



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 11

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

## Friends Christmas Fair – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

At the time of writing this newsletter the Friends Committee are very busy setting up for the Christmas Fair. We hope that you all have a lovely time and raise lots of money for the School and Pre-School, as always, we have so many ideas of how to spend it on our children

We look forward to an update next week.

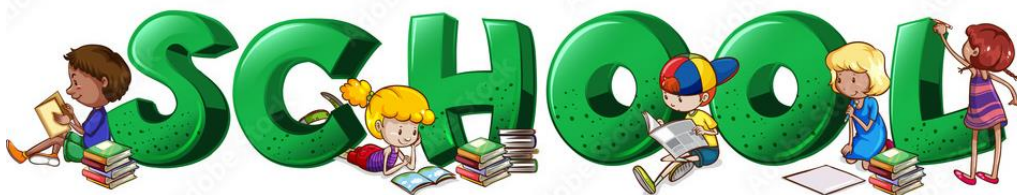


## New to Reception - September 2024

Information packs have been sent out by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2024. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2024)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes in action. If you would like to visit please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) to arrange an appointment.

The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



## School Visits

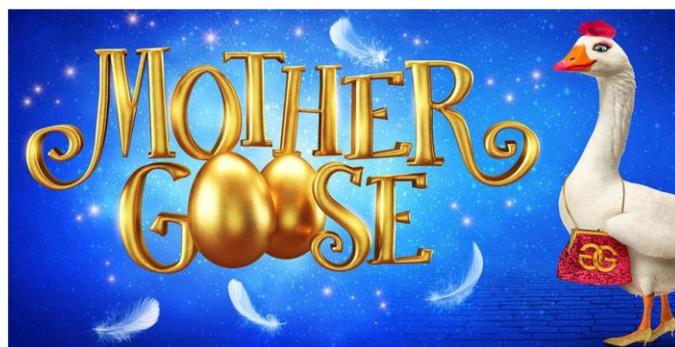
### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Pre-School, Reception and Year 1



We have organized a visit to Santa's Grotto at Flanesford Priory. If you haven't already please complete the permission slip and visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to contribute towards the cost of the visit. The children will return to school for normal lunchtime arrangements

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Will visit the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth to watch the Pantomime Mother Goose. We will leave school at 12.15 so an early lunch will be taken so we ask children to bring a packed lunch. Caterlink can provide a packed lunch, these must be pre-ordered before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't already please complete the permission slip and visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to contribute towards the cost of the visit



A big thank you to the Friends committee for subsidizing both of these visits.

We also ask that children in Pre-School Reception and Year 1 bring or order a packed lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, they will join together for the afternoon and take part in some fun Christmas activities.



Thank you for placing orders with the Scholastic Book Club, the books are on the way to us. We will send you an email to let you know when they are in school.

## Christmas Lunch Menu

Once again Caterlink will be offering a Christmas Lunch Menu. Meals cost £2.54 for years 3 – 6, £2.55 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payment for meals should be made through [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.

It's not too late to order, please return your choices before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Thank you.



## This week in Chestnut Class

This week, Chestnut Class have been learning more about Antarctic animals as part of their Geography topic. They created food webs and researched a chosen Antarctic animal. They found out lots of interesting facts!





### X (Formerly Twitter) account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our X (twitter) feed up to date and sharing our achievements with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)



### Pre-School

Continuing our around the world topic we have been trying some different foods.

We tried Bolognese, croissants, pepperoni and German butter biscuits from Europe. Prawn crackers and Curry from Asia. Mango from Africa. American cookies, and Australians favourite snack, Fairy bread!



## Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. You may also be fined for taking your child out of school during term time.



## Term Dates 2023 / 2024

These are also available on our website

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term\\_dates/198634](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634)

<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

<b>INSET Days</b>	<b>3</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
	<b>4</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
	<b>5</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## Diary Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit from the Bishops Visitor
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas Performance – afternoon
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas Performance – evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa's Grotto visit – Pre-School, Reception and Year 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert 9.30
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at Savoy Monmouth for Years 2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church School Closes at 2.00
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Slimbridge Visit Y1, Y2, Y3, Carbonfootprints – details to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	School Census, special hot lunch menu
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Governors Leadership Committee
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre