



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Not long now!

This is the last letter of a very busy and productive autumn term. The second year of our 'ambitious curriculum' is well under way and the children continue to respond well and are rising to the challenge! A huge well done to all the children for all they have achieved so far this year – keep being the best you can be!

Big thank yous go to the whole school community (parents, FUS, staff, governors, St Giles and the Uley community) for contributions that make Uley School the wonderful place it is and also for the continued support we receive.

Last Thursday, we were treated to the delightful infant nativity; bringing us such joy and a smile to the faces of many. This is the first year since Covid we have returned to collecting together in the school hall for such an occasion. The infants did a fantastic job of re-telling the Nativity story.



I wish you all a fabulous Christmas and look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th January 2024!

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH – be the best you can be

Each week, the children are presented with a Fabulous Flourisher award or an award linked to our focus value, but also any of our school values.

James for always showing school values to others.

Willow for always showing school values.

Martha for looking after her sheep in rehearsals.

Martyna for always showing compassion and our school values.

Tobias (Class 3) for showing compassion and patience to another child.

George (Class 1) for always making sure his peers have all their belongings and being thoughtful.

Isla Gardner for always showing the school values.

Jack and Evie for being super helpful and considerate in class.

Luke for always trying hard and having a positive attitude.

Phoebe (Class 4) for excellent resilience in Maths.

Isla (Class 3) for her amazing Viking knowledge demonstrated on our Viking Day!

Evie for her understanding of camouflage during our investigation in Science.
Harley for extreme resilience with his learning.
Classes 1 and 2 for an amazing Nativity performance.

Well done everyone – keep being the best you can be!

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. Psalm 1:3

CHIP Snack Shop

CHIPS would like to run a snack shop on Friday 22nd December. Toast will be available at morning break. 10p for half a slice, 20p for a whole slice of wholemeal bread.

Pantomime

We are off to the panto on **Wednesday 20th December 2023** to see the 1.30pm showing of Snow White at the Sub Rooms in Stroud. Thank you for the payments already received. We are asking for a payment of £10 per child via Parentpay, to cover the costs for the coach and admission fees.

As the coach will be leaving at 12.30pm and we will need an earlier lunch, please could all children bring a packed lunch.

The pantomime is expected to finish at 3:20pm therefore children will return to school for around 4:15pm. We will keep you updated of our return journey. On our return, we will walk the children back to school and dismiss from school as usual.

It's Christmas!

Thursday 21st December

The children will be having their Christmas lunch followed by parties and a special visitor. Children can wear a Christmassy jumper along with school uniform.

Friday 22nd December – 1.30pm

End of term Carol Service in the church, 1.30pm all welcome. Some children will read the Christmas story as the reception children form a tableau of the first Christmas. We will take the children back to school after the service. The children may be picked up from school if the service finishes early.

Christmas Post Box

The last day for the children's post box is Thursday 21st December.

School Library

The school library system needs looking into as we have had some glitches. This is planned for January therefore would like to put lending on hold until after sorting the problems out.

Apologies for the temporary disruption. The children will still continue to enjoy a range of reading in school.

If you have any library books at home, please bring them in before we break up for Christmas so that we can review all of our books – thank you.

In the meantime, Dursley is our most local library and is a fantastic resource to have on our doorstep [Dursley Library | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Peripetetic Music Teacher – Viola and Violin

Mr. Chris Wiggins will be joining Uley School as a peripatetic music teacher on a Tuesday afternoon, starting 16th January 2024. Mr. Wiggins is able to teach viola or violin from Year 3 upwards. Should you be interested in viola or violin lessons, please let us know. There is a limited number of 20 minutes slots – first come first serve. Payment for the lessons will be agreed between parents and Mr. Wiggins.

<https://chriswigginsmusicteacher.co.uk/>

School Closures

Making the decision to close a school is quite a challenge as there are so many factors to consider. In the event of a closure, the decision will be as early as possible, this could be early in the morning to allow for additional information such as monitoring of the area, updated weather forecasts and information from the Local Authority.

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

The Remote Learning Policy can be found on the school website. The children's emails are currently being updated.

Glos Libraries Events

Gloucestershire Libraries have a range of experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds as well as core offerings which happen on a weekly basis. Below is a link to the digital December 'What's on in the Libraries Guide'.

Digital December What's on Guide: https://issuu.com/gloslibraries/docs/gl_whats_on_dec_23-jan24_web

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2023](#) for you to **share with your parents.**

Our **Nov/Dec 2023** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar
- Top Christmas Experiences
- How to deal with cyber-bullying
- Homemade Xmas gifts for teacher
- Apps for improving maths skills
- and much more.....

Roblox Checklist 2023

As Roblox is one of the most popular games out there, please find a link to a Roblox checklist.

Roblox and SWGfL have collaborated together and created a checklist for parents which includes:

- How to report abuse.
- How to block users.
- Setting up a parent control pin.

- And more.

The resource can be downloaded https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-2023.pdf?_id=1691587832 .

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

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 MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) on **01452 426565** or email at childrenhelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Contact hours: 9am - 5pm.

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

Our Whisper Tool for Children

If you have a problem online and not sure who to turn to, why not *whisper it?*

Whisper is our school's confidential system for reporting problems at school or at home. Just click on the 'report an issue' button below. All messages reported remain anonymous but please feel free to add your name to the form if you would like to.



This can be found on the homepage of our school website.

Traditional 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals. This is still applicable even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and are entitled to Universal Free School meals.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th December – School visit to Stroud sub Rooms for pantomime – information sent out

Thursday 21st December – Children’s Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper (along with school uniform) and Parties

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Service at St Giles, 1 .30pm

Friday 22nd December – End of Term 2

Monday 8th January 2024 – Start of Term 3

Wednesday 10th January 2024 – Young Voices to Birmingham – see letter

Saturday 13th January – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Grounds

Saturday 3rd February – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Grounds

Fun Club

We have had a busy term with lots of children attending! They particularly enjoyed decorating biscuits and making the “Paper Mache” tree for the noticeboard. The children were very proud of the Christmas tree made out of K’nex (see below). Please remember no Fun Club this Friday.



Class 4

In Class 4 we have been learning about the Hindu faith. We have learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and created our own shadow puppets to retell the story. We worked in our school teams and used a play script to help us.

