

*LIVE LEARN FLOURISH*



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## **November!**

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have all had a super week and remembered to put your clocks back at the weekend.

You may have seen the newly laid footpath leading up to school, what a difference! It is now wider, safer to walk on and looks amazing. A huge thank you to Barry Kordula for making this happen with Gloucestershire Highways.

Thank you to all the parents who helped to trim and tidy the willow dome and for taking the clippings away!

As you can see, our outdoor room is nearing completion. It looks amazing and in keeping with the natural surroundings. Thank you to Steve Birkbeck for all his hard work.

## **LIVE LEARN FLOURISH**

Every week we celebrate the children's talents and achievements. We also celebrate good examples of values particularly the term's value. The children receive a certificate for curriculum work and stickers for demonstrating values. The children's work can be found in a folder in the school corridor.

A fabulous well done to:

Elsa for being so generous by sharing her stories with us.

Zoe for generously supporting others with their learning.

Elden for his being generous by discussing his ideas in Science.

Pixie for generously sharing her idea with the class.

Sophia Class 3 for showing generosity to her friends.

Kaeden for excellent colour mixing.

Sophie (Class 1) for being a super help tidying up during her first week at breakfast/after school club and always with a smile!

Violet (Year 6) for working very hard all the time.

Stanley for working so hard on the carpet by answering questions.

Kayla for her dedicated attitude to learning.

George H (Class 3) for his amazing attitude towards learning his spellings.

Well done everyone for 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**

### **A Message from your Governing Board**

On the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> October the Resources Committee met at the school to discuss the school forecasting/planning, review actions and assess the approaching challenges.

As is the case for all businesses/households, our costs are increasing across the school and we're keen to ensure that the children and their activities are not affected. With this in mind it's even more important that where possible, parents help us with the costs of educational trips and swimming.

We don't receive specific funding for these activities so they are only possible with your support. The entire school (staff, governors and pupils) are very grateful for the financial and physical assistance provided by our parent body.

Understanding that everyone is under the same pressure at home, if you are struggling to make your contribution or with any other cost associated with the school, come and talk confidentially to any member of staff, we may be able to help.

The committee reviewed and approved the updated versions of the Debt and Debt Recovery Policy and the Charging Policy, and also the Terms of Reference for this committee to ensure it was still accurate and representative.

Want to know more about your governing board and the multiple committees we use ensuring effective support/focus in the right areas? You can find information in the school website, under 'About Us'.

Look forward to seeing you all at one of the many school activities as we count down to Christmas.

Mark Easy - Parent Governor

### **Updated School Policies**

Here are some policies that have been reviewed and updated. These can be found on the school website:

- Debt policy
- Charging policy

### **Parents' Evenings**

I hope you have all managed to meet class teachers to talk about your child's progress and how well they have settled in to school routine. It has been a huge relief to return to face to face meetings and to see the children's books; I do hope you agree. We are looking forward to seeing some of you later today.

Staff are happy to arrange to talk to you, 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

### Unlocking Letters and Sounds and Early Reading

The website has been updated to reflect our systematic synthetic phonic scheme. On the website you will be able to see the Unlocking Letters and Sounds Overview Progression and Actions, Images and Letter Formation documents.

We have set a date for a parent phonic session (**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4-5pm**) and look forward to seeing as many parents possible joining us. We would like to introduce you to our phonic scheme and support you in supporting your child's phonic development. We will show you how to make pure sounds (without a schwa!) and how to blend words.

### Online Safety

As part of our INSET day on Tuesday we received updates on Cyber Safety from PC Darren Peters.

A few helpful tips to help keep children safe online:

- Online gaming - Adults are encouraged to show an interest in the children's gaming and to play the games (age-appropriate of course) 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](http://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 apps?
  - WhatsApp – 16 years+
  - TikTok – 13 years+
  - You Tube – 13 years+
  - Snap Chat – 13 years+
  - Instagram – 13 years+

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

### School Teams

The new Reception children have been allocated teams, and have already started to receive team points.

**2022-2023 Team Captains and Vice Team Captains are:**

#### Angeston

Captain – Sara

Vice-captain – Brady

#### Rockstowes

Captain – Ben

Vice-captain – Brody

#### Dauncey's

Captain – Nathaniel

Vice-captain – Oliver

#### Sheppard's

Captain – George

Vice-captain – Dino



### Team Captain Role and Responsibilities:

- Announce team points and add them up.
- Encourage team in sports day.
- Be a good role model.
- Motivate team at events.
- Encourage team members to be the best they can be.
- Make speeches.
- Help everyone who asks for help.
- Put out equipment and be prepared to help.

