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19th November 2021

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need – Friday 19th November 2021

Thank you for supporting Children in Need, we have had some wonderful hair styles today. Photos will be posted on our twitter feed. It's not too late to donate. Donations can be made through this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4921>. You will have the opportunity to gift aid your donation. Unfortunately we are unable to take cash. Thank you

After School Clubs

Holly Berries and Year 1 Sports Club will be cancelled on **Wednesday 24th November** as we have a staff training session booked. Please arrange to collect your child at 2.55 p.m.

All Sports Clubs will continue until Thursday 2nd December, they will restart week commencing 17th January 2022. Holly Berries Art Club will continue each Thursday until 9th December. Young Voices Club will continue each Monday until 24th January 2022.

Infant Christmas Performances

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes are busy practicing for their Christmas performance. Unfortunately we are not able to invite parents into school due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will be arranging a virtual performance, further details to follow.

Parental Consultation

Parental consultations will take place in the next two weeks as follows:

Holly Leaves – Thursday 25th November

Holly Berries – Wednesday 24th November

Chestnut – Monday 22nd November

Maple – Monday 29th November

If you have not received your appointment time please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club

Thank you for the replies for our breakfast club which will start on Monday 29th November. The children will have the opportunity to try a breakfast bagel next week when we introduce the Breakfast Club to the classes during their normal registration time.

Monday 22nd November

Tuesday 23rd November

Wednesday 24th November

Thursday 25th November

Holly Leaves

Holly Berries

Chestnut

Maple

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

If you would like your child to attend the breakfast club please contact the office or complete the slip on the breakfast club letter.

Christmas Dinner

Once again Caterlink will be providing a Christmas meal on Wednesday 15th December 2021. The menu is as follows:

Roast Turkey with Chipolata & Stuffing Balls
Or
Christmas Vegetable Wellington
Served With
Glazed Peas & Carrots
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Gravy
To Finish
Christmas Rice Krispie Cake

Please let us know if you would like to book a meal. School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those entitled to free school meals. A meal costs £2.34 and should be paid for in advance through our online payment system – www.parentpay.com

Holiday Activities Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals. The programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December. You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November. Activities will be available to book from 1 December. For further information please contact the team on: HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Go Read

Thank you to the parents that have downloaded and used our new reading app. If you would like a reminder for your log in details or would like further information please contact Mrs McGoldrick.

Rock Steady Music

We are very pleased that Rock Steady will restart for the children in January. If you would like your child to join the Rock Steady groups please contact them at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Residential Visit

A reminder that the final payment for the residential visit is due on or before 17th January 2022. Please make your payment through our online payment system www.parentpay.com.

Christmas Activities

As well as carrying out many fun activities in the classrooms, this year we have also booked a virtual pantomime which the children will be able to watch in their classes during week commencing 13th December.

Christmas Lunch will take place on 15th December, as in previous years, the children will be able to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school.

Our Christmas Service will take place in school on Friday 17th December, unfortunately we are not able to invite parents into school due to Covid-19 restrictions.

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17th December, please arrange to collect your children at 1.00 p.m.

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

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.

Cases of Covid 19 and self isolation

We have had several cases of confirmed and suspected Covid-19 illnesses in our school community. If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19. If your child has symptoms: persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell please arrange a PCR test.

Your help is very much appreciated in helping us to keep our school community Covid safe.

Closure of George Lane

We have been advised that George Lane will be closed from 7.00 – 15.00 on 30th November for patching sections of carriageway to repair localised faults and improve the condition of the road. Please see letter attached.

Diary Dates

Monday 22 nd November	Holly Leaves – Breakfast Bagels
Monday 22 nd November	Chestnut Class - Parental Consultations
Tuesday 23 rd November	Holly Berries – Breakfast Bagels
Wednesday 24 th November	Chestnut – Breakfast Bagels
Wednesday 24 th November	Holly Berries Class – Parental Consultations
Wednesday 24 th November	Holly Berries and Year 1 sport club cancelled
Thursday 25 th November	Maple – Breakfast Bagels
Thursday 25 th November	Holly Leaves Class – Parental Consultations
Monday 29 th November	Start of Breakfast Club 8.30 a.m.
Monday 29 th November	Maple Class – Parental Consultations
Week commencing 29 th November	Last week for Sports Clubs
Tuesday 30 th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 2 nd December	The Science of Christmas, information to follow
Thursday 9 th December	Andy Seed – Author Visit – Maple and Chestnut Classes
Week commencing 13 th December	Virtual pantomime
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Service
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term. Break up at 1.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	First day of Term 3

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick