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Dear Parents,

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Thank you for your donations of clothes for the Rags to Riches collection. We received 46 bags and raised a total of £59 for the school. Our next collection will take place on 21st September 2022.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to those who attended our book fair, it was wonderful to be able to invite parents into school again for events such as this. We received just over £90 worth of books for the children to enjoy.

Friends Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2nd July**, if you are able to help on the day, setting up, running a stall, clearing away, or help with planning prior to the day please get in touch with Sophie, Amy, Marie or call into the office.

We will be holding two non-uniform days, the first on **Tuesday 21st June 2022**. Children may wear non-uniform into school in return for a donation of a 'Jazzy Jar'. To make your Jazzy Jar you will need a clean jar (jam jar is usually good), decorate it and fill it up with a selection of sweets or toys.

The second non-uniform day will be held on **Thursday 30th June**. Children may wear non-uniform into school in return for donations of Chocolates for the children in Holly Leaves and Holly Berries and Bottles for children in Chestnut and Maple Classes.

Sports Day – Thursday 23rd June – weather permitting

Parents are invited to join us for Sports Day on 23rd June. We ask that the children arrive in school in their PE kits and if possible a t-shirt in their house colour, please remember sun hats, sun cream and a water bottle so that the children can stay hydrated. We will begin sports day at 9.30 a.m. and finish at approximately 10.45 a.m. The Friends will be selling teas, coffees, and cakes in the hall when the games have finished. If you are able to donate a cake to sell on the day the Friends committee will be very grateful.

Hot dinners will not be available on Thursday, please provide a packed lunch or order a sandwich pack through caterlink. These will cost £2.34 and must be paid for in advance through our online payment system www.parentpay.com. Meals are free for children entitled to free school meals and those in reception, year 1 and year 2.

Start and Finish times

We have a number of families arriving late each morning which is impacting on the children being able to complete their learning tasks during morning registration. A reminder that our start times are as follows:

Bagel breakfast club starts at 8.30 a.m. please arrive on time.

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes start at 8.40 a.m.

Chestnut and Maple Classes start at 8.50 a.m.

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes leave at 2.55 p.m.

Chestnut and Maple Classes leave at 3.05 p.m.

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Donations of small plants etc

Mrs Webb is asking for donations of any small plants, herbs, vegetables and pots of all sizes to enhance the appearance of the new outdoor therapeutic area. Please leave your donations in reception. Many thanks.

School Uniform, Coats, Hats, Sunscreen

Can we ask that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name including shoes, PE kit and Forest Schools clothing. Thank you, we know that school uniform is not cheap and want to return items to the correct family.

Can children bring in a waterproof coat each day, we do like the children to have as much fresh air as possible even if the weather is a little bit drizzly or cold. Also when warm and sunny please remember to use sunscreen and send a hat. Thank you.

If you are planning to purchase uniform with a school logo for September, Macron Store Gloucester and Price and Buckland, our uniform providers, have asked that orders are placed before 1/8/22 to ensure delivery for 1/9/22.

Parent Governor Election

Earlier this week we sent a letter regarding a parent governor vacancy. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else a copy of the letter is on the school website, alternatively call into the office for a paper copy. Please note that the closing date is noon Monday 27th June 2022.

Attendance

In line with Government guidance following the Covid-19 pandemic we will be renewing our focus on children's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please telephone the school office on the number above, an answerphone is available if you ring before 8.15 a.m. If your child is absent and you have not contacted us, we will contact you as part of our safeguarding procedures. Attendance will be monitored daily, weekly and termly, we will be contacting you if attendance falls below expected standards. The Governors Attendance policy states that the expectation is that every children on roll should attend every day when school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. The Governing Board have set a whole school attendance target of 96.5%.

Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holiday activities programme

Please find below details of the holiday activities programme provided by Gloucestershire County Council for the summer holiday.

The Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

Once again, the Holiday FSM voucher scheme will be returning for the summer holidays. Like last year, the scheme will be covering 2 of the 6 weeks of the holidays. Parents will receive £30 per child (£15 per week, per child) from reception to year 11, that receives benefits related free school meals.

Key dates:

Applications will open on the 28 June and close at midday on the 12 July. Vouchers will be released between the 13 and 14 July.

For more information, visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/

If you have any queries, please get in touch at childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF and HAP)

The HAF programme will be returning from 1 to 27 August covering 4 weeks of the summer holidays to provide families with enriching activities and nutritious food for families who receive benefits -related free school meals. Our extended Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) offer will also be returning so that all families in Gloucestershire will have the chance to participate in the holiday fun. More information will be released from 20 June. To stay up to date on news, families can subscribe to our HAF newsletter by clicking the link below:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287

For more information, visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

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Holiday Food Boxes

Holiday Food boxes will be available across Gloucestershire for the month of August. More information on when these will be available to book will be released from 20 June. Eligibility for the Holiday Food Boxes requires your children to receive benefits-related free school meals.

Free School Meals

If your circumstance have changed recently 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.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21 st June	Non Uniform Day for Donations of Jazzy Jars
Thursday 23 rd June	Sports Day
W/c 27 th June	Year 6 Transition week to Forest High and Dene Magna
Monday 27 th June	Year 4 – In the Net Play at Westbury on Severn School
Wednesday 29 th June	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Thursday 30 th June	Non Uniform Day Donations Infants – Chocolates, Juniors - Bottles
Saturday 2 nd July	Friends Summer Fair
Wednesday 6 th July	Maple Class Prom
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition to John Kyrle
Monday 11 th July	Leavers Play – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th July	Leavers Play – afternoon performance
Wednesday 13 th July	Leavers Play – evening performance
Wednesday 13 th July	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Friday 15 th July	Reports issued
Friday 15 th July	9.30 Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers Service / Last day of Term, Packed Lunches, School closes at 1.30
Thursday 21 st July	INSET Day 5 – staff only to attend

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 6 Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July (Inset day 21st July)

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Term Dates 2022/23

These are also available on our website https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634

Term 1	Tuesday 6 th September 2022 – Friday 21 st October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 st October 2022 – Friday 16 th December 2022
Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 27 th February 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 th April 2023 – Thursday 25 th May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023 – Friday 21 st July 2023

Inset Days – Staff only to attend

Inset day 1	Monday 5 th September 2022
Inset day 2	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Inset day 3	Friday 26 th May 2023
Inset day 4	Monday 24 th July 2023
Inset day 5	Tuesday 25 th July 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023