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Loving one another, building each other up

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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

May we remind parents not to gather at the top of the steps, on the slopes or in the car park at drop off and collection times. Some parents have raised concerns about being able to maintain a safe social distance from others. We thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter is it even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

Covid-19

We are all well aware of the symptoms of Covid-19, continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and / or smell. If your child or family members are suffering from any of these conditions you must follow Government guidance and self isolate and get a test.

As a School we are required to record incidences of potential and confirmed Covid-19 cases. The Government currently state that it is business as normal until a case of Covid-19 is confirmed. If a case is confirmed within our school environment we will take the advise of the Government, Gloucestershire County Council and Public Health England and act accordingly.

Emergency Closure Procedures

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
- 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
- Post the closure on our twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Harvest

Unfortunately this year we are not able to hold our usual service at St Ethelberts Church. We will continue to celebrate harvest and ask for donations of packets, tinned and dried food that the Forest of Dean Food Bank will distribute on our behalf. Please can children bring their donations to school during week commencing 19th October 2020, there will be collection points in each class. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

We have been asked to remind the Year 6 parents that the deadline for Secondary applications for 2021 is fast approaching and your application must be completed before 31st October 2020.

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If no application is submitted then a place will be allocated at the closest school to the home address with space - this may not be the most local school, or the school that the parent and child would like.

Applications can be submitted online via the Gloucestershire County Council website, <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/> or alternatively, a paper Common Application Form can be requested by phoning 01452 425407 or downloaded from the website.

Parent Governor

We thank Mike Dunton for serving as a parent governor for the past 8 years. Over the next few weeks we will be seeking nominations for a new parent governor.

The governing body:

- Is accountable for the performance of the school.
- Plans for the school's future.
- Selects the headteacher.
- Makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing.
- Makes sure the National Curriculum is taught.
- Decides how the school can encourage pupil's spiritual, moral and cultural development.
- Makes sure that the school provides for all its pupils, including those with additional needs.

No formal qualifications are required, you must be committed and interested in doing what's best for the next generation. Our meetings (approx. 10 – 12 per year) generally take place in an evening, usually starting at 5.30 p.m. and lasting for a couple of hours. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the school office in the first instance.

Clothing

As the weather is changing and becoming colder and wetter we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat into school each day. Please continue to send children to school in their PE kit on PE days, they may wear tracksuit bottoms too as the weather gets colder. Thank you.

Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection for good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for Friday 20th November. More details to follow, please do not bring bags into school yet.

Website / Twitter

Please continue to visit the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk and our twitter page @littledeansch on a regular basis, we will continue to post all letters, homework, and information about class activities.

Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2020 – Friday 23 rd October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Inset day 3	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 4	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 5	Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff only to attend

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