

ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



25th September 2020

Live, Learn, Flourish

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Uley School is settling nicely into the new academic year and the children have shown a remarkable resilience in not only beginning in their new year groups but also managing the covid classroom. Thank you to everybody for supporting the procedures put in place to help minimise any risk.

There are a couple of things to remember:

- Please do not bring cars down Woodstock Terrace as this space outside of school is used for social distancing.
- Please adhere to the one-way system and keep distancing.
- Only one adult at drop off and pick up
- We know more than ever how children need to attend school not only for education but also for social and emotional reasons. We all have to play a part in keeping the risk to a minimum and avoiding any form of lockdown.

Now that we are heading into the cold and flu season, it is difficult to tell the difference between a cold, flu and coronavirus!

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy,
dial 111 or see your GP**

Covid Contingency

Just so you know we have an education contingency plan which covers varying scenarios from self-isolating to full school closure. This will be circulated soon.

Our School Topic – Autumn Term

Our topic for this term is 'We are Here'. Class letters and homework will be sent out this week.

Events

Some events that have been put on hold for now:

- Cross Country
- Young Voices are announcing dates for May/June 20 – fingers crossed!

Hot School Meals

We are thinking about ways of introducing hot school meals into the school routine. We will keep you posted.

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

We have started our celebration worships which are on a Monday and take place in each classroom.



A huge well done to:

Class 1 for settling in so well.

Max H for his excellent attitude towards writing.

Miles for his mature attitude towards all learning.

Sophia, Nellie, Zoe, Elsa, Callum and Thomas for a great start to the term and settling well in to Class 3.

James for his thoughtful and inquisitive comments when discussing topics during worship.

Jorja for her positive attitude towards reading.

Lewis for showing support and compassion towards another child.

Enrichment Groups

Enrichment groups are taking place on a Thursday afternoon as usual but focussed within a class. This term the focus is Class 4 and Mrs Pugh will be working with children to support them socially or emotionally.

Harvest

It is that time of year when we would traditionally hold our harvest service in the church to give thanks for our wonderful world and collect donations to give to the Food Bank. We are still going to celebrate harvest but this year from the classroom. We will be pre-recording a class activity to send out, plus Canon Michael has offered to record a special worship for the children in each class. We would still love to collect for the Food Bank. If each child could bring an item from the Food Bank shopping list below on their allocated days then I will ensure the items are delivered to them.



Class 1 – please can children bring an item on Monday 19th October

Class 2 – please can children bring an item on Tuesday 20th October

Class 3 – please can children bring an item on Wednesday 21st October

Class 4 – please can children bring an item on Thursday 22nd October

We appreciate that siblings may have to bring items on different days but by allocating a class per day will help to minimise the organisation within the school.

Uley School Teams

Every child at Uley School has been allocated a school team and that includes our new reception too! The children have already started earning team points for all the wonderful things they do.

2020-2021 Team Captains and Vice Team Captains are:

Angeston

Captain – Albert Tiley

Vice-captain – Evie Amato

Rockstowes

Captain – Esme Blunden

Vice-captain – Florrie Sage

Dauncey's

Captain – Georgia Rawlinson-Horler

Vice-captain – Noah Birkbeck

Sheppard's

Captain – Xavi Latham

Vice-captain – Lydia Tutton



Team Captain Role and Responsibilities:

- Announce team points and add them up.
- Encourage the team on sports day.
- Be a good role model.
- Motivate their team at events.
- Encourage team members to be the best they can be.
- Make speeches.
- Help everyone who asks for help.
- Put out equipment and be prepared to help.

Young Leader Supervisor

Tayah Efthimiou

Worship Leader

Anya Cook

Team Publicist

Austin Wilson

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. **Please ensure the children have a water bottle in school at all times.**



Behaviour Ethos and Policy

Uley C of E Primary School has high expectations of its pupils. Our aim is to provide an education that brings out the best in every child that builds on their strengths, enables them to enjoy and extend their own learning and helps them to become motivated and successful.

We aim to work with children to support and encourage them to build positive relationships with others and work effectively within a team so that they grow into confident and tolerant citizens, valued for the contribution they make to society.

In working towards this aim we recognise that promoting an ethos of good behaviour is the responsibility of all stakeholders within the school community. We believe that our Christian values help to create an ethos where the beliefs and attitudes of everyone support the positive behaviours necessary to maintain an effective learning environment.

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

An up to date Behaviour Policy Addendum can be found on the school website for the duration of coronavirus.

Parent Governor Elections

An email was sent out last week regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Closing is Friday 2nd October. If you are interested please speak to us.

Forest Green Rovers

We welcome Henry Guy as our FGR ambassador again for this year. We look forward to hearing news of any matches that can take place and any other FGR related topics.



Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Please find the link to the Families Gloucestershire magazine:

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)

Next week we will be taking part in the British Nutrition Foundation's Health Eating Week. Each day has a different focus and challenge including, moving more, drinking more water, varying your veggies, eating more grains and being mind kind. To find out more, why not visit the BNF's website <https://www.nutrition.org.uk>



The COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund for food and essential supplies is there to support people in Gloucestershire during the challenging and unprecedented times of the coronavirus outbreak. Individuals can self refer or be referred by any professionals working with them. Previous requests have been for financial help towards utilities, food and essential household items

For an application form please go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097744/emergency-assistance-grant-form.pdf



Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home

A *free online course for parents

Maxine will be guiding you through the latest science on how to build a happier and calmer home

- Find ways to settle yourself in these uncertain times
- Discuss ways to make your family calmer
- Get tips to make you feel happier
- Develop yoga and mindfulness skills

Wednesdays 23 September – 21 October
9.30 - 11.00am

The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it.

To book a place, please email fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk or
*free subject to eligibility



HELPING A FRIEND

WHO IS EXPERIENCING ABUSE

Domestic and teen relationship abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a personal relationship. It includes emotional, physical, and digital abuse. You can learn more about what abuse looks like here.

If you're worried that your friend might be experiencing domestic abuse at home or in their own relationship, here are 5 ways you can help them:



LISTEN

It's scary and difficult for a friend to tell you about abuse, and you might not know what to say—that's okay. The most important thing you can do is listen to your friend and believe what they are telling you. Be supportive and try not to judge them. Don't pressure them into ending the relationship, or tell them what to do—it's likely their partner is already doing this.



TELL

Encourage them to tell an adult they trust, and offer to go with them. This might be a parent, a teacher, a neighbour, a sibling or other family member. It's up to your friend to decide whether they want to tell an adult or not. But it's **okay for YOU to tell someone if you're really worried that your friend might get hurt**. Be honest about this—tell them who you're going to talk to so they don't feel you're sneaking around behind their back.



CALL

Encourage your friend to carry a helpline number, or to memorise one. You can suggest you call them together, or that you call for them. Childline is available 9am to midnight on 0800 11 11.



LOOK

There are lots of websites with information and advice for people experiencing abuse. Have a look at Childline, LoveRespect, The Hideout and other sites.



PLAN

Create a safety plan with your friend—see links below. They can call the police by dialling 999 any time, for free, and from any phone. You can agree a code word or emoji for them to text you if they are in trouble and agree what to do, for example, call the police or tell their parent.

REMEMBER—abuse is not your friend's fault.

Tell your friend that it's not their fault, and they're not to blame for the abuse. The responsibility always lies with the person causing harm, never with the person being harmed.

REMIND THEM—they are strong.

Thank your friend for trusting you and let them know how strong they are—talking about violence and abuse takes a lot of strength and courage.

CHILDLINE
0800 1111 childline.org.uk
Confidential helpline (9am-Midnight) and 1:1 online support.

STREET GLOUCESTERSHIRE
01452 726570 www.gdass.com
Support for young people with experiences of abuse.

THE MIX
themix.org.uk @themixuk
Support with any challenge young people are facing.

TIC+
ticplus.org.uk @ticplus
Counselling and support with mental health for young people.

Guide to safety planning: GDASS.org.uk Teen Safety Planning
For more information on staying safe, see loveisrespect.org, or thehideout.org.uk.