

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Loving one another, building each other up

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Newsletter 8

Dear Parents,

We would like to give a big thank you to parents, carers, pupils and staff for helping us work towards a new normal during this unusual time. The staggered start and finish times will continue for the foreseeable future, please help us by keeping to the class timetable or agreed sibling times.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.45	2.45
Holly Leaves	9.00	3.20
Holly Berries	8.50	3.10
Chestnut	8.40	3.00
Maple	8.30	2.50

We hope you have a safe and relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing you in Term 2 which starts on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Covid – 19 Illness

If you or your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the half term holiday please email the school on admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk so that we can notify other parents, staff and visitors as required by Public Health England. Thank you.

Staff News

We say goodbye to Mrs Mitchell who works as a Teaching Assistant in Holly Leaves Class, we wish her well in her new job which is closer to her home. We welcome Mrs Powell, who will join us after the half term holiday, as her replacement.

Harvest

Thank you for your kind donations for our Harvest Collection, we will be passing these onto the Forest of Dean Food Bank to distribute on our behalf.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Gifts

You will have seen the delightful artwork created by your child for Christmas cards and gifts. If you would like to place an order please do so online, details are on the order form, and return the artwork and order form to school before Friday 6th November. We hope to have the cards and gifts back in school for the end of November. All monies raised will go towards our Christmas activities in school.

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.

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.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

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.

Children in Need

This year we will be celebrating Children in Need on Thursday 12th November 2020. We ask that children wear their normal school uniform (PE kit for Maple Class) along with 'odd socks' or 'crazy tights' for a donation (we suggest £1.00) towards Children in Need.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Following the presentation by the School Council the children should have brought home a leaflet this week. Closing date for shoe boxes is Friday 6th November 2020

Poppy Appeal

We are also supporting the Poppy Appeal and will be selling items during the first week in November.

Suggested donations are:

Zip Pull	50p	Reflector	50p
Silicon Wristband	£1.00	Snap Band	£1.50

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.

Starting School as a reception child in September 2021

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021 an application pack should be sent to you during November. If you do not receive an application pack please contact the school admissions team on 01452 425407 or email school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk. The deadline for completing your choices is 15th January 2021.

Hot School Meals

We are working with our catering contractor so that we can once again provide a hot meal in school. We have encountered a few logistical challenges of how this can be achieved within our 'bubble' system, but hope to be able to come up with a suitable solution soon.

Parent Governor

Please see separate letter regarding Parent Governor nominations. Closing date is Monday 2nd November 2020.

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.

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.