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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 7

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind donations for Kawasaki Disease and Sydney May- Stop and Think Charities, we raised £71.40 and £88.50 respectively.

Fair Trade Fortnight

On Thursday 9th March Rachel Witham will be in school hall from 8.30 – 9.00 with her fair trade stall. We hope you are able to pop in to purchase some of her fair trade goods.

Staff Changes

At the end of Term 3 we said goodbye to Miss Franks, class teacher in Holly Berries and Mr Virgo, trainee teacher in Maple Class. We wish them well in their new careers. Miss Haynes joined us in Term 4 as class teacher for Holly Berries Class.

Nursery Provision in Littledean

Following many months of uncertainty Little Acorns Nursery have decided to close on 7th April 2017. We understand that the last day for children is Wednesday 5th April 2017.

The Governors strongly believe that a pre-school provision is needed in the village so have decided to extend our scope and open a Pre-School Class. Although a lot of work will be required behind the scenes we have strict processes to recruit staff and set up the provision; we hope that it will be a fairly seamless transition for the children (and parents) currently attending the Nursery. It is hoped that we will be able to open the Pre-School late April / Early May, from 8.45 – 11.45 Monday – Friday, term time only initially. We hope at some point in the near future to be able to open from 8.45 – 3.00 each day.

If you are interested in a place in the new Pre-School Class please contact the school office.

World Book Day / Visit from Ofsted

Thank you for your support on World Book Day, the children looked fabulous, and their behaviour was outstanding. The Ofsted inspector commented that there was a good community feel within the school. Thank you for your responses to the parent questionnaires and Ofsted Parent View. We await the official report which should be published in about three weeks.

Sponsored Bunny Bounce – Wednesday 5th April 2017

On Wednesday 5th April we will be holding a sponsored bunny bounce in order to raise funds for the school. The children will be asking friends and family to sponsor them, seeing how many bounces they can do on a bouncy castle in 1 minute. Sponsor forms attached.

Swimming

Chestnut class start their swimming lessons on from Thursday 16th March. We will be swimming every other Thursday afternoon until 25th May 2017.

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.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Car Parking

Unfortunately we have received a few complaints about car parking. Please can we remind you to be considerate to the residents in Oak Way and surrounding roads when parking and driving your cars to and from school. Many thanks.

Jewellery

Please can we remind parents that children should not be wearing jewellery into school as it may get lost/damaged or injury someone. Thank you.

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 closed down in January. 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 22 nd March	Parents Afternoon
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day - wear something red into school
Monday 3 rd April	Experience Easter
Tuesday 4 th April	Experience Easter
Wednesday 5 th April	Sponsored Bunny Bounce
Friday 7 th April	Easter Service at 9.00, followed by Friends Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Term 4 – School closes at 3.00 p.m.
Monday 24 th April	First Day of Term 5
Friday 28 th April	Nearly New Uniform Sale – 8.30 – 9.15, 2.00 – 3.00
Monday 1 st May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe Assembly – information to follow
W/C Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATs test
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 6 th June	Whole School Photograph
Thursday 8 th June	Year 6 work on memory books
Saturday 17 th June	Friends Summer Fair
Thursday 22 nd June	Book Fair delivered – information to follow
	County Dance Festival
Thursday 29 th June	Reserve Country Dance Festival
Sunday 2 nd July	Friends Dog Show
Tuesday 11 th July	Junior Production – Afternoon
Wednesday 12 th July	Junior Production – Evening
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term and leavers service at St Ethelberts Church

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