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ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September 2024

Welcome back to a new school year everyone!

Seeing everyone again has made the soggy start to the school year, a joyful one. It is great to be back and to be greeted with keenness and smiles. I hope you all had a lovely summer and had the opportunity to take some time with your family and friends. We look forward to settling into the school routine.

A great big thank you from all of the staff at Uley for all the kind words and gifts at the end of the summer term.

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Always a long one as there is a lot to share with you at the beginning of the year. 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, or any other school matter, please come and ask.

New Reception Children

We welcome our new Reception children who started in the most unusual of circumstances – the weather! Despite the adverse weather conditions and torrential rain, they have come in to school with smiles ☺ We are looking forward to seeing them all settle in to school life and working closely with their families.

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, you have a worry or, are 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

Breakfast Club Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Breakfast Club Lead

Part-time, 6hrs 40mins per week

Monday to Friday term-time only, 7:30am – 8:50am

A childcare qualification is essential and applicants should be willing to attend training courses.

Salary Grade 3 (pts 4-6) £23,114 - £23,893 pa pro rata

Start date – ASAP (subject to DBS clearance)

An application pack is available electronically from the school office. Please contact the school office on 01453 860350 or e-mail admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk.

Reverend Juliet Jenson

On Sunday 1st September, it was a privilege to be part of welcoming Reverend Juliet to the Ewelme Benefice on behalf of Uley Primary School. We look forward to welcoming Reverend Juliet to our school and the school community very soon.

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 18 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 Laura Davies, Miss Abby Spain, and Mrs Lisa Hills are Uley's Designated Safeguarding 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.

Safeguarding and Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

We cannot dispute that technology is a wonderful thing when used safely and correctly.

Although we encourage children to wear watches in school to be able to tell the time, we request that the children do not wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone such as camera, video, messaging etc. to school, this includes before and after school club.

Please may I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception is when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk to and from school (Year 5 and 6s), and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency. Walking to and from school letter for Years 5 and 6 has been sent out.

The School Curriculum

Very soon you will receive information about your child's classroom and their curriculum including homework and expectations. Any questions regarding our curriculum, please either have a look at the website or come and speak to us.

Use of the School Field

We know how important using the school field is after school for clubs, the Uley School community and Fun Club. We would love to invite the school community to use the school field after school, 3.20 – 4pm on a Friday (clubs are running on a Monday for the autumn term). Fun Club can then use the field until the end of the school day at 5.30pm.

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 everyone 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 aim to be as healthy as possible at Uley School and we know that the right diet contributes to a positive mental health also. Having a good breakfast, eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and drinking plenty of water is part of this.

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.

Please can the juniors bring in fruit/vegetable for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack! Being hungry can impact on the children's learning.

No crisps or chocolate for Monday – Thursday break times please.

Friday - Everything in moderation - Fridays 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.

Childhood Illnesses

In school, we expect there to be a variety of childhood illnesses, particularly as the colder weather approaches. Common illnesses include coughs, colds, chest infections, sickness, upset tummies.... In school we follow the recommended guidelines for illnesses.

[Shoud I keep my child off school checklist poster \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61121/should_i_keep_my_child_off_school_checklist_poster.pdf)

There is no longer a requirement to test for Coronavirus or to isolate. If your child is poorly and too poorly for school, then keep them at home, but please let us know by giving us a ring. We always like to know why the children are feeling poorly, not because we are nosey but because we can then plan for patterns and ensure cleaning routines are stepped up!

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

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.

head lice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick and long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

Have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice - <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

School Library

The school library will be back up and running very soon. If you have any outstanding books, please return them to school.

Peripatetic Music Teachers

Dave Roach – Guitar Lessons at Uley School

Learning a musical instrument can bring many benefits beyond the joy of music itself, by helping in the development of confidence, self-expression and coordination. One-to-one guitar tuition is available in school on Tuesday afternoons. Lessons are 20 minutes long, informal and geared towards the student's interests. For all enquiries please contact the guitar teacher, Dave Roach, directly: email dave_roach@hotmail.com or call 0788 3911138.

Chris Wiggins – Viola and Violin Lessons at Uley School

Mr. Chris Wiggins has joined Uley School as a peripatetic music teacher on a Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wiggins is able to teach viola or violin from Year 3 upwards. Should you be interested in viola or violin lessons, please let us know. There is a limited number of 20 minutes slots – first come first serve. Payment for the lessons will be agreed between parents and Mr. Wiggins.

<https://chriswigginsmusicteacher.co.uk/>

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 7th November. Appointments are for 10 minutes and are allocated on a first come first served basis. You will be able to see the timings and book your slots through our online booking system, which will be available nearer the time.

This is a good opportunity for you to meet the staff, discuss your child's progress and ask questions about supporting your child's learning at home.

Meet and Greet

On Friday 20th September 9-9.30am, you are most welcome to come and visit your child's classroom, meet the class staff and get a feel for your child's learning environment. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th September – Meet and Greet 9.00 – 9.30am

Saturday 12th October – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Monday 14th October – Year 6 Bikeability – information to follow

Wednesday 23rd October – Parent's Evening – information to follow

Thursday 24th October – Uley School Harvest Service at St Giles Church, 9.45am – all welcome

Thursday 24th October – End of Term 1

Friday 25th October – INSET Day – Staff Only

Monday 4th November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 7th November – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying week – more information to follow

Thursday 14th November – School Photographer

Saturday 16th November – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Wednesday 4th December – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10 am all welcome

Saturday 7th December – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Wednesday 11th December – 9- 9.30am all welcome to join us for homework share.

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 SATs information session, 3.45pm

Thursday 12th December – Infant Nativity, 2pm and 6.30pm performances

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunches and Party day!

Friday 20th December – Uley School Christmas Service at St Giles, 1.30pm – all welcome.

Term dates can be found on the school website

Uley Primary School Staff List

	Head Teacher – Mrs. Zoe Mandeville School Administrator and Fun Club Manager – Mrs. Carol Cornelius School Admin Assistant – Katherine Lai	
	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 Mrs. Katy Smith – Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Year 3 & Year 4	Miss. Laura Davies – Class Teacher – PPA Thursday afternoons Miss Amy Quemby – Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss. Hannah Morris – Class Teacher - PPA Tuesday afternoons Mrs. Philippa Nash – Teaching Assistant Mrs Liz Trotman – Teaching Assistant
	PPA is Planning, Preparation and Assessment - Every teacher is entitled to PPA	
IT Support	Mr. Sandy Bryson	
SENDCo	Mrs. Zoe Mandeville	
SENDCo Support	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – 1 day a week	
PPA Cover	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin	
Family Support	Mrs Lisa Hills - Mondays	
Additional Adults	Mrs. Helen West-Boyle	
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Lindsay Dagger Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Miss Megan Price	
Breakfast and Fun Club	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Mrs. Hannah Kordula Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Mrs. Lin Quemby Miss Megan Price	

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MINI MEET SESSIONS

2.30 – 3PM

Do you have a pre-school child due to start Reception in September 2025?

Are you making the important decision about which primary school?

Come and meet us at Uley School and spend some time with our Reception class.

Thursday 19th September

Thursday 26th September

Thursday 17th October

Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday 27th November

To book a place at one of our sessions, please email admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk
or phone 01453 860350

An Act of Kindness

We all thought the planters had been collected at the end of the summer term. On return to school after the summer break, we were greeted by lots of very cheerful flowers.

We do not know who nurtured, grew and returned these jolly plants to school, but a huge thank you! It has brought curiosity and joy.

