

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

## Newsletter 7

Dear Parents,

### Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations of shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal, 25 boxes have been collected from School this week.

### School Uniform

We have had a number of complaints about jumpers going missing in school. Please help us to help you by naming all uniform, PE Kits, bags and coats. If they are **named** we are able to return items to the correct child if they lose them. All unnamed items will be placed in the lost property basket. Many thanks.

Also now the weather is getting colder we ask that children bring a warm waterproof coat into school each day as they will go outside for break and lunchtimes most days.

### Pantomime Visit – Roses Theatre – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The whole school and Pre-School will be visiting the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to see the pantomime Dick Whittington. We ask for a donation of £10.00 per child to cover the cost of the tickets. We thank the Friends Association for paying for the transport to and from Tewkesbury which has reduced the cost for every child. If you have not already paid please visit our online payment site at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) or request a barcode letter from the school office and pay by Paypoint. We ask that all payments are made by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

### Pre-School

Our Pre-school has continued to grow and we have been asked by parents to increase our sessions. If we have enough interest we will open on a Wednesday afternoon from January 2019. Our opening hours will then be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.45 – 2.45. If your child is aged 3 or 4 and you are interested in your child attending our setting please contact Mrs Worgan in the school office. Many thanks

### School Policies

We have been busy updating some of the school policies, a selection can be found on the school website:

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/school\\_policies/321303](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/school_policies/321303)

If you would like to see further policies please contact the school office in the first instance.

### Road Closure

We are aware that the A4151 from Littledean House Hotel to Littledean Jail is due to be closed during the day from 10<sup>th</sup> December to 21<sup>st</sup> December. We are working with the Highways department to minimise disruption to the running of the school. We will advise you of the details as soon as we have them.

### Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date contact details for your children – you never know when we might need to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed address, phone number, email address please let the office know as soon as possible. Data collection sheets have been issued at parents evening, please ensure that they are completed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

## Emergency Closure Procedures

We all remember the chaos the snow caused last year – hopefully it won't be needed this year – but just in case!

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 [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

## E-Schools Communication app

We encourage all our parents to download the school app if they have an android or iphone tablet or mobile phone. It works a bit like facebook messenger or whatsapp, where all the emails and text messages sent from school are in one place in your app. The big plus is that you do not have to rely on a mobile signal as the messages use a wi-fi signal.

The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Search for 'eSchools', log in using 'littledean.eschool.co.uk and then your log in details which have been issued to you. If you can't remember them ask in the school office.

You can also log into eSchools using a laptop or desktop computer, you can check messages and see your child's attendance, we also hope to use this to book future parent's evenings, and in the near future we will be able to stop sending paper copies of letters as you will have them electronically.

## Medicines/Allergies

Staff in schools are advised not to administer medicines to children. However if no alternative is available we will administer medicines on your behalf as long as a medicine form has been completed and the medication is in the correct packaging. Forms are available from the class teachers. If your child has an allergy ie nuts, strawberries please let the class teacher know.

## Healthy Snacks

Children in the Acorns, Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes are provided with a free piece of fruit each day for their mid-morning snack. Chestnut and Maple Class children are able to bring a snack into school for their break, but we do ask that it is healthy such as, fruit, veggie snacks, crackers etc. We ask that they do not bring crisps or chocolate bars. Thank you.

**Please remember that all after school clubs end week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Thank you**

## Diary Dates

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   | Sports Hall Athletics                                       |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December     | Friends Christmas Market                                    |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December    | Whole School and Pre-School Pantomime at Roses Theatre      |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December   | Infant Performance Dress Rehearsal                          |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Infant Performance Afternoon – 1.30                         |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | Rock Steady Concert   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | Infant Performance Evening – 6.00                           |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December   | Infant Christmas Party Day                                  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day                       |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Friends School Disco for Junior Children 4.00 – 5.30        |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | 1.30 Pre-School Party and Singing around the Christmas Tree |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December    | Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church at 1.00 p.m.      |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December    | Last day of Term. School Closes at 2.00 p.m.                |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 | First day of Term 3   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January     | Re-arranged Heights and Weights for Year R and Year 6       |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January   | First Swimming Lesson for Chestnut Class                    |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January     | Young Voices Concert  |

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