

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Loving one another, building each other up

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Newsletter 16

Dear Parents,

Firstly we hope you all had a restful Christmas and wish you all a safe, happy and healthy New Year. Once again we have started a new term under very strange circumstances. Please remember we are here to help and assist you and your children whether they are in school or learning at home.

Teaching Staff can be contacted on the emails detailed below, please remember that they are teaching children in school so may not be able to respond to you until the end of the school day.

Maple Class	mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Chestnut Class	chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Berries Class	hollyberries@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Leaves Class	hollyleaves@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Webb, Family Support Worker and Mental Health Lead can be contacted on:
swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk Tel: 07309945995.

For all other queries or concerns please telephone the school on 01594 822171, an answerphone is available if this is not during the school day or email the school office at admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk.

Remote Learning at Home

The Teaching Staff will ensure that the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk is updated regularly with lessons, video links and activities for you to do at home with your children. The children in school will be carrying out the same work and activities as those at home. Should you have any issues with access to laptops, tablets, internet access, etc, please let us know, we will do all we can to help.

Attending School

As there are fewer children and adults coming on to the school site we have decided to change the start and finish times. As from Monday 11th January 2021 our new times will be:

Pre-School, Maple Class and Chestnut Classes	Arrive at 8.45 a.m., collect at 2.45 p.m.
Holly Berries and Holly Leaves Classes	Arrive at 9.00 a.m., collect at 3.00 p.m.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Who can come into school?

The guidance states that those who are Vulnerable and children of critical workers are able to attend school. Vulnerable children are those who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) or are open to Social Care.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Critical Workers are those who work in the following areas: Social Care, Health, Education or Childcare, Public Safety ie Police, Fire etc, Food and other necessary goods – manufacture and distribution, Utilities and financial services. If you would like your child to attend, you fall into one of the above categories and there is no reasonable alternative please contact us to discuss a place.

The **Pre-School** is open as normal to all children that usually attend and any new child that is aged 3 or 4. Please contact us to discuss a place.

Twitter / Website

Once again Miss May has been working very hard to keep the twitter feed up to date with new ideas and daily challenges. We really enjoyed seeing the work that the children were doing at home during the last lockdown and we hope that you will continue to share your achievements with us.

The twitter feed can now be seen on the schools website, if you are not already following us on twitter now is a great time to see what fabulous families we have. @littledeansch

Free School Meals

Those that are entitled to a free school meal have been ordered a food hamper and we understand that these will be delivered to school on Tuesday 12th January. We will be in contact with you to arrange collection.

As circumstances change during lockdown please consider if you are entitled to free school meals. If in doubt apply, all applications are treated in confidence.

Why should you apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for 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 - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> All applications will be treated in confidence.

Scams

As usual a number of scams identified over the past few days. If you are entitled to vouchers, free meals, hampers etc, a member of school staff will contact you. We will not be asking you for banking details or any other personal information. Please do not give this to anyone.