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People with time for Children

16th January 2017

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

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

We are putting together a new list for this term and this will be issued in the next couple of days.

Swimming and Car Parking

Maple class started their swimming lessons last Thursday and Chestnut class will begin their lessons from 16th March, further information for this will follow nearer the date. We will be swimming every other Thursday afternoon, our next session will be Thursday 26th January.

The children return from swimming at 2.50 and the coach needs to be able to park in the bus layby please ensure that this is kept free so that we can keep our children safe. Many thanks.

Special Winter Meal - Thursday 19th January 2017

We will be holding a special winter menu on Thursday 19th January 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.

The menu for the day is:

Bangers Mash and Beans

or

Vegetable Soup and a Warm Cheesy Baguette.

followed by

Baked Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

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/
- Post the closure on our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Young Voices Concert – Wednesday 25th January 2017

The children have been working really hard practicing their songs for the concert on Wednesday 25th January. Please can parents ensure that they have visited parent pay to pay towards the coach, also those that have booked tickets can collect them from the school office. A letter with the final details of the day will be issued shortly.

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 - so that we can update our details. Thank you

Money in School

You may be aware that the HSBC bank in Cinderford is closing down at the end of the month. This is the bank that the school uses. Whilst we are looking at alternative banking arrangements we would be grateful if we could reduce the amount of cash / cheques in school and ask parents to use parent pay, www.parentpay.co.uk, to pay for items in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Safeguarding / Child Protection

We have recently introduced a new visitors and staff ID system in school. All adults in the school building are required to wear a lanyard and badge. Staff will wear a green lanyard and badge. Visitors will be issued with a yellow or red lanyard and badge. Children are being advised that they should not be alone with a person with a red lanyard as the necessary safeguarding checks have not been recorded with the school.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 th January	Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 20 th February	Inset day – staff only to attend
Tuesday 21 st February	Start of term 4 for all
Friday 24 th February	Nearly new uniform sale 8.30-9.15, 2.00-3.00
Wednesday 1 st March	National Allocation day for secondary schools
Monday 6 th March	Sight and Hearing test for Reception pupils
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parents Afternoon
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Term 4

Term Dates:

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

Term Dates: 2017/18

Term 1 – 5th September 2017 – 19th October 2017
Term 2 – 30th October 2017 – 15th December 2017
Term 3 – 2nd January 2018 – 9th February 2018
Term 4 – 19th February 2018 – 29th March 2018
Term 5 – 16th April 2018 – 25th May 2018
Term 6 – 4th June 2018 – 25th July 2018

