and reminders are added
- The school website contains a lot of school information including a calendar of events. Any correspondence sent out is added. You will find notes and reminders on the home page. There is also a link to our Facebook page from the website
- Other correspondence that requires a response will be sent out via hard copies or email
- Hard copies of correspondence will be sent home via pupils, so please check with them and check book bags

NB – please let us know of any changes such as address, email address or telephone numbers.

The Start of the Day

The school day starts at **8.50am** for all children. We expect children to arrive in good time to start the day therefore staff are on the playground from **8.40am** to take responsibility for them as they arrive and to take any messages to the class teachers not on duty.

To safeguard the children, any children arriving prior to 8.40am must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget that Breakfast Club is available should you need childcare prior to 8.40am.

Use of the trim trail (top playground next to field)

We do not wish to prevent children from using the trails out of school hours therefore supervision of a child is the responsibility of the parent or carer before and after school. For health and safety reasons please avoid using the trim trail in wet or icy conditions.



Snacks

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!



Friday's are Fruitless Fridays when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time.

Water is available throughout the day.

Toast is available every Tuesday for the Infants and every Thursday for the Juniors, 10p a slice.

Friends of Uley School Update

Happy new year to all the Friends of Uley School, we're starting the new term off with a bang as we're holding the annual FUS School Disco on Thursday 6th February, 6:00-7:30pm in the school hall! It's always a really fun evening with hotdogs, glitter tattoos and Dizzy Feet disco all included in the £5 ticket.

Keep an eye out for forms in book bags and if you'd like to help out on the night, please get in touch as we'll need lots of parent helpers!

Email uley.fus@hotmail.com | [Facebook](#)

Team Points Autumn 2019

Here is the total amount of team points for the autumn term and what a lot of team points there are! Well done to Dauncey's. The children have chosen to have a non-school uniform day which will be on Friday 17th January. Well done to Angeston, Rockstowes and Sheppard's too – great team work!

Angeston 4423	Rockstowes 4764
Dauncey's 5877	Sheppard's 3996

PE Kit

Last term we had an increasing number of children without PE kits. All children should have an appropriate PE in school at all times.

- 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

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 at the start of each new term.

Crisis at Christmas

We raised £95.95 for Crisis at Christmas by wearing our Christmas jumpers, which provided just over 3 people with an overnight stay with hot meals and all the medical and support they required.

Bike rack

It is great to see some children are riding their bikes to school. We now have a bike rack with space for up to 3 bikes. If your child rides a bike to school, the bike rack can be used to store the bike throughout the day. Please provide a bike lock.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Our homes have become even more connected. More families are buying internet-enabled devices such as smart speakers, toys that connect to the internet and even Bluetooth enabled toothbrushes. In this article, we explain what is meant by the 'Internet of Things' and how to use these devices safely with your child – please follow the link below.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=85b71ed798-TUK_GLOBAL_DECEMBER_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-85b71ed798-64757

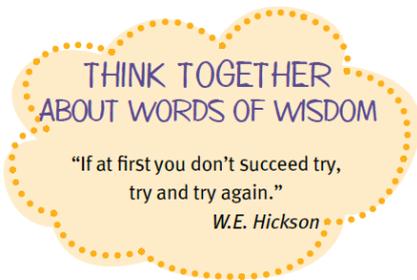
Value for the Spring Term

Have you ever had to try a lot of times before something was possible? Have you ever achieved a challenge in small stages, a little at a time?

The value for the term is PERSEVERANCE. The children will be exploring keeping going against all odds, doing the right thing, encouraging others to keep going and meeting a personal challenge.

By perseverance the snail reached the ark – Charles H. Spurgeon.
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Home-school value activities can be found on the school website:
<http://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/about-us/church-links/collective-worship/>



Library Books

The children will start borrowing library books next week, please ensure you have returned your old ones.

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)

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

Head Teacher's Surgery

Whilst it is possible to make appointments to see the Head Teacher, there is also a Head Teacher's Surgery. This offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with me to discuss experience of school and aspects of school life. Head Teacher's surgeries will take place on the dates below, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. All appointments will initially be 15 minutes, with follow up appointments if necessary. All times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Monday 13th January – 2.30 – 3.00pm

Wednesday 29th January – 9.00 – 9.30am

Thursday 27th February – 9.00 – 9.30am

Wednesday 11th March – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th March – 9.00 – 9.30am

You can make an appointment in one of three ways:

1. Return a reply slip – please see the website under Parent Info/Head Teacher's Surgery
2. Telephone the school and book an appointment
3. Send an email to admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

Please don't forget that teaching staff are also available to talk about your child's education, whether you are looking for an update on progress, how you can support your child at home or would like more information on an area of the curriculum – please ask. Staff are outside briefly at the beginning of the day for messages and again at the end of the day. If you would like a bit more time with a member of staff, an appointment can be arranged.

School Closures

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check: <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

Don't forget that 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 or would like to share a compliment
- have any questions about your child's education
- need clarification/reminders on information

Ofsted Parent View

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

Fun Club Reminders

Please remember that we now close at 5pm on a Friday and 6pm Monday to Thursday, with prompt collection required.

Also don't forget to book your child(s) place each term as it does not continue automatically unless booked.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th January – Cross Country KLB 9am

Monday 13th January – Head Teacher’s Surgery, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th January – Young Voices Club – 3.15pm – 4pm

Friday 17th January – Class 3 swimming

Tuesday 21st January – Young Voices to Birmingham – information sent out

Friday 24th January – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 29th January - Head Teachers Surgery, 9am-9.30am

Friday 31st January – Class 3 swimming

Thursday 6th February – FUS school disco 6-7.30pm

Friday 7th February – Class 3 swimming

Monday 10th February – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 2.30 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 11th February – Internet Safety Day – more information to follow

Wednesday 12th February – Parents’ Evening – from 5pm – information to follow

Friday 14th February – Class 3 swimming

Friday 14th February – End of term 3

Monday 24th February – Start of term 4

Thursday 27th February – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 9.00 – 9.30am

Friday 28th February – Class 3 swimming

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – information to follow - no dressing up this year

Friday 6th March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 11th March – Class 3 Worship, 9.10am

Wednesday 11th March – Head Teacher’s Surgery – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 13th March – Class 3 swimming

Friday 20th March – Class 3 swimming

Monday 23rd March—Homework due in

Tuesday 24th March—Homework Share , 2.45pm-3pm

Wednesday 25th March – Head Teacher’s Surgery—9.00 – 9.30am

Friday 27th March – Class 3 swimming

Friday 3rd April – Easter Service, 1.45pm and – End of term 4

