

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Special Autumn Meal - Thursday 6th October 2016

We will be holding a special autumn menu on Thursday 6th October and would like you to encourage your children to try a hot meal. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a daily free meal, whereas children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can book a meal for £2.20 per day. Payment can only be made through www.parentpay.co.uk or by paypoint card.

Harvest – Forest Food Bank – Monday 17th October

The children took part in the Experience Harvest sessions provided by Ruardean Baptist Church on 22nd and 23rd September. As part of our Harvest celebrations we would like parent to donate items of food to the Forest Foodbank. A leaflet is attached for the types of food that they currently need. Can all donations be brought to the school hall by Monday 17th October. Thank you

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal – Tuesday 1st November

Once again we will be taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal. We ask that all boxes are delivered to school by Tuesday 1st November, giving time to prepare the boxes over the half term holiday. The school will also be filling boxes if you wish to donate individual items rather than a full box.

Individual Photos

Our photographer will visit the school on the morning of **Tuesday 1st November** to take individual photos and family group photos of our children. Packs will be sent to you shortly after but we will need a quick turnaround to ensure that photos are ready for those who wish to send them abroad for Christmas. Please note that photo packs usually cost from £15.00. We will advise you of the dates when we know them.

School Clothing Recycling Scheme – Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Once again we will be collecting old clothes and textiles to raise funds for the school. Please bag up your donations and bring into school on or before 8.45 on Wednesday 2nd November – thank you.

Cauliflower Cards – Friday 4th November 2016

The children in each class will be designing a Christmas Card before the half term. These will be sent home and parents will have the opportunity to purchase a pack of cards and gift tags. If you wish place an order please return your order forms and payment by Friday 4th November.

Elves on the Shelves – Monday 7th November

All orders and payments for Elves should be made by Monday 7th November. Elves will be distributed to parents (not children) by 1st December. Elves cost £10.00, order forms are available from the school office.

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November

A letter regarding booking of appointments will be issued shortly. This year we will be asking parents to book appointments through our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk. We will reissue login details for the website later this week, please log in and download the parent app, any issues please contact Mrs Worgan in the School Office. Many thanks.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Infant Christmas Performances

I know it's far too early to be thinking about this but dates for your diary are:

Monday 5th December – Infant Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 6th December – Infant Afternoon Performance – usually starting at 2.00 ending at 3.00

Wednesday 7th December – Infant Evening Performance – we usually ask children to be back in school for 5.30 for the performance to start at 6.00. Children are usually ready to be collect at 7.00 ish.

Due to fire regulations we have to limit number so admission will be by ticket only. These will be free but we will be asking for a donation to help us cover the cost of the performance licences and costumes.

Friends Christmas Fair – Thursday 8th December

More information nearer the date.

Pantomine Visit - Monday 12th December 2016

Hopefully you will have received the letter giving details about our whole school visit to the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury to see Robin Hood. Due to the time we will be returning to school hot meals will not be available. A packed lunch will be ordered for all the infant children. Junior children are able to order and buy a packed lunch for £2.20 just let the office staff know if this is required. Payment toward the visit should be made by Monday 5th December through www.parentpay.co.uk. Thank you. We would like to thank the Friends for contributing towards the cost of the coaches.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December 2016

Our catering contractor will be providing a traditional Christmas lunch on this date costing £2.20. Menus will be issued after half term.

Friends School Discos – Thursday 15th December 2016

Details to follow nearer the event.

Christmas Service – St Ethelberts Church – Friday 16th December 2016

This will start at 2.00 p.m. and children can be collected from school at 3.00 directly after the service.

Reminders

To help the school run efficiently and keep our children safe please can parents / carers remember:

- To update contact details when they change – ie phone numbers, addresses etc.
- Let us know if someone other than the usual is collecting your child from school.
- Collect children promptly at 3.00 or telephone the school if you know you are going to be late.
- Not park in the school playground or staff car park unless permission has been granted by the Head Teacher
- Not to bring dogs on the school premises – we are currently having issues with dog mess on the playground.
- Not to bring children onto the school site before 8.30 a.m. A member of staff will be on duty each day in the rear playground from this time.
- Not walk through the school unless accompanied by a member of staff.

Thank you, your help is much appreciated.

Term Dates:

Term 1 – 5th September 2016 – 19th October 2016

Term 2 – 31st October 2016 – 16th December 2016

Term 3 – 3rd January 2017 – 10th February 2017

Term 4 – 21st February 2017 – 7th April 2017

Term 5 – 24th April 2017 – 26th May 2017

Term 6 – 5th June 2017 – 21st July 2017

