



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## **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.

Bailey for his amazing underwater swimming skills.

Bethany for her excellent newspaper report.

Miles (Class 1) for working so hard in all areas.

Elizabeth for her excellent attitude in English.

Millie for an amazing explanation of exchanging in Maths.

Eleanor for an amazing explanation of exchanging in Maths.

Thomas (Class 4) for excellent Maths work 😊

Arthur for excellent long division work.

Erin for working so hard in phonics.

Rex H for his fantastic writing in English.

Harley for always showing good sportsmanship during PE and congratulating everyone who scores a goal.

Tess for showing compassion and patience towards her peers.

Sophie for showing compassion towards another child in Maths and helping him with his work.

Rex S for being a compassionate and helpful teammate in PE and contributing to carpet discussions.

Phoebe (Class 3) for always showing compassion and empathy to adults and peers.

Zoe for always showing all of the school values.

Ivy for sharing her smiley face with everyone and spreading happiness.

Athena for her lovely, helpful attitude in class.

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**

## **Rags to Riches**

Thank you for your recent donations of clothes, we have raised £50.05 for Fun Club.

## **Governor Visits**

- Karen Randall visited our Remembrance Worship on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- Martin Bragg and Karen Randall spoke with children about our school values on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Karen Randall and Martin Bragg visited Class 3 leading worship about the value of compassion on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.








*‘Well done Class 3 for leading an excellent collective worship. The focus was compassion which is one of the school’s Christian values and gave the children good principles to follow’.*

- Karen Randall visited Class 4’s Live, Learn, Flourish Worship on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

*'Class 4's worship on the Atlantic Slave Trade confirmed that the children study a broad curriculum. Despite the fact that some children were anxious about having to speak in front of the whole school and parents, it was brilliant that every child in Class 4 rose to the challenge. Well done Class 4 for showing you have the self-confidence to be the best that you can be.'*

### **Policies**

The school website contains a lot of information including school policies. The most recently reviewed policies are:

-  Behaviour Policy
-  Safeguarding Policy
-  Anti-bullying Policy
-  Admissions 2024
-  Home-school Agreement
-  Charging Policy
-  Debt Policy

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Pantomime**

Exciting news! We are off to the panto on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023** to see the 1.30pm showing of Snow White at the Sub Rooms in Stroud. We are asking for a payment of £10 per child via Parentpay, to cover the costs for the coach and admission fees. If the school is unable to cover the costs, without using funds necessary for basic educational resources, the trip may not go ahead. Please come and speak to us if you require support with this.

As the coach will be leaving at 12.30pm and we will need an earlier lunch, please could all children bring a packed lunch. If you would like to order a packed lunch, please let us know **by 12 noon on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The choices are ham, tuna or cheese baguette. Please email choices to [admin@uley.glouc.sch.uk](mailto:admin@uley.glouc.sch.uk).

The pantomime is expected to finish at 3:20pm therefore children will return to school for around 4:15pm.

### **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](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.....

### **It's Christmas!**

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm**

Letter has been sent out regarding requesting places. Please could the infants return to school for 6pm

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

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

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Cross Country Club finishes

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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Homework Share – 9 – 9.30am

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Ground

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Young Voices Club finishes

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm – letter sent out

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School visit to Stroud sub Rooms for pantomime – information sent out

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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Service at St Giles, 1 .30pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – End of Term 2

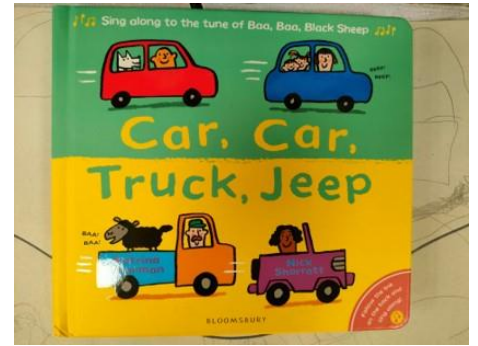
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Start of Term 3

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Young Voices to Birmingham – see letter

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Grounds

### **Class 1**

Reception have been learning about machines in their topic MARVELLOUS MACHINES have read the book Car, Car, Truck, Jeep together. They then drew lots of marvellous machines on the road and used their phonic knowledge to label their pictures. We even had a hovercraft!



### **Class 4**

#### Science Lesson

Class 4 parents and carers were invited to come in and take part in a science lesson as part different types of exercise affect the heart rate differently.



## Violin Concert

Class 4 have been learning the Violin. The wonderful Mrs Wheeler has been teaching us different plucking and bowing techniques, whilst learning several songs. This all culminated in a fabulous concert in front of our parents and carers.



## Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed their Viking Day courtesy of 'Marvellous History.' We learnt about warfare, food, why they invaded and re-created a pagan burial. Mr Raol commented on how engaged the children were and on their behaviour!

Rose ' It was the best day ever!'

