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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of the school year and it is a very different end of term 6 to previous years. We are all disappointed that we cannot do the normal events such as Junior Productions, Sports Days, Leavers Service etc. Today we have contacted the Health and Safety Team at Gloucestershire County Council and they have confirmed that at present we are unable to invite our year 6 children and families into school or onto the school grounds to celebrate the end of their time with us. As soon as it is possible to do so we will arrange a celebration event.

We now have approximately 1/3rd of the pupils attending school, although classrooms look slightly different, the classes are in 'bubbles' to ensure social distancing where possible, start and finish times are a little different, there is still the lovely 'Littledean' feeling in the School and children are having an enjoyable time in their classes.

For those who aren't able to attend school at the moment, we do miss you and hope that you are still enjoying your home learning experiences. Don't forget that the class teachers continue to update the school website with activities and ideas that you can do at home. We are really enjoying sharing our school experiences with you and seeing your home activities through our twitter pages (@littledeansch). Please continue to send your pictures so that the whole school community can celebrate with you.

Please remember that the teachers are at the end of an email if you need support with teaching and learning and/or wellbeing. Please check the class webpages regularly as teachers are frequently adding new activities, links and advice. Take care everyone - we've got this!

Maple Class	mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Chestnut Class	chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Berries Class	hollyberries@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
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September 2020 – Returning to School

The Government issued guidance to schools yesterday and the expectation is that all children will return to school in September 2020. Over the next few days we will be working out what the guidance means for us and will be in touch with you soon to let you know how we are going to adapt our practices and procedures to make it as safe as possible for everyone: pupils, staff, parents, visitors and governors.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Free School Meals (FSM)

We have now moved away from the food hampers that we have provided for our free school meal children over the past few months. As from 29th June parents of children entitled to free school meals will receive a supermarket voucher to the value of £15 per week, this will continue until week commencing 24th August 2020.

If your circumstances have changed over the past few weeks and 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.

Term Dates

We have changed our term dates for the academic year 20/21. The new dates have been updated on the school website. They are as follows:

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 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Staff only to attend
Inset day 2	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	Staff only to attend
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

Covid -19 Updated Guidance

The Government continue to update their guidance. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The Governments advice is:

STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.