

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind donations this term towards the Poppy Appeal, Shoebox Appeal, and donations towards the Friends Christmas Fair. We are approaching the busiest two weeks of the school year hopefully the information below will keep us all on track.

### The Daily Mile

The children (and staff) are continuing to enjoy their daily mile. Please ensure that children have appropriate coats / hats / gloves into school each day. Further information about the daily mile can be found on <http://thedailymile.co.uk/>

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs will finish this week. We will send a new list of clubs out in January.

### Infant Christmas Performances

These take place next week with Dress Rehearsal on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, afternoon performance on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30** and evening performance on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00**.

Please do not arrive before 1.20 on Tuesday for the performance as the hall will not be ready until this time. Children should return to school at 5.30 on Wednesday evening and should be ready for collection at around 7.00. Tickets were sent home yesterday (Tuesday) with the children, please check that you have received them. If you find you have spare tickets please return them to the office so that other families can see the performances. We have a few tickets still available for the Tuesday afternoon.

### Friends Christmas Fair

The Fair takes place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15 – 4.30**. Children must be collected from the classrooms before the fair. There is one further non-uniform day this Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. For a donation of a 'Jingle Jar' children may wear a Christmas Jumper into school.

Mrs Anderson is looking for donations for her pocket money stall especially toys that can sell for 2p, 5p or 10p.

Raffle tickets, counterfoils and money should be returned to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks.

### Pantomime Visit - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December through [www.parentpay.co.uk](http://www.parentpay.co.uk). Thank you. We would like to thank the Friends for contributing towards the cost of the coaches.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Our catering contractor, Caterlink will be providing a traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December costing £2.20 for the junior children and free as part of the universal free school meals for infant children. It's not too late to book a lunch please let the office know.

### **Friends – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day**

The Friends are supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. For a donation of £1.00 the children can wear a Christmas Jumper into school rather than their school jumper.

### **Friends Discos**

These will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. 2.00 – 3.00 for children in Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes and 4.00 – 5.30 for children in Chestnut and Maple Classes. Once again we ask for donations of party food from parents, please bring it in on the morning so that it can be split between the parties. Children in Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes can bring their party clothes into school and change before the disco.

### **Christmas Service – St Ethelberts Church – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Our service will start at 2.00 p.m. and children can be collected from school at 3.00 directly after the service. We return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

### **Nearly New Uniform Sales**

Mrs Webb runs our nearly new uniform shop and will be holding her first sale of the year on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 8.30 – 9.15 and 2.00 – 3.00** in Willow Room (by the main office). If you would like to donate your old school uniform please drop it into the office or see Mrs Webb. We are also able to sell uniform on behalf of parents and take 25% from the price of your items. Please see Mrs Webb if you would like to do this.

All takings from nearly new uniform sales goes back into school, allowing us to buy much needed resources and specialised items for those children attending pastoral/nurture groups etc. Therefore all donations of uniform and sales are very much appreciated and needed. Thank you to all who continue to make use of this service.

### **Swimming**

As part of the curriculum children in Chestnut Class and Maple class will start swimming lessons from January 2017. Further information will be sent in the New Year.

### **Emergency Closure Procedures**

We all remember the chaos the snow can cause – hopefully it won't be needed anytime soon – but just in case!

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

### **Communication with parents**

Good communication with parents is essential to the smooth running of the school. You may have noticed that letters sent out this term have also been emailed to parents where we have up to date email addresses. All letters are also available on the parent app (if you have downloaded it), on the school website, and in the folder outside the office door, and the oldest child per family is given a paper copy. If you have not received an email with our letters drop an email to the school office – [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) - so that we can update our details. Thank you

### **Term Dates:**

**Term 2** – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Term 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Term 4** – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Term 5** – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Term 6** – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

