

ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



28th April 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.”

Welcome back to Term 5.

I hope you have all had a safe and well-deserved Easter break, and are beginning to enjoy getting out and about a little bit more since 12th April. As of yet, there have not been any further updates or up dated published covid guidance for schools. I will keep you informed should schools receive any changes to the guidance.

The news of the tragic events that took place in Cam before the return to school has shocked and saddened us all and our thoughts and prayers have been with the family.

We welcome Kaeden (Year 3) and his family to Uley School. Kaeden has joined Class 3 and has already said how much he loves his new school!

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Bailey for showing justice and fairness by choosing a different friend to go home with each day.

Lydia (Class 4) for always having a smile and for being kind towards all members of the class.

Tess for always playing fairly with a kind and caring attitude.

Emily for settling back in to school routine so well and showing great resilience.

Bethany for her sense of empathy towards others and ideas on how we should share wealth and joy.

Regan for showing excellent resilience and patience with others and in his play.

Gilbert for asking for help in class when stuck on a problem.

George (Class 3) for suppressing his ‘inner chimp’; demonstrating resilience.

Miles for consistently showing our school values.

Martyna for always being kind and helpful to others and consistently showing our ‘Good to be Green’ behaviours.

Poppy (Class 4) for her fantastic ideas reflecting on the value of justice.

Joseph S (Class 3) for superb sportsmanship during our 'chance to shine' cricket session.

William for confidently opening our class Easter contribution – reflecting on images of Jesus.

Hazel for a lovely Easter card and working well with others to build an Easter garden.

Aayan for his reflective ideas when discussing what kind of leader he would be.

Dino for showing great determination to finish his tasks.

Jorja for her contributions to Class 2's science lessons discussing humans and other animals.

Thea for putting lots of effort into her writing this week.

Albert for his brilliant attitude towards his work in class and for always setting an excellent example in class.

Freddie (Class 3) for solving time problems using his knowledge of timetables.

Kaeden (Class 3) for settling in to Uley School so well!

What a lot of achievements everyone – well done! Keep it up!

Trim Trail

Have you seen our fantastic trim trail? The School Council have been busy helping the adults to risk assess and prepare the children to safely use the equipment.



Recruitment

We are recruiting for a Fun Club Leader. Please see the Gloucestershire School Vacancies website <https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/results.aspx?NC=NC> or ask for more information.

Coaley-Uley Climate Action Network

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.



Forest Green Rovers Ambassador Scheme 2021 – 2022

Dear Parents and KS2 Children (current Year 2 – Year 5),

Forest Green Rovers have been in touch about the possibility of recruiting an ambassador for the academic year 2021 - 2022. Please see the PDF attached for more information. FGR say that each school can select one boy and one girl. Henry (Y6) is currently our Forest Green Rovers Ambassador and will continue for the rest of the academic year.

Being a Forest Green Rover Ambassador involves the pupil being committed to raise the profile of FGR within the school. This may be by, having a dedicated FGR notice board, mentioning results to other pupils and members of staff. Ambassadors should also try to attend matches and be willing to participate in publicity events for the club.

The chosen ambassador will bring many benefits to the school and its pupils, as well as to themselves.

The ambassador will benefit by:

- A complimentary season ticket
- A half price season ticket for one adult
- The chance to take part in match day activities and exclusive ambassador events.

If you feel that you would like to become an ambassador for Forest Green Rovers, we require you to write a letter of application to Mrs Mandeville. We are looking for you to show us how passionate you are about FGR and why you would be a suitable candidate to be ambassador.

We would like all letters to be handed in on Friday 7th May 2021, and the successful pupil will be chosen by a selection panel and informed the following week.

Good luck!

NSPCC Number day: Friday 7th May

On Friday 7th May the whole school will be participating in the NSPCC Number Day. During the day, the children will have the chance to participate in a range of activities focused around the theme of number. As part of the day, we are asking for all pupils to dress up in 'numbers.' This could include wearing an item of clothing with a number on it, simply writing some numbers on a piece of paper and attaching it to a top you already have or something a little more creative. To help raise money for the NSPCC we are asking for a small donation (£1) towards the charity, which can be paid across to the school via parent pay.

Roof Work Replacement at Uley School

A date has been set for this essential work to start at Uley. Contractors are planning to be on site from May 19th for approximately 8 – 9 weeks. The contractors will be using the compound playground for vehicles and equipment but children are still able to access through the Year 5 and 6 gate. During this time there should be **no** parking, picking up or dropping off in vehicles from Woodstock Terrace – thank you.

Covid System of Controls

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please could everyone follow the one way system particularly when picking up from Class 1 as walking back down the footpath is creating a backlog of parents waiting at the bottom of the footpath to pick their children up.
- Please remember to wear facemask at drop off and pick up.

Thanks

Attendance

Just a little reminder that school attendance has always played a crucial role in helping the children to achieve and even more crucial due to the disruption the pandemic has caused. Attendance continues to be monitored and we request that children avoid any unnecessary time out of school and are on time in the mornings in order for the school day to start with minimal disruption. If children are unwell, have medical needs or even coronavirus, then these are all unavoidable authorised absences.

Free School Meals

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to 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 - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Curriculum Summer 2021

Class curriculum letters and homework will be sent out shortly.

Policies

The most recent policies to be reviewed and will be available on the school website soon are:

- Communication Policy

- Separated Parent policy

Safeguarding Children – Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass came into effect across all Gloucestershire Schools from March 4th 2019. It is a police initiative, supported fully by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Executive after successful trials in other counties.

The aim is to support children who may be affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is clearly distressing for a child who may see the abuse directly or hear it happening in another room.

Following a domestic abuse incident, which has been reported to the police, Operation Encompass has the structure to alert schools at the earliest opportunity so the child can be supported when they arrive in school.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>.

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Remote Learning Survey. Please click on the link below to see the response.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-RGJSQXJC/>

Ofsted Parent View

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Friends of Uley School update

FUS are busy planning fundraising activities for the summer term, and we'd love to hear from you if you have any ideas or you'd like to get involved.

Our crowdfunder through JustGiving is still open to donations to cover our annual commitments to the school to cover £250 per class for classroom resources and the online Mathletics subscription, whatever you can donate will really help us reach our target.

Friends of Uley School are now on Amazon Smile – download the Amazon Smile app and you can raise money for the school as you shop, at no extra cost to you!

EasyFundraising is another easy way you can help raise free donations through online shopping – there are over 4000 retailers – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, booking.com and M&S. Take a look at the [website](#) for more info.

Friends of Uley School are now on Instagram! Give us a follow and check out our fabulous new logo!

Email hello@friendsofuleyschool.org | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

