



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 14

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-School Induction Day



We invite the children and parents who are due to join our pre-school in January into the school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 – 11.00 for an induction session.

If you know of any children who are turning three in the next few months please remind them that we run a pre-school for children who are aged three or four. Anyone who is interested in joining us, please contact us on 01594 822171 or email [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Years 2 - 6 – Pantomime Visit

Children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are visiting 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. 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 this visit.

Please note that Chestnut Class will not have a PE session on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we ask them to wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Pre-School, Reception and Year 1

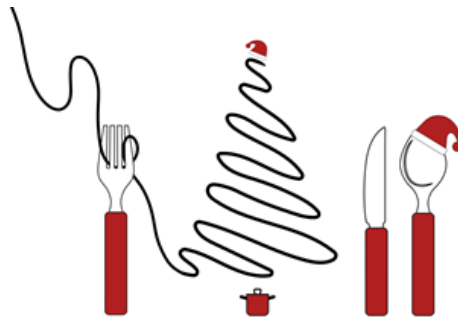
Children in Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 will take part in an activity afternoon whilst the older children are at the pantomime. We ask that they also bring a packed lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December



## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

We hold our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and look forward to enjoying either a traditional or vegetarian meal with all the trimmings.

Please remember to visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to pay for your meal in advance of the day. 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.



## Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



Just for fun, we ask children to wear their Christmas Jumper into school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Don't forget that the Friends will continue to collect Christmas Jumpers that children have grown out of and sell for a small donation.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of Term

### Christmas Service at St Ethelberts

Once again we look forward to returning to St Ethelberts Church for our annual Christmas Service at 9.30 a.m. Parents, families, friends and neighbours are invited to join us too.



The children will return to school for some fun classroom activities followed by a normal lunchtime arrangements.

The School and Pre-School will close at 2.00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday, please arrange to collect your children from the normal doors.

We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please remember our start time is 8.40 a.m.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing holiday.

### Rock Steady Concert

We hope that you enjoy our Rock Steady concert this morning, congratulations to all our children who performed, we are very proud of you.

If your child would like to join Rock Steady we have spaces and instruments ready for them to start in January. Please see attached information sheet.





## Infant Christmas Performance – Away in a Manger

We do hope that you enjoyed our Nativity play this year. The children were fantastic and we are very proud of them. Here are a few photos, and the Christmas Tree decorated by Holly Leaves Class.



## FiveDinners.com

We have been asked to share this with our School community. If you sign up please let us know how you get on.



*Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com*

*If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat every night or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!) FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!*

*Sign up today to get FREE lifetime membership – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!*

*Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click the green Join Now button now to get free membership!*

## 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)



## House Points

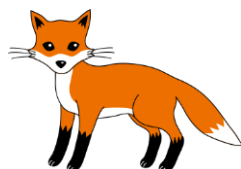
Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

House points are earned for a good attitude to learning, contributions to class discussions, good manners, ready to learn, growth mindset just to name a few.



**Badgers**

**711**



**Foxes**

**591**



**Hedgehogs**

**466**



**Squirrels**

**391**

**Congratulations to this week's winners: -**



## Emergency Closure Procedures

Hopefully we won't need to do this anytime soon but just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of our procedures. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message / email through Eschools
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- Post the closure on our X/twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.





Cinderford  
Churches

[www.cinderford-churches.org.uk](http://www.cinderford-churches.org.uk)

01594 822286

## **Sunday 3 December**

Christmas Tree Festival Service - 11.00 am, St Stephen's

Looking for the Light - 6.00 pm, St Stephen's

## **Sunday 10 December**

Christmas Messy Church - 3.00 pm, St Stephen's

## **Sunday 17 December**

Christingle - 4.00 pm, St Stephen's

Carols by Candlelight - 6.00 pm, St Stephen's

## **Christmas Eve (Sun 24 Dec)**

Christingle - 4.00 pm, St John's

Christmas Eve Communion - 10.00 pm, St John's

Christmas Eve Communion - 11.30 pm, St Stephen's

Watchnight Service - 11.30 pm, Littledean URC

## **Christmas Day (Mon 25 Dec)**

Christmas Communion - 9.30 am, St Ethelbert's

All Age Christmas Communion - 11.00 am, St Stephen's

St Ethelbert's, Church St, Littledean, GL14 3NL

St John's, St John's Sq, Cinderford, GL14 3EX

St Stephen's, Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford, GL14 2AA



## 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 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-School Induction
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
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Governor Finance Training
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations – Afternoon
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations – Evening
W/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre