



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 6

11th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Young Minds – Mental Health Day – 10th October 2024

Thank you for supporting Young Minds yesterday. It was great to see so many children wear yellow

We raised a total of £53.02. Thank you

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

YOUNGMINDS

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite you to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home which explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shoeboworld.co.uk.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Deadline Tuesday 15th October 2024



The children have produced some lovely work for their cauliflower cards art work and this and the order forms have been sent home. Please place orders and return your artwork and order form to school before Tuesday 15th October 2024.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

Unfortunately we have had a few cases of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in school. This is a highly contagious disease.

The symptoms are:

- a sore throat
- a high temperature
- not wanting to eat
- mouth ulcers, which can be painful
- a raised rash of spots on the hands and feet, and sometimes the groin area and bottom
- The rash of spots can look pink, red, or darker than the surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone.



Hand, foot and mouth disease usually gets better on its own in 7 to 10 days. You cannot take antibiotics or other medicines to cure it.

To help the symptoms:

- drink cool fluids to soothe the mouth and prevent dehydration (but avoid acidic drinks, such as fruit juice)
- eat soft foods like yoghurt and avoid hot, salty and spicy foods
- take paracetamol or ibuprofen to help ease a sore mouth or throat

How to stop hand, foot and mouth disease spreading

Hand, foot and mouth disease is easily passed on to other people. It is spread in coughs, sneezes, poo and the fluid in the blisters. You can get it more than once.

You can start spreading it from a few days before you have any symptoms, but you're most likely to spread it to others in the first 5 days after symptoms start.

To reduce the risk of spreading hand, foot and mouth disease:

- wash your hands often with soap and water, and children's hands too
- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible
- do not share towels or household items like cups or cutlery
- wash soiled bedding and clothing on a hot wash

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

If you suspect your child has hand foot and mouth disease please visit a pharmacist or Doctor for confirmation. So as to reduce the risk to others we ask that you keep your child at home for at least 5 days. Please advise us of any absences by telephone – 01594 822171. Thank you.

Our Wellbeing Champions:



Chestnut Class

In Chestnut class, as part of our Prehistoric Art unit we have had fun exploring how natural products produce pigments to make different colours.



POP UP HOT CHOCOLATE AND
DOUGHNUT SHOP

HOT CHOCOLATE - £1
DELUXE HOT CHOCOLATE - £1.50
DOUGHNUT - £1

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER
SCHOOL

CREAM AND
MARSHMALLOWS

DUO DEAL
DELUXE HOT CHOCOLATE
AND DOUGHNUT £2

PIC•COLLAGE

Harvest Celebrations

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED POTATOES

UHT FRUIT JUICE

BISCUITS

UHT MILK

SPAGHETTI HOOPS

CRISPS

DEODORANT

SHAMPOO

SHOWER GEL

INSTANT NOODLES

SOAP



[Find out what's in a food parcel](#)

Once again as part of our harvest celebrations will ask our school community to donate, if possible, towards the Forest Food Bank. We know what an essential service they provide not only to our community but across the Forest of Dean.

Please bring your donations into school before Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

Thank you



Further information about the Forest Foodbank can be found at

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Flu Immunisation – Consent

Last week we sent an email with details of how to consent for your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation. This will take place on Monday 4th November, first day back after half term.

Consent is now through an online form only:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>, Our Unique Code: GC115631

We ask that you complete the forms as soon as possible. Thank you

As the hall will be in use all day we will require the children to have a packed lunch that day. These can be ordered through Caterlink if needed

News from Maple Class

Maple Class looked closely at different mixtures in science this week. Working in groups, they analysed the similarities and differences between the substances which made each mixture. They then devised a plan to separate the individual substances. Maple Class really do enjoy experimenting in science. 🧪🔬🧴🧴



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 25 th October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 th April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Monday 21 st July 2025

INSET Day	3	20 th December 2024
INSET Day	4	11 th April 2025
INSET Day	5	21 st July 2025

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office: https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/169684 You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15 th October	Deadline for placing your Cauliflower Card orders
Tuesday 15 th October	Friends Meeting 7.00 p.m. Littledean Guest House Hotel
Thursday 17 th October	Governor Learning Walk
Wednesday 23 rd October	Leadership Governors Meeting
Monday 4 th November	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Wednesday 6 th November	Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception
Friday 8 th November	Friends Non Uniform Day–further information to follow
Tuesday 12 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 20 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Friday 22 nd November	Friends Non Uniform Day–further information to follow
Thursday 28 th November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 29 th November	Friends 'Santa's Christmas Boots'
Friday 13 th December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day