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WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer. The children have come back tanned and taller!

Congratulations to Lindsay Dagger on her appointment as Uley Under 5s' Deputy Manager from September. Lindsay worked in childcare prior to having her own children, and has provided excellent relief cover when needed during the last academic year.

We would also like to welcome Leonie Luffingham, who has joined our staff as a Play Assistant for two days a week. Leonie was a primary school teacher before having her own children. Some of the children already know her well, as Leonie kindly volunteered one day a week during the last academic year.

Finally a big welcome to Delilah Stephens, Mae Greenstreet, Quentin Hill-Smith, Sammy Birkbeck, Tilly Evans and Xanthe Praki who are all joining Uley Under 5s during Terms 1 and 2. We hope you will make many happy memories.

ULEY UNDER 5S AGM, 19TH SEPTEMBER, ST. GILES'S CHURCH

Uley Under 5s is run by a committee of parent and community volunteers.

New members are needed for 2019-20 for the playgroup to continue.

All current parents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on the 19th September. Please consider joining the committee to help with marketing, fundraising, etc. **Sadly, if the playgroup is unable to form a committee, the playgroup will be forced to close.**

FEES

Our fees continue to be £4.90p per hour for under 3s, and £3.90p per hour for any children aged 3 and over. However, a new policy regarding the payment of fees was proposed and accepted by the majority of the committee in July. The new policy includes information on how fees will be calculated when a child turns 3 or if parents wish to make changes to a child's attendance, and to explain how the playgroup will support parents who may be having difficulties paying fees. A full copy of the policy will be emailed to all parents and is being added to the policies section on our website. A hard copy is available at the hall during playgroup sessions.

FUNDRAISING:

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, 5th October, Uley Cricket Pavilion. Tickets (available from the village shop) cost £15 per person and includes food. There will be a bar selling a new beer created for Uley Under 5s, BBQ and live bands including Mee & Mrs Robinson. Fancy dress prize for the best dressed. This is our main fund-raising event for this year. Please come along to support the playgroup. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, man the bar and bbq for an hour at a time, and to clear-up on Sunday. Please contact Clare Williams (clarewilliams@freeuk.com)

WINTER FAIR

Saturday 7th December, Uley Village Hall. There will be a range of stalls selling gifts, stocking fillers, etc. plus children's craft activities, Santa's grotto and a raffle.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020?

The local authority usually sends out forms in November for parents to apply for places at the schools of their choice. We recommend that you arrange to visit any schools which you are considering for your child over the next couple of months.

EMAILS/FACEBOOK PAGE

DADS: Please email Nicola (manager@uleyplaygroup.co.uk) if you would like to receive playgroup emails.

All parents are welcome to join the closed Facebook page. To access this, please send a request via Facebook to our Marketing Officer Anna Summers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uleyunderfiveplaygroup/>

Please note that we do not post photographs or videos of children who attend Uley Under 5s on the playgroup's Facebook page in accordance with our Safeguarding policy. We would appreciate it if all parents follow suit. Any parents who do post photographs taken during playgroup activities will be asked to remove the photographs immediately by Nicola or the playgroup chairperson.

If you would like to share photographs of your child with staff, please load them onto your child's Tapestry electronic journal.

30 HOURS FUNDING

Don't forget you are required to re-confirm your eligibility for this scheme every three months. If there are any queries contact the Gloucestershire Family Information Service (01452 427362 or email familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk for assistance.

SEE THE PARENTS NOTICEBOARD AT THE HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PARENT HELPLINE

Foundation Years offer a Digital Parent Support Service to support parents/carers on all aspects of parenting through their **Free parent helpline: 0808 802 0222** (Open weekdays 6pm to 10pm and weekends 10am to 1pm).

PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Clare Williams (Community member and Trustee)

Secretary: Jade Coates (Community member and Trustee)

Treasurer: Melissa Watkins (Community member and Trustee)

Ofsted: Lizzie Coburn (Community member)

Marketing: Anna Summers (Community member)

General: Carol Rogers (Community member and Trustee); Charlotte Turner (parent);
Dylan Smith (parent); Elaine McCarthy (Community member);
Jasmine Praki (parent); Josh Turner (parent); Kate Easy (Community member);
Kath Sutherland (Community member); Rebecca Rymer (Community member);
Sophie Stewart (parent) Tania McCallum (guardian)

Please note that the committee are all volunteers and need the support of parents, particularly with regard to fundraising activities.