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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 9

Dear Parents,

We welcome children and parents back into school for a very busy Term 5. Our Christian Value for Life this term is Generosity.

Pre-School Class

We open our Pre-School Class for children who are aged 3 or 4 on Thursday 4th May. We welcome Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Hopkins and Ms Jannetta to the school staff. The Pre-School will be open from 8.45 – 11.45 each day. If you are interested in a place for your child or would like to add your child to our waiting list please contact Mrs Worgan in the School Office.

Sponsored Bunny Bounce – Wednesday 5th April 2017

We held our sponsored bunny bounce on Wednesday 5th April and much fun was had by all. You can see photographs of the bouncing on the school website news page. www.littledeanprimary.co.uk

Thank you to the parents, relatives and friends who sponsored our children. If you have not yet paid in your sponsor money please can you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Fundraiser – Ragtex Clothing Collection – 19th May 2017

You may have read in the paper or heard on the TV that many schools are struggling financially and the Government are planning to bring in a new funding formula which may or may not benefit us here at Littledean. We are always looking at ways to reduce our costs or raise funds for the school so that our money goes further so that we can do more for our children.

We have organised a Ragtex Clothing Collection on Friday 19th May. If you have any spare clothes, pairs of shoes, handbags etc that you no longer want please pop them in a bin bag and bring them into school before 8.30 a.m. on 19th May. Thank you.

School Uniform – Thursday 8th June 2017

Our uniform supplier Macron Store Gloucester will be on site on Thursday 8th June from 8.30 a.m. if you would like to purchase uniform for next year. Delivery is free to school during term time. The full range can be viewed at www.macronstoregloucester.com/shop/club-shops/littledean-c-of-e-primary-school/

Downs Syndrome Association – Saturday 22nd July 2017

Mrs Tattersall, Miss Worgan and Miss Haile are running the 10K gauntlet games on Saturday 22nd July in Cardiff in aid of the Downs Syndrome Association. If you would like to sponsor them please visit their just giving page - justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Tattersall2 or see Mrs Tattersall who has a paper sponsor form.

Headlice – Nits

Last term we had an issue with headlice and nits. Please continue to check and treat your child (and other family members) if necessary so that we can become 'nit free'. Further information is available from NHS direct <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx> Thank you.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are currently collecting these vouchers so that we can gain additional free equipment for the school.

Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following: -

Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit Universal Credit.

The school also gets a premium of £1,320 for each child entitled to free school meals. This is used to provide additional support and resources for the children.

To apply please visit Gloucestershire County Council's new free school meals portal.

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/your-pupils/free-school-meals/>

You will need a valid email address and your National Insurance Number to apply. You are welcome to use to schools computers if you do not have access at home.

School Meals

We have been advised that our catering contractor, Caterlink, will be increasing the price of a school meal to £2.28 per day, £11.40 per week from Monday 24th April 2017. Parent Pay will be automatically updated.

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st May	School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 3 rd May	NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe Assembly – information to follow
Thursday 4 th May	Pre-School opens for Pupils
Friday 5 th May	Holly Berries Class – Circus Day
W/C Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATs test
W/C Monday 15 th May	Christian Aid Week
Friday 19 th May	Ragtex clothing collection
Thursday 25 th May	Year 6 visit to Skillzone
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
Wednesday 7 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral and Bowling
Thursday 8 th June	Meeting for New Parents
Thursday 8 th June	Year 6 work on memory books
Friday 9 th June	Nearly New Uniform Sale
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
Wednesday 5 th July	Sports Day – information to follow
Tuesday 11 th July	Junior Production – Afternoon
Thursday 13 th July	Junior Production – Evening – Please note change of date
Friday 14 th July	Reports issued to parents
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 5 and 6 – Prom – information to follow
Wednesday 19 th July	Friends End of Term Discos
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term and leavers service at St Ethelberts Church
Saturday 22 nd July	Sponsored run for the Downs Syndrome Association
Tuesday 5 th September	School reopens for Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick