

# ULEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



15th July 2021

*Live, Learn, Flourish*

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

*This is Uley School.  
Let peace dwell here.  
Let the rooms be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here.  
Love of one another, love of mankind, love of life itself and love of God.  
Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.*

We are coming to the end of an unpredictable year and on reflection there have been a lot of successes. There is a lot to celebrate and to be thankful for.

Admiration goes to all the children who have been at the epicentre and have had to adapt to the changes over the past months. They have shown true resilience, determination and courage. It is a pleasure to work with such marvellous children and to observe how each child flourishes and develops over the year. I am so proud!

Huge thanks go to the dedicated Uley staff team who have gone over and above to ensure that the children have continued to be educated throughout this disrupted year, but also ensuring that everyone has been as safe as we could possibly be. We have relentlessly continued the best we possibly could with the circumstances that we have been presented with and endeavoured to continue with school life to ensure the children experience a 'typical' Uley, with some adaptations!

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have shown incredible support through the past year, especially during last minute notifications of changes, supporting the safety measures that have contributed to keeping the school safe and supporting the education of the children at home.

We say an emotional farewell to our Year 6s. I wish them all the very best for a bright and successful future – I hope over time they will look back at their time at Uley with fondness and happy memories, even if they are covid memories! I am delighted (and relieved) that we made it to Wales for our residential.

Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone (when we get there) and stay safe!

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and our new reception Group A on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Group B on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Zoe Mandeville

## LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH



Tess for excellent application of the 'air' sound in phonics.  
Thea for her excellent tricky word list writing.  
Nellie for her superb attitude and enthusiasm during timetables sessions.  
Evan for trying hard to improve his writing this week by remembering his punctuation.  
Ellie (Class 4) for her fantastic poem all about friendships and for being brave enough to perform this on her own.  
Joss for being so thankful for the summer sun and flowers.  
Imogen for her positive attitude during the Health Activator.  
Ellie (Class 2) for her growing confidence and enthusiasm in piano lessons.  
Fergus for being helpful when setting up for PE.  
Merryn for showing our value of friendship to our new child.  
Isla for making good choices and enjoying school life.  
Katy for being thankful for passing her Rainbow Maths.

Fantastic work everyone!

## LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH Awards

This year are LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH awards 2021 are presented to:

### Infants

-  Live: at home, in school, and in our local community – **Sophia Class 2**
-  Learn: about self, others, and our ever-changing world – **Jaycee**
-  Flourish: be the best we can be in all that we do – **Ellie**

### Juniors

-  Live: at home, in school, and in our local community – **Lindy**
  -  Learn: about self, others, and our ever-changing world - **Austin**
  -  Flourish: be the best we can be in all that we do – **Emily**
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-  The book representing knowledge and learning – **Evie Class 4**
  -  The dove represents church and community – **Rose Class 1**
  -  The light bulb represents ideas and imagination – **Thomas Class 2**
  -  The treble clef represents music and dance – **Edith Class 2**
  -  The football represents sport and fair play – **Zach Class 3**
  -  The football represents sport and fair play – **James Class 4**
  -  The star represents reward and recognition – **Scarlett Class 2**
  -  The number '3' represents maths, science and analysis – **Jack Class 1**
  -  The mask represents drama and self-expression – **Xavi Class 4**
  -  The globe represents awareness of our place in the world, geographically and socially – **Elden Class 1**
  -  The speech bubble represents debate and openness – **Dino Class 3**
  -  The butterfly represents freedom and fun – **Tayah Class 4**

### Welcome

A big Uley welcome to Jessie (Year 2) and his family.

## Contact Information

Don't forget to let us know if you have changed your home address, email address and/or phone numbers so that we can update your child's information.

## Steps to School Challenge

Over the last term, Uley has been participating in the 'Steps to School Challenge' against local schools with the area. This week we received our final standings from the competition and.....

