

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear All,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The summer break is always much deserved but it is always exciting to get back to school, to see everyone again and to return to routine. The children have made a super start to school and the transition has been relatively smooth with only a couple realising they had walked into the wrong class (and that is the adults!) It has been fantastic to see so many smiley faces.

The staff at Uley School would like to say a big thank you for all the kind words and generous gifts at the end of the summer term. Thank you!

A special Uley welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are settling in well. We welcome Arina and Daniil, Miss Hannah Morris, Class Teacher to Class 4 and Mrs Kirsty Harbin, Class Teacher to Class 1 along with Mrs Sara Delrosa. We also welcome Mrs Lorraine Hempshall who has joined the Lunchtime Team and the Breakfast and Fun Club Team, and Mrs Lin Quemby who is going to be helping out at Breakfast Club. Please come and introduce yourselves to the staff. Miss Hannah Morris, along with most teaching staff, are outside in the mornings and after school.

We start the term with a Live, Learn, Flourish week. A week where the children can familiarise themselves with the school and catch up with friends after the summer break. We have also been reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the future for King Charles III.

During our staff INSET Days we have been working on the school Curriculum (more information will follow) and all staff have received the first part of phonics training, with part two this Thursday 15th September. As phonics was a target from our recent inspection, we have recently purchased a new synthetic phonic scheme which we would love to share with you once we have completed all of our training and organised the resources.

Reading in the infants will change as we move to completely phonically decodable texts until the children can confidently decode, then moving on to book banded books. So, no Floppy, Biff, Chip and Kipper for a while!

The way we send books home and expectations in reading at home will change too. We will find out more during our training this Thursday and will then share this with you. In the meantime whilst we have our reading material audited, please continue to read any books you have at home with any that come home from school. Our curriculum will also be changing as we have purchased some schemes to support teaching and learning. Again, more information will follow in due course, so please be patient whilst the staff (and children) get used to the new material.

Newsletters are full of information. We ask that parents and carers read the newsletters and make notes of any dates. If you would like to know more about any of items in the newsletter, please come and ask.

Communication

At Uley School the staff believe in good communication. We are always visible and available in the morning albeit briefly but time to give messages or to request a time to talk, and we are available more so at the end of the day. As a staff we cannot stress enough how much better it is to have a face to face conversation rather than receiving an email. If there is something you would like to talk about – your child’s learning, areas of education or, interested in volunteering, then please do come and ask.

The class emails are not checked as they are used for exceptional circumstances such as remote learning, so please do not send correspondence to class emails.

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
- just want to come and say hi

A Message from our Family Liaison

Hello!

My name is Mrs Lisa Hills and I am the Family Liaison at Uley Primary. I have worked with children and young people for the past 17 years in a variety of roles including primary teacher, deputy manager of a nursery, special needs teacher and as SENDCo before starting at Uley.

I am here to help and support all children and their families with any difficulties they may be experiencing including (but not is not exclusive to) anxiety, behaviour, mental health support, housing and benefits and additional needs.

I will be at school every Monday from 9.30am until 2.30pm, if you would like to book an appointment to see me, please leave a message with Mrs Mandeville or the school office.

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody’s responsibility.

Mrs Zoe Mandeville, Miss Abby Spain, and Mrs Lisa Hills are Uley’s Designated Safeguarding Leads, with Mrs Philippa Nash, Mrs Debbie Brazier and Mrs Hannah Kordula as Deputy Leads and are always available to meet should you have any child welfare concerns.

The school’s Safeguarding Policy can be found on the school’s website.

If you have a concern about a child please contact the Children and Families Services Helpdesk on **01452 426565** (during 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday), but if you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child please contact the Police on **101** at any time.

The Children and Families Services helpdesk is open between **9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**.

Safeguarding Before and After School

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore we would just like to remind you that all children must not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. Occasionally we have children that are dropped off early at school in the morning and left alone in the playground. Staff are in the playground and will take responsibility for the children from 8.40am and therefore the welfare of the children is the parent's responsibility prior to this time. **An adult must stay with them until the door is open at 8.40am.** Please speak to a member of staff should you wish to book a place at breakfast club.

Please let us know if somebody different is picking your child up. We will not release the children should we have not received a message.

School Uniform and PE Kit

As with many schools, we have a school uniform of which we are very proud of and one of which shows that we are part of Uley School and take pride in how smart we look, and how smart everyday looks this week! We would like to remind everyone that this is the same standard we expect from PE kits.

Juniors come dressed ready in PE on their PE days and we have noticed over the past year that some parts of PE kits are becoming more inappropriate with mid-drifts, very short shorts or inappropriate footwear. In these cases we have spare kit and we may ask the children to get changed if their PE kit is not appropriate.

PE Kit must consist of:

Dark coloured shorts (preferably navy)

Red t-shirt

Jogging bottoms

Well-fitting trainers – Velcro or laces (or plimsolls)

A pair of socks also for the girls as they may come to school in tights.

A clearly named PE bag

Infants will need PE in school at all times, clearly named and stored in a named PE bag. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each term for checking and for a wash! Please ensure all kit is named and return named PE kits at the start of each new term.

For Health and Safety reasons long hair should be tied back, at all times.

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, fairy cake, an extra sandwich etc.

Water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school.

School Meals

The Autumn menu can be found on the school website. As a school we buy in to a Gloucestershire County Council contract for hot school meals. More information regarding Caterlink follow the link <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/gloucestershire-county-council/>.

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.

Parking

As parents already know, we want to work with the community and promote safe and considerate parking. The Knoll car park **is not** for parents to use to drop children off or pick up. Uley School staff and governors and local residents request that parents **do not** use Woodstock Terrace to drop off/collect for school or Breakfast/Fun Club.

COVID Updates

An up to date covid risk assessment and outbreak management plan is available on the school website.

We will be setting the Reception children up with school emails very soon, just in case need to switch to remote learning in the future! The children's emails remain, so it may be worth checking by logging on to Office 365.

Online Safety - New Resources for Parents and Teachers

Internet Matters have created dedicated hubs on their website for early years, primary and secondary aged children. These hubs are full of information and resources for teachers and parents, including common issues, top apps and platforms, resources and advice. Direct links to these hubs are: <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

Follow the link for a Snapchat safety guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/#snapchat-family-centre>

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#) for you to share with your parents.

The 'Back to School' issue is loaded with really useful information and articles for parents including:

- Getting school support for a child with SEN
- Why education begins at home
- Road safety for children
- Chapter books that encourage kindness
- New term teething problems
- Brilliant first chapter books for early readers
- Screen free rainy day activities
- Enjoying Autumn outside
- Family friendly walks for Autumn
- DIY Halloween costumes

Rag Bag Collection

Our next collection is on Wednesday 21st September 2022. They accept clean, good quality dry reusable clothing (a full list can be found on their website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk). At present the clothes are going to Ukraine, all clothes need to be something you'd wear out yourself or pass onto friends and family.

Clubs run by school staff

A letter will follow shortly with clubs on offer run by school staff.

School Library

The school library will be back up and running very soon. If you have any outstanding books, please return them to school. A library timetable can be found on the school website.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th September – Bank Holiday announced Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral

Week commencing **Tuesday 20th September** – Reception until 12.15pm

Week commencing **Monday 26th September** – Reception until 1.30pm – please bring a packed lunch for this week to help children settle in to lunchtimes

Week commencing **Monday 3rd October** – Reception all day – lunches can be ordered

Thursday 13th October – Flu Nasal Spray

Week commencing **Monday 17th October** – Y6 Bikeability – information to follow

Wednesday 19th October – Teacher / Parent meets – time to be confirmed

Thursday 20th October – Harvest Service – time to be confirmed

Thursday 20th October – End of Term 1

Friday 21st October – Staff INSET day

Monday 31st October – Start of Term 2

Thursday 3rd November – Teacher / Parent meets – time to be confirmed

Friday 4th November – School Photographer – more information to follow

Week commencing **Monday 14th November** – National Anti-bullying Week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – more information to follow

December – we are planning to take part in ISingPop!! Lots of singing with a performance along with a nativity

Friday 16th December – End of Term 2

Term dates can be found on the school website



Uley Primary School Staff

	Head Teacher – Mrs. Zoe Mandeville School Administrator and Fun Club Manager – Mrs. Carol Cornelius	
	Year groups	Staff
Class 1	Reception & Year 1	Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Class Teacher, Tuesday – Friday Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – Class Teacher, Monday Mrs. Debbie Brazier – Teaching Assistant
Class 2	Year 1 & Year 2	Miss. Abby Spain – Class Teacher – PPA Wednesday afternoons Mrs. Rosie Dean – Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Year 3 & Year 4	Miss. Laura Davies – Class Teacher – PPA Tuesday afternoons Mrs. Philippa Nash – Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss. Hannah Morris – Class Teacher - PPA Thursday afternoons Mrs. Tina Pugh – Teaching Assistant Mrs. Bonny Dance – Teaching Assistant
		PPA is Planning, Preparation and Assessment Every teacher is entitled to PPA
IT Support	Mr. Sandy Bryson	
SENDCo Support	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – 1 day a week	
PPA Cover	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin	
Family Support	Mrs Lisa Hills - Mondays	
Additional Support Staff	Mrs Liz Trotman Mrs. Cath Wasley Mrs. Ann Bijkerk	
Additional Adults 1-1 Support	Mrs. Sarah Scott Mrs. Sasha Waring Mrs. Helen West-Boyle	
Enrichment Groups	Mrs Tina Pugh – Thursday afternoon	
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs. Philippa Nash Mrs. Carole White Mrs. Sam Caldwell Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Lindsay Dagger Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall	
Breakfast and Fun Club	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Sam Caldwell Mrs. Carole White Mrs. Lindsay Dagger Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Mrs. Lin Quemby	