



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 19

Dear Parents

2nd February 2024

Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

You will be aware that the Government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and schools have adequate wraparound childcare options from September 2024 onwards. For this reason we need all primary schools and parents to complete a survey that will provide data for analysis so that any gaps in provision can be identified.

We would be grateful if you would complete the Schools survey by 6pm on Friday 23rd February 2024.

[Parents Survey](#)

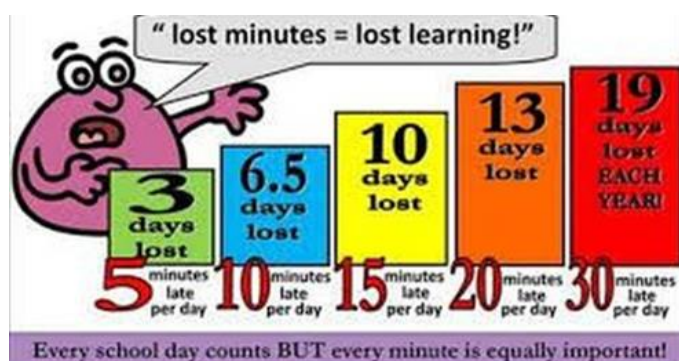
Lateness

We continue to be concerned with the number of children arriving in school after our start time of 8.40 am. Gates are locked at 8.45 am, all children and parents arriving after this time must report to reception so that children can be signed into school.

Lateness can cause distress and anxiety for the children and disrupts teachers and pupils who are already in the classroom.

We ask that you all make a big effort to arrive in school on time, ready to walk through the doors at 8.40 a.m. A chat with friends in the playground is a great way to start the day.

Thank you.



Cricket – Friday 26th January 2024

Last Friday, all of our children enjoyed an action-packed cricket session with Ollie Forbes from the Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation. They played lots of exciting games that helped them develop their catching, batting and fielding skills. It was great to see so many smiling faces on a chilly Friday and a new sport being learnt!



Librarians



We are looking for librarians to help us keep our library tidy. Applications have gone to children in Maple Class today and are due back on Wednesday 7th February.

Good luck to all

Pre-School – Acorns Class

Acorns class have been looking at people who help us. We have had fun dressing up and pretending to be police and fire officers in PE.

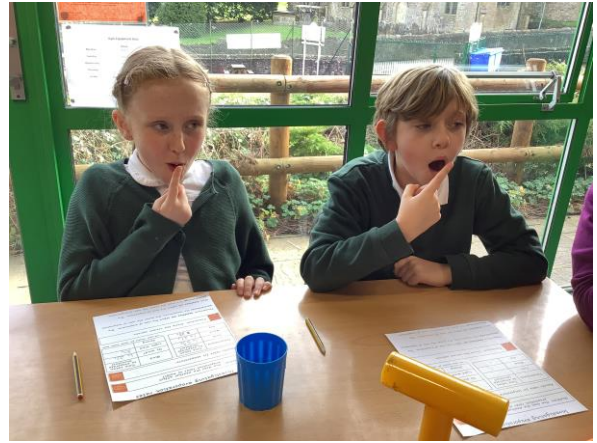
This week we have been vets and doctors, helping our poorly babies and cuddly animals feel better by doing some first aid!

We are very excited for our visit from the Fire Service today, (photos next week) and our local PCSO's next Wednesday.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut class investigated evaporation in science this week. We carried out an experiment to see if temperature or wind affected the speed of evaporation. We found out that the warmer the temperature, the faster the rate of evaporation and the stronger the wind, the faster the rate of evaporation



Maple Class

On Wednesday morning, Maple Class joined many other children around the country as they tuned in to a live BBC science lesson with Steve Backshall and Noami Wilkinson. The lesson fitted in perfectly with their current unit of work on evolution and inheritance. During the online lesson, they reinforced their knowledge of classification keys and learnt about adaptations in sharks. Did you know sharks are endangered? They learnt the importance of animal conservation and were inspired to research other wild animals.

Did you know that sea turtles are endangered? There are just 6.5million left in the world. Protect marine wildlife by not leaving litter on the beach.

Did you know 93% of tigers' habitats have been destroyed? There are only 5,500 tigers left in the wild. Stop deforestation! Use less paper!

Did you know there are only 50,000-65,000 orangutans left in the world? They are a critically endangered species. They could be extinct in 50 years; we've got to do something about that!





House Points

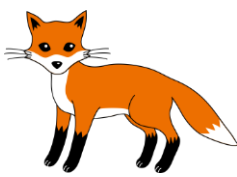
Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

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.



Squirrels

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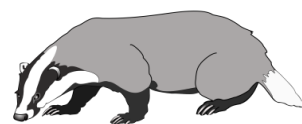
Foxes

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Hedgehogs

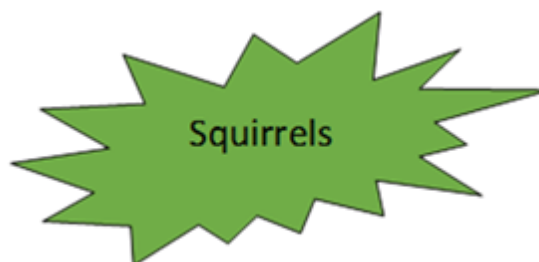
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Badgers

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Congratulations to this week's winners: -



World Book Day – Date to be confirmed

We are currently waiting for our virtual event date to be confirmed but this opportunity is too good to miss.

On our World Book Day we will be asking our children (and adults) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will invite parents to our parade in the hall and have a great day celebrating reading and all things related to books.

We will let you know dates and times as soon as we have them.




The poster is framed by a colorful border of squares in yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green. At the top right is the Gloucestershire County Council logo. Below it is a yellow banner that reads 'WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2024'. The main title 'The Library' is in a large, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'World Book Day Costume Swap' in a similar font. To the left of the title are two green circular icons: one showing a clothes rack with two hangers and arrows indicating a cycle, and another showing a hand holding a globe with the text 'Greener Together'. Below the title, the dates '5 February - 19 February' are in green, followed by 'DONATE a costume to any library' in black. Below that, '19 February - 7 March' is in green, followed by 'SWAP an old costume for a new one!' in black. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a girl with orange hair, wearing a tiger-striped shirt and a tiger-striped skirt, standing on an open book.

The Library

Gloucestershire
COUNCIL


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7 MARCH 2024

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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

Term 3	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024 – Friday 22 nd March 2024
Term 5	Monday 8 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Monday 22 nd July 2024

INSET Days	4	8 th April 2024
	5	22 nd July 2024

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th February	Girls Football tournament at Forest High School
Wednesday 7 th February	Visit from PSCO
Wednesday 7 th February	Governors Learning Walk - Science
Tuesday 20 th February	Governor Finance Training
Tuesday 20 th February	Chestnut Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Wednesday 28 th February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Friday 1 st March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 5 th March	Governors Leadership Committee
Tuesday 5 th March	Parental Consultations – Afternoon
Wednesday 6 th March	Parental Consultations – Evening
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of term, Easter service at St Ethelbert's Church
Friday 12 th April	Governors Learning Walk - PSHCE
Wednesday 17 th April	National Allocation Day for reception pupils
Wednesday 17 th April	Swimming session 1
W/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 4 th June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre