

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents,

We are coming to the end of week 2 and today would have been the last day of term and our Easter service. I've attached one of the songs the children were planning to sing at the service, the lyrics are also attached. I hope you enjoy it – happy singing 😊!

It is lovely to hear the stories of the children sharing their work, sending photos and keeping in touch. Thank you to everybody for keeping in touch.



Easter

Easter will be very different this year for all of us, but I do hope you manage to have an Easter egg or two! We recommend the children have a break from the activities set by the school.

The school remains open during the Easter period apart from Good Friday and Easter Monday. Communication with classes will be reduced with school staff checking periodically for any welfare concerns and will be back online to support the children's education on Monday 20th April.

The School Office

Carol, Lisa (Family Support) and I can be contacted through the usual email address admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Uley's **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

NSPCC Support for the Children – Childline

You can talk to us about anything. Whatever you'd like to talk about is important to us. You are not alone. Whether you're feeling stressed, anxious, lonely or down, no matter what it relates to -we are here for you. ChildLine is a private and confidential service, meaning that what you say stays between you and ChildLine. Telephone lines are open 24/7.

The children are aware of the Childline phone number through our visit from the NSPCC:

[Help for children and young people](#)

Call Childline on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

[Help for adults concerned about a child](#)

Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000)

www.childline.org.uk

Keeping Safe Online

Please stay safe and use this responsibly. Being online is a great tool if used in the right way.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Support with Learning at Home from Week Commencing 20th April

Just a reminder of the communication system to support learning. Class teachers and support staff will be available (unless unwell to do so) during term time to ask any questions regarding supporting the education of your children during these extraordinary times. We anticipate that due to the number of emails the teachers may have to respond to, they may not be able to email instantly, so please be patient with us.

class1@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

class2@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

class3@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

class4@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

During a typical week in school, Mrs. Delrosa teaches Class 1 all day on a Monday and covers PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) in Classes 2, 3 and 4.

Mrs. Delrosa's PPA days, times and subjects:

Tuesday afternoon - Class 4 RE and FRENCH

Wednesday afternoon - Class 2 PSHCE and PE

Thursday afternoon - Class 3 PSHCE and FRENCH

During this period of virtual communication Class Teachers will continue to take their PPA and Mrs. Delrosa will be online on the above emails.

As I said in my previous letter there is a wealth of information available to schools and families mainly through social media and it is great that everybody is pulling together to share ideas to keep the children busy, but this can be somewhat overwhelming at times! I am sure that you are establishing a routine that works for you and have plenty to be getting on with to support your child's learning along with what we have to offer at Uley.

The plan for supporting learning after Easter is in the form of an activity web which you will receive weekly. Within the web there are activities linked to the different areas of the curriculum and the whole school topic for the summer term. I would like to highlight that although we are going to be planning for each week and there may seem a lot of activities to complete, we also understand that home learning comes with its challenges.

Please do not feel that you have to complete all of the activities on the sheet. We understand that the level of engagement may vary across the families and over the course of time. We do not wish to put any families under pressure to complete every activity but we do want to provide you with activities to support the children's learning. We therefore request that you utilise the activity web as you see fit within your family's circumstances. We would recommend though that reading, writing and maths are given a higher priority.

For mental health and well-being, we expect families to take time for recreation, fun activities and cuddles, and if the sun is shining, to take learning outside.

Twitter Troubles

The plan was to set up a Uley School Twitter page but I am currently experiencing some Twitter troubles and am unable to access the account. This is being resolved but may mean a different Twitter account – I will keep you posted.

Help and Support

GL11 Community Hub are currently looking for ways to support vulnerable families during this time. They are currently running a Food Bank and in some cases are able to deliver. Please call 01453 548530 if you need any assistance.

Gloucestershire Counselling Service has set up a telephone and video call counselling service. Self-registration is via the website www.gloscounselling.org.uk. The service is for children, young people and adults and there is a small fee.

Glos Families Directory This is a directory of support, all in one place.

<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/home.page>

Gloucestershire Community Help Hub Gloucestershire's councils and partners have created a community help hub to connect local people who need help, with others who can provide the support they need. As further measures are put in place to delay the spread of Covid-19, local people have already started to pull together to arrange help in their area for those who need it, but not everyone has existing connections. In response, the council's across the county have come together with the police and health partners to create the hub to connect local people who need help, with individuals, groups and businesses who can provide the support they need.

The hub includes four forms:

- 'I can offer help' – is for those who are able to support neighbours with tasks such as picking up prescriptions, shopping, dog walking and more.
- 'I need help' – can be used by individuals to ask for support
- 'My neighbour needs help' – may be used by people to request help on behalf of a neighbour, relative or friend who cannot access the internet themselves

- 'My business can help' – will allow local businesses who may have skills and resources others could benefit from, to offer their help

People who cannot go online can register by phone on 01452 583519 Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm.

If you're part of an existing community group who can offer help locally, we'd still like you to register. The information collected will be shared daily with the relevant local council who will connect people who can help each other, or if appropriate refer individuals to an existing service.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/>

Domestic Violence Unfortunately, there has already been a rise in the cases of domestic violence. The government has produced some guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

Guidance for Parents and Carers: keeping children safe online An email was sent out earlier this week regarding keeping children safe online. The government has also published some information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Looking after your Wellbeing This is an anxious time for us all. With all the uncertainty around Coronavirus (or COVID-19) it's completely normal to feel worried about how it could affect your life. You won't be alone in how you're feeling. Everyone reacts in their own way to challenging events and uncertainty.

There are lots of steps you can take to help look after your wellbeing, and the wellbeing of people around you. Make sure you get further support if you feel you need it. Just talking about what we're worried about can be a massive help.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/advice-on-covid-19/looking-after-your-wellbeing/>

I have also attached an updated letter from Glos families which gives you information and details of places for support.

Keep safe and well everyone.

Speak soon,

Zoe Mandeville

Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading

Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
 - any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>