



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 16th 2023

Wishing you all a very happy half term break
See you Monday 27th February

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Well done to:

Nellie for always being respectful of everyone.
Pippa for showing all the school values all of the time.
Joss for showing kindness and respect.
Jorja for always showing our school values.
David for his perseverance in his writing.
Erin for showing kindness to others.
Zoe for always being very respectful to everyone.
Seren for always trying her hardest in every lesson.
Athena for working really hard in Maths this week.
Oliver P for his contribution to whole class learning.
Poppy C for being a champion dancer in PE.
Amara for being a champion dancer in PE.
Edith for an outstanding attitude.
Mae for writing brilliant facts about London.
Jaycee for her fantastic Maths and her great attitude towards her classmates.
Joseph D making the most of every learning opportunity.



Keep being the best you can be and keep flourishing!

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

Team Points Autumn 2022

Angeston non-uniform on Friday 17th February.

Angeston 3932	Rockstowes 3374
Dauncey's 3461	Sheppard's 3177



Tree Planting

A fantastic couple of hours after school on Friday spent getting close to nature and playing our part for the environment. Organised by Uley Parish Council, we planted trees on some land at Elcombe Farm. Our trees have been mapped and we will hopefully be able to keep an eye on their progress. Thank you to David and everyone who came along.



Cross Country

Lots to celebrate from this season's cross country event. Our Uley team were as fantastic as ever, improving on their previous race timings. Very proud of all them!

As a joint effort we also received overall 3rd for Junior Girls and overall 2nd for Senior Boys. Zach and Sylvie received medals for being in the top 10 of their category.



Check out your results Cross Country Runners! - <https://www.k2sports-uk.com/dursley-and-wootton-primary-school-cross-country-league/>

I look forward to next season! In the meantime keep running!

Library Books

Library books are due back this week.

Governor Visits

There have been two governor visits recently – one Science and one English.

Andrew Levitt attended the Class 4 science lesson with along with parents:

I attended a Year's 5/6 Science lesson including 14 parents. It was a joy to observe the enthusiasm and obvious learning taking place although somewhat embarrassing for myself that I also learnt so much!!

Martin Bragg visited English writing throughout the school. He spoke with subject leaders and children, looked at books and looked at writing in the classrooms:

A really worthwhile visit! Congratulations to all the staff for their positive engagement in driving forward curriculum improvements in English.

"I like poetry because you can make up your own rules and use made-up words." Class 3 pupil

Who Are Our Governors?

NAME	CATEGORY OF GOVERNOR	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	COMMITTEES
Mr Graham WILKES	Parent Governor	Chair(FGB),Behaviour Rewards and Recognition, PE, PSHE, Computing & E-safety, History, Geography, MFL	Resources, Staffing, Pay &Retention
Mrs Jane LEWIS	Co-Opted Governor	Vice Chair (FGB), Safer Recruitment, Behaviour, Extended School, English Art, DT, Music, Science	Curriculum & Standards, Staffing, Pay &Retention
Mrs Zoe MANDEVILLE	Ex officio	Head Teacher	All
Miss Laura DAVIES	Staff Governor	The Curriculum	Curriculum & Standards
Mrs Keren BASS	Associate Governor	Finance	Resources
Mr Barry KORDULA	Parent Governor	Health and Safety, Premises, EYFS, PE, PSHE, Computing & E-safety	Curriculum & Standards (Chair) Resources
Mr Mark EASY	Parent Governor	Safeguarding, Maths History, Geography, MFL	Curriculum & Standards Resources
Mrs Erica LATHAM	Parent Governor	Safer Recruitment, Looked After Children, Pupil Premium, SEND, Attendance, Maths	Curriculum & Standards Staffing, Pay &Retention (Chair)
Canon Michael COZENS	Ex officio	Church School Distinctiveness, Collective Worship, RE, Vision and Ethos	Ethos (Chair)
Mrs Karen RANDALL	Foundation Governor	Church School Distinctiveness, Collective Worship, Safeguarding, RE,	Resources, Ethos
Mr Andrew LEVITT	LA Governor	Art, DT, Music, Science	Curriculum & Standards Staffing, Pay &Retention
Mr Martin BRAGG	Co-Opted Governor	English, Church School Distinctiveness, Collective Worship, RE, Safeguarding	Curriculum & Standards Ethos

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online

We all know that technology can be a wonderful thing. It gives us new information, it connects us to family and friends near and far and it is fun. We also know that used in the wrong way, it becomes less fun and can be quite upsetting.

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day and this year the topic was 'Want to talk about? Making space for conversation about life online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

There is a Uley School Parent Survey. Please take 2 minutes to complete this for us.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LTFB3VL>

Game Finder

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when parents are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' guilt trip. Game Finder is a new (free) service available from Taming Gaming which walks parents through various aspects, such as how old is your child? What devices do they have? What types of games do they like to play? And then gives a list of recommendations of suitable games. <https://www.taminggaming.com/gameFinder>

PEGI Ratings

A few helpful tips to help keep children safe online:

- Online gaming - Adults to show an interest in the children's gaming and to play the games (age-appropriate of course) along with the m in order to check the suitability.
- More information about setting parental controls can be found [Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](#)
- www.pegi.info is a website that provide information on the age classifications of games
- Do you know the age-rating for the most popular games and apps?
 - Roblox PEGI* 7 years+
 - Minecraft PEGI* 7 years+
 - Fortnite PEGI* 12 years+
 - Apex Legends PEGI* 16 years+
 - Call of Duty PEGI* 18 years+
 - Instagram 13 years+
 - Snapchat 13 years+
 - TikTok 13 years+
 - Facebook 13 years+
 - Whatsapp 16 years+

[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)

*Pan European Game Information (**PEGI**) is a European video game content rating system established to help European consumers make informed decisions when buying video games or apps through the use of age recommendations and content descriptors.

Safeguarding and Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Technology is a wonderful thing and we have seen an increase in smart watches.

Although we encourage children to wear watches in school to be able to tell the time, we request that the children do not wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone such as camera, video, messaging etc. to school, this includes before and after school club.

This is a child protection requirement of the school and your compliance is requested for the safety and well-being of the school community.

Additionally, please can I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception to this ruling is when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk to and from school (Year 5 and 6s), and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency.

World Book Day

On the **Thursday 2nd March 2023** we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as characters from their favourite stories.

The theme in school this year is Cultural Diversity. The texts we have chosen are:

- Class 1: Handa's surprise/ Handa's Hen
- Class 2: Gregory Cool
- Class 3: Rumaysa
- Class 4: The Proudest Blue

Our Reading Ambassadors have helped organise the day and have suggested some of the activities below that we will be completing:

- Acting out the story
- Re-writing parts
- Adding our own illustrations
- Story sequencing

We will also be spending time with our buddies sharing some of our favourite stories.

Please see the link which has texts that tie in with our theme of 'Cultural Diversity' if you wish to explore these further at home. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/diversity-inclusion/>

Please note, if your child does not wish to dress up, then they need to come to school as usual in their uniforms.

Thanks!

Miss Davies and Mrs Delrosa - English Team.






Reading Ambassadors

The role of a Reading Ambassador is new at Uley School and in its infancy, but we hope to grow and develop the role with each term and year that passes. The children are extremely excited and there is so much for them to do!

Who are our Reading Ambassadors?

Nellie
Violet Y6
Edith
Willow

The purpose of Reading Ambassadors is to:

-  Promote the love of reading
-  Monitoring reading areas in the classrooms – frequency?
-  Monitoring the school library
-  Seek pupil voice on recommending reads, reading areas etc.
-  Organise and attend school book events such as the Scholastic Book Fair and World Book Day

Parents' Evening

I hope you've managed to book your time for Parents' Evening or have already arranged to meet with class teachers regarding any additional conversations. If you have had to cancel your meeting then please speak to the class teachers to re-arrange another appointment as it is important to catch-up about your child's learning.

The next date for parents' evening is:
Wednesday 1st March

Teachers start / finish may differ but you will see timings when you book in online.

Snacks

We are a healthy school with Healthy School Status and part of this is to eat fruit and vegetables and drink plenty of water.

Monday – Thursday we ask that the children have fruit / vegetables for their morning break. 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!

Everything in moderation - Friday's are Fruitless Fridays when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time. Please no big bags of crisps, large chocolate bars or sugary drinks. Examples of Friday snacks include a cereal bar, popcorn, a fairy cake, an extra sandwich etc.

At Uley School we request that children do not bring squash, carbonated drinks or energy drinks including PRIME to school. As a healthy school, water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school. Thank you.

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)

We are very much aware of the impact the rising costs of living may have on families, 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.

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

Head lice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick and long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

Have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice - <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Let's Talk

Let's Talk is a free NHS service available to provide evidence-based therapies to help with stress, anxiety, depression and related conditions.

Let's Talk is for all adults aged 18 and above, and you do not need a GP referral. Simply visit www.letstalkglos.nhs.uk or call 0800 073 2200 to see how the service can help you.

Don't forget that we are all happy to talk 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
- 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

Term Dates

Term dates for 2023 – 2024 can be found on the school website [Uley CofE Primary School | Term Dates \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](http://uleyprimary.co.uk)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th February – CHIP Council snack shop - see CHIP Council letter

Friday 17th February – End of Term 3

Monday 27th February – Start of Term 4

Wednesday 1st March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – see information above

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day – information to follow

Friday 17th March – FUS Cake Sale

Thursday 30th March – CHIP Council Snack Shop

Friday 31st March – Homework share, 9am

Friday 31st March – Easter Service, 1.45pm St Giles Church

Friday 31st March – End of Term 4

Friday 31st March – FUS Cake Sale

Monday 17th April – Start of Term 5

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Year 6 Statutory SATS week