**WE ARE 1ST!!!**

Well done to the whole school for their enthusiasm and perseverance with the challenge.

## School from September 2021

Guidance is slowly filtering through following the announcement of the lifting of restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July. As you may know schools have been given the thumbs up to remove bubbles and have been given the go ahead for school workshops/assemblies and to be able to mix at lunchtimes which Uley may begin to implement from September.

Schools are expected to put a covid management plan in place which would mean returning to class bubbles and not mixing across the school should we have confirmed cases in the future. In the short term decisions are being made as to the start and end of the school day. Ideally Uley would like to return to the original start and finish times and we are looking into how we can manage this safely. The school day timings will be communicated once more guidance comes through.

## Governor News

Erica Latham and Graham Wilkes have been re-elected as parent governors. We look forward to welcoming their contribution for another term of office.

Welcome to Matthew Fort, Foundation Governor who will be joining the governing body in the new academic year.

## Staffing News

**Mrs Nash** - Congratulations to Mrs Nash who has completed her Teaching Assistant Level 3 Apprenticeship.

**Miss Walker** - Miss Walker's last day for the academic year will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Miss Walker is getting married at the end of July and will be self-isolating in order to ensure that her already postponed wedding from last year can go ahead! Best wishes to Miss Walker who will return in the Autumn as Mrs Royle.

## NSPCC – Number Day

Our NSPCC Number Day raised £64.02. This money will contribute to making a huge difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK – thank you so much.



## Children's End of Year Reports

Look out for the children's end of year reports which have been sent out by email. Compliment slips are available and we always enjoy receiving your positive feedback.

## Amended Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Along with this newsletter are the amended term dates for 2021 – 2022. As there has been an additional Bank Holiday added to the June half-term 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, schools will now finish a day earlier in July 2022.

## Sports

The children enjoyed sports morning and didn't seem to mind racing in bubbles and with their own equipment, they supported, encouraged and congratulated their fellow school friends. We certainly missed the atmosphere that a crowd brings but hope that next year we can return to some normality.

The team points have been counted and verified and...

Rockstowes 233 points  
Sheppards – 199 points  
Angestone – 178 points  
Dauncey's – 173 points



Our School Councillors (Louis, Eleanor, William, Sophia, Violet (Year 4), George, Lily and Aayan) had the very important job of selecting 2 children from each class who showed excellent sportsmanship.

Well done to Elden, Misty, Miles, Edith, Zoe, Poppy H, Nicholas and James.

Great work everyone 😊

## The Summer Reading Challenge is here!!

Go wild for reading this summer. For more information please follow the link. We look forward to hearing all about your summer reading!

. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Coaley-Uley Climate Action Network

Back in the April newsletter we said,

*'The children in Classes 3 and 4 have been learning about Coaley-Uley Climate Action Network (CAN) and climate change. CAN is a small volunteer group who have been meeting regularly, by Zoom this year, to think of ways to help mitigate the Climate problem which is now widely acknowledged. Most of the Parishes in the Stroud area now have CANs, and they link in with Stroud District Council's similar aims. Coaley-Uley Climate Action Network have decided they need a logo to promote their groups and the children in Classes 3 and 4 have been busy designing logos. We will know very soon if any of our Uley designs have been selected'.*

Well, we have result...Esme (Class 4) was the winner of the Coaley Network Competition. Her winning design will be part of the new logo of the CAN Network Group.

The Dog House is back!

If you could offer a loving home to a rescue dog, Channel 4 needs you!

[www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house](http://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house)

### **Holiday Free School Meal vouchers**

For the first and last week of the summer holiday only (26th – 30th July, and 30th August – 3rd September), parents who have signed up for holiday free school meal vouchers from the County Council will receive their voucher worth £15 per child per week to spend in a chosen supermarket.

A voucher for both weeks will be sent to you between the 14th to 16th July. You do not need to sign up to receive this voucher if you have received them in previous school holidays. This scheme is funded by grant monies.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>

### **Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)**

This summer Gloucestershire County Council is offering four weeks of activities and events for children eligible for Free School Meals.

This scheme, called the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), is in partnership with district councils, the voluntary sector and other organisations in the county and is funded by the Department for Education.

The HAF programme's purpose is to make sure children are entertained, active, educated, safe and fed between Monday 2nd August and Friday 27th August 2021.

Take a look at our trailer, featuring some of the activities from the Easter programme:

How will it work?

The HAF Summer programme will run from Monday 2nd August to Friday 27th August 2021. Each day, activities and events across the county will be available either in person, or online. Each district area will have its own page so you can find activities closest to you and what is being offered.

Some in-person activities will also need you to sign up in advance so the providers know which children are coming to join that day's fun and games. A meal or food kit will also be provided, dependant on each district's offer.

Sign up to the Holiday Activities and Food programme newsletter to stay up to date on information, key dates and frequently asked questions

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If you do not sign up for the HAF programme, your child(ren) will not be able to take part. There is no alternative offer to this programme during those four weeks. If you need help signing up, please either speak to your child(ren)'s school, or email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For the first and last week of the summer holiday **only** (26th-30th July, and 30th August-3rd September) vouchers will be available. [Read more about holiday free school meal vouchers.](#)

### **Stroud Neurodiversity Project**

You may have seen umbrella's in Stroud. The "Umbrella" concept is something that Stroud have adopted to represent those living with conditions, such as ADHD, ASD etc, that fall under the 'umbrella term' of Neurodevelopmental conditions. Hence the Umbrella Project celebrates those with Neurodiversity.

ADHD Foundation: Neurodiversity Charity has been granted funds by a resident of Stroud to deliver the Stroud Neurodiversity Project in 2021. Being the largest patient-led charity in Europe the mission is to advocate for the needs of people who are neurodiverse across their lifespan.

For more information about the Foundation, and what they do, please visit [ADHD Foundation](#)

The aim of the project, through the delivery of high quality, evidence-based training opportunities, is to raise awareness of the needs of children and young people who are neurodiverse and to provide practical strategies for home and school.

The project includes:

- A series of free live-streamed “Understanding and Supporting my Child with Neurodiversity” webinars, running until October, for parents/carers living in the Stroud / District area
- A Project Celebration event in The Sub Rooms, Stroud town Centre on Monday 4th October.

If you would like to attend the project celebrate event on 4th October, please email Pauline Crabtree ([pauline.crabtree@adhdfoundation.org.uk](mailto:pauline.crabtree@adhdfoundation.org.uk)) with the relevant contact details (name and email address).

If the parents / carers you support wish to attend the webinars, please contact, Parenting Lead, Lisa Rudge at [lisa.rudge@adhdfoundation.org.uk](mailto:lisa.rudge@adhdfoundation.org.uk)

### **The Covid-19 Local Support Grant**

The Covid-19 Local Support Grant has now been extended, applications are now open until September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

The Covid-19 Local support Grant was created to support people who have been financially impacted by Covid-19. The grant can help with the cost of food, household bills and other household essentials. Applications for the COVID-19 Local Support Fund will close at 5pm on the 30th September 2021. Families or individuals can apply directly.

The application form and further information can be found here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/how-to-apply/#main>

### **Families Magazine Gloucestershire**

Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Magazine Gloucestershire](#) for you. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including holiday activities, summer learning, health and family food.

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**

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 Gloucestershire Children and Families Front Door which is open from 9am to 5pm:

Telephone: 01452 426565

Email: [childrenhelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrenhelpdesk@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



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School trip – correspondence sent out

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – End of term 6

September 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Days – staff only

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – First day back for Year 1 – Year 6

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – New reception group A morning session – start time to be confirmed

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – New Reception group B morning session – start time to be confirmed

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – all Reception children morning session – start time to be confirmed