### Children in Partnership Council – Snack Shop

The CHIP Council would like to run a Snack Shop with healthy snacks at the end of each term when the school has Golden Time. The next date for the CHIP Snack Shop is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. The CHIP Council will be deciding which special snack will be on sale.

### Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need

Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying week. The theme for this year is Reach Out – reach out to stop bullying. Our 4 school values will be linked throughout the theme.

The week starts with Odd Sock Day. We invite everyone to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. We will take lots of photos! Monday's worship will introduce the children to anti-bullying and during activities in class, children will explore further the definition of bullying, the roles involved in bullying, how to identify it and what to do – Reaching Out. Younger children will be exploring being kind and unkind, and what makes a good friend.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the children will spend time in their teams exploring scenarios and discussing what they would do.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the children will spend some time with their buddies with a focus on kindness.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** is also Children in Need (SPOTacular) Day. Come dressed as the theme 'Spotty and Dotty' and donate £1 through Parent Pay for a very good cause!

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8419>

### Remembrance

Poppies and poppy merchandise are now on sale in school. In collaboration with Karen Randall (Uley School Governor), the CHIP Council will be selling to each class daily for a minimum of 20p donation per poppy. Please bring donations in each day; all proceeds to go to the Royal British Legion.

The staff and children will all be taking the time to reflect on the past on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and will also be observing the 2 minutes' silence.



## Behaviour Ethos and Policy

Uley C of E Primary School has high expectations of its pupils. Our aim is to provide an education that brings out the best in every child that builds on their strengths, enables them to enjoy and extend their own learning and helps them to become motivated and successful.

We aim to work with children to support and encourage them to build positive relationships with others and work effectively within a team so that they grow into confident and tolerant citizens, valued for the contribution they make to society.

In working towards this aim we recognise that promoting an ethos of good behaviour is the responsibility of all stakeholders within the school community. We believe that our Christian values help to create an ethos where the beliefs and attitudes of everyone support the positive behaviours necessary to maintain an effective learning environment.

### Trust

Be honest and just  
Believe in yourself – you can do it!  
Persevere on your journey, seek help from others

### Friendship

Do as you would be done by  
Encourage, support and be proud of each other  
Smile and be thankful

### Wisdom

Reflect on our mistakes and learn from them  
Make appropriate choices  
Have the courage to be the best you can be

### Compassion

Be tolerant; embrace difference and diversity  
Say sorry, show you're sorry  
Show forgiveness and generosity

## School Closures

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 is currently under review and will be adapted to meet a range of scenarios including closures due to snow or Coronavirus.

## Harvest

It was lovely to see a full church on the last day of term. We hope you enjoyed sharing our celebrations with us.

Thank you for all the kind donations for the Food Bank



### **COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17**

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

\*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

\*\*people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital ([www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Parents' Evening – face to face – 3.40 – 5/5.30pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photographer

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Cross Country am KLB for those in Cross Country Club and Competing Week commencing **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – National Anti-bullying Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – SPOTacular

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need cake sale and tidying school garden from 1pm, helpers welcome

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Parent Phonics Information Session 4-5pm at Uley School

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Homework Share, 9-9.30am – all invited

**Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December** – ISingPop!! Lots of singing and rehearsing in school through the week.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – ISingPop performances at 2pm and 6pm. More information will follow but all children will be expected to return for the evening performance.


**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - FUS Christmas fair 6pm-8pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term Carol Service, 1.45pm at St Giles Church

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term 2

Term dates can be found on the school website



*I'll be  
there for you*

We don't bully in our school  
Everyone is kind  
No matter what you look like  
We don't really mind.

Everybody's different  
And that's what makes us great.  
But we all agree on one thing  
There's no room here for hate.

We try to help each other  
In everything we do  
And value thoughts and feelings  
No matter what the view.

There's no place here for bullies  
Just friends both old and new  
With one short, simple message –  
"I'll be there for you."

**Young Actors needed for...  
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang  
Being produced by The DODS  
@ the Chantry Centre, Dursley  
May 2023**



**The Dursley Operatic and Dramatic Society are looking for young people aged around 8 - 13 years to take part in their 70th Anniversary production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The DODS are looking to cast two sets of principals (Jeremy and Jemima) and two sets of children for the ensemble.**

**If you have a child or children who are budding actors and singers then please come along to the pre-audition sessions below. You can also contact us via our website [www.the-dods.com](http://www.the-dods.com), on facebook 'The DODS', or contact Helen on 07736 154061 for more information.**

**Pre-Audition workshops will take place on Monday 7th and Monday 14th of November from 7pm - 8.30pm at the Chantry Centre (Lister Hall).**

**St Giles' Church, Uley**



**Sat 19 November**  
**10.30am - 12 noon**

*Come and join us for an informal time of worship which will include fun activities to make and do and refreshments to share.*

Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult for the service.

