

ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



25th June 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.”

I don't know about you, but I feel another summer of restrictions is beginning to take its toll. It can't be helped but I long for the day, the term and the year when we can all visit the church for our services, the whole school can participate in whole school events, the children can all play together on the school field and we can open up the school to welcome our community back. We should be grateful though for the small things and those small things are that so far, and fingers crossed, we are on track to do more than we could last year including a residential.

As yet, we do not know what September will look like. We are waiting for guidance but then I'm not sure it will give us the information we need as yet. I would envisage that we need to get to the next date in July after which, may follow school guidance. This could mean that I will need to communicate during the summer holidays. There is always hope that school can return to some normality from the autumn term.

Here are some changes to school events due to COVID

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions still in place in schools, the school performance will not be taking place this year. The school performance is an opportunity for all KS2 children to enjoy singing, dancing and performing together and without the children being able to mix, this is not possible at this time.

Sports Day

This year (weather permitting) sports day will be taking place. However, schools have been asked to still follow current social distancing guidelines which will mean the children will participate in the sports day within their bubbles. At present, schools are not able to open this event to spectators which will mean that parents are unable to attend the sports day this year. However, as a school we will be making sure we take lots of photos of the children participating and will be sending these out for parents to see shortly after the day for you all to enjoy.

Homework

The homework deadline is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing all the lovely work that supports the school curriculum so that we can share within each class and celebrate achievements.

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH Awards

We are planning to continue this year with our Live Learn Flourish Awards. We will let you know how we are planning to do this.

Live, Learn and Flourish awards for infants and juniors constitutes a Live, a Learn and a Flourish award for the infants and a Live, a Learn and a Flourish for the juniors - these reflect the school vision:

Live – Learn – Flourish

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

Plus, our Live, Learn, Flourish tree incorporates 11 symbols:

-  The dove represents church and community
-  The light bulb represents ideas and imagination
-  The treble clef represents music and dance
-  The football represents sport and fair play
-  The star represents reward and recognition
-  The number '3' represents maths, science and analysis
-  The mask represents drama and self-expression
-  The globe represents awareness of our place in the world, geographically and socially
-  The speech bubble represents debate and openness
-  The butterfly represents freedom and fun
-  The book representing knowledge and leaning

Assessments and End of Year Reports

All the statutory tests have been cancelled this year but like many schools we have continued to carry out end of year assessments on the children so that we have an end point for the year which give us all an indication of the strengths and what needs to be worked on next. This information will inform the end of year reports.

Transition for September

One of the many benefits of being a small school is that everyone gets to know everyone, maybe not so much during these covid times but we continue to work hard to find as many opportunities as possible for the children to get to know any unfamiliar adults and this will continue through to the end of term.

We are planning:

- moving between their new classes whilst keeping within the covid restrictions
- teachers joining the children outside at playtimes
- speaking to the children within their own classes
- introductions in the playground at the end of the day – if your child is moving to a different class and you feel you would like a brief conversation with the new class teacher then please let us know.

We will also spend lots of time in the autumn term, though our Live, Learn Flourish week, giving the children the opportunities to get to know each other in their classes too. In the autumn we may be able to plan for 'Meet the Teacher' – covid allowing and going forward, we will hold our parents' progress meetings early in the autumn term.

Staff News

A huge welcome to Hannah Kordula. Hannah will be taking on the role as Fun Club Leader and midday supervisor from July.

Updated Policies

On the school website you will find:

Fractions, Decimal and Percentages Policy
SEND Policy

Let's celebrate some achievements...



LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Sylvie for her grateful attitude for getting her hamster back from inside the wall.

Toby for encouraging others with positive comments about their work.

Iris for being a supportive and understanding friend.

Emily for demonstrating thankfulness in all she does.

George (Class 2) for showing thankfulness by having good manners.

Misty for her generous attitude to trying her best in her work.

Kaeden for his impeccable manners during lunchtime.

Esme for always saying thank you to others in the class.

Lilia for her contributions to scientific discussions about human and other animals.

Millie for an excellent start to Rainbow Maths.

Noah for helping and supporting his classmates during Maths lessons explaining clearly how to solve problems.

Zoe for a superb persuasive letter to Siobhan Baille about climate change.

Tess for excellent application of 'air' sounds in phonics.

Thea for her excellent tricky work list writing.

Nellie for a superb attitude and her enthusiasm during our timetables sessions.

Evan for trying hard to improve his writing this week by remembering his punctuation.

This week has been assessment week across the school. The children have been absolutely amazing! Well done to all the children for being the best they can be!

Good work everyone!!

Library Books

If you have any outstanding library books at home, please bring them in so that we can pop them back on the system so that others can borrow them. If you have lost a library book, then please let us know as we will need to look at replacing them with your help.

Communication

Despite the covid situation, 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

Ticks and Insect Bites

Tick bites are not usually painful, so you may not realise you've been bitten straight away.

Symptoms of a tick bite can include:

- a small red lump on the skin
- swelling
- itchiness

- blistering
- bruising

Ticks in the UK can sometimes carry a potentially serious infection called [Lyme disease](#), so they should be removed as soon as possible if you find one attached to your skin.

See your GP if you develop any [symptoms of Lyme disease](#), such as a rash that looks like a "bull's-eye on a dartboard" or a fever.

More information and lots of images can be found at:

[Insect bites and stings - Symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Head lice

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.

It is important to check your child's head regularly, to treat hair as soon as you find any and continue to regularly check. Have a look at these websites which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice:

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Skin Health

Young skin is delicate and very easily damaged by the sun. Please slap on a sunhat and slop on plenty of sun cream before school. At school the children are encouraged to slurp plenty of water. You could also put some clearly named sun cream in your child's bag, just in case.



on some cool clothing,

on a hat,

on some sun cream and

plenty of water

NSPCC



Together, we're here for children.

We're so grateful you've chosen to make a donation of £64.02. By supporting us today, you're showing children you care.

We know every childhood is different, but abuse should never be a part of it. That's why it's vital our frontline services are here to help children who have been abused, protect children at risk and prevent abuse from happening in the first place.

Thanks to your support, we can be here to talk, to listen, and protect children.

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.

How will it work?

A few weeks before the school holiday starts, parents and carers will need to sign up to the HAF programme.

Then, 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.

*For the first and last week of the summer holiday **only** (26th-30th July, and 30th August-3rd September) vouchers worth £15 per child, per week will be available, as per previous school holidays. These will be issued between the 14th and 16th July for the total amount - for example: if you have two children, you will receive a single voucher worth £60. [Read more about holiday free school meal vouchers.](#)*

Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th July – School trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park – letter to be sent out soon

Tuesday 20th July – End of the school year

Term dates for the 2021 - 2022 academic year have been circulated, but you can also find a copy on the school website.