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Dear Parents,

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection

Thank you for your kind donations of clothes for our collect last week. We collected 120kg of clothing and raised a total of £60.00 for the school. Our next collection will be in May 2020.

Helping us to keep your children safe

We are still having issues where the contact numbers we have for some parents are incorrect and are having real difficulty in getting hold of appropriate adults when they are needed by their child. Please ensure that we hold the correct contact details for you. If you or your nominated emergency contacts have changed address, phone number, email address please let the office know as soon as possible. You are welcome to call into the office to check the details we hold for you. Thank you.

Also parents are reminded that if a child is not going to be attending school for any reason they should contact the school before 9.30 a.m., either by telephone or email to advise why they will be absent and a rough idea of when they are likely to return to school. Ultimately, if we are unable to locate a child we are obliged to follow our missing child policy which involves contacting the police / social care. The full policy is available from the school office should you wish to see it.

School Twitter Account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our twitter feed up to date with all the fun things that the children do in school. If you have not already signed up, we can be found at @littledeansch.

Dog Mess

Last week we had a number of incidents where children had stepped in dog mess on the way to school. We have contacted the Forest of Dean District Council to see if their Street Wardens are able to help to improve the situation in the village. Please note that if children do step in dog mess on the way to school we will ask them to remove their shoes and wear their PE daps / trainers for the day. The shoes will be put into a bag and returned to you at the end of the day.

Contacting Staff outside of school

Parents are reminded that staff must not be contacted through social media platforms such as facebook messenger, whatsapp etc. on school related matters. If you need to contact a member of staff please either email the school on admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk, if you do not have their school email address or leave a message on the school answerphone. These procedures are in place to safeguard both our families and staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Playground and Car

Despite a reminder on the last newsletter a few parents are still bringing cars in to the playground during morning drop off and evening collection. This causes a potential issue when children, parents and staff are walking through the playground to enter the school. We all know that children and moving cars are not a good mix and want to avoid accident and near misses at all costs. It also causes congestion on the busy road outside the school. Where possible please use Oak Way and the rear entrance of the school when arriving and leaving school. Thank you.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Stay and Play

There will not be a Stay and Play session on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of uniform, PE kits and coats that are not named so we are unable to return them to the correct children. Please remember to name everything that is brought into school as it saves us a great deal of time and saves you money as you do not have to replace yet another lost jumper.

If you have lost uniform this term please check our lost property basket in the school library (the door where the junior children arrive and leave school). Any items not collected by the end of this term will be donated to Mrs Webb for our second hand uniform sales.

PE Kits

Please take time over the school holiday to ensure that PE kits still fit your child, we know how quickly they grow. PE Kits of shorts, t-shirts, daps/trainers, should be in school every day.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Wednesday 4th March and invite you to join in with our activities. Please see separate letter.

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.

We hope you have a safe and healthy half term holiday. School closes at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 14th February; we have an inset day for staff only on Monday 24th February and look forward to welcoming our families back into school at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesday 25th February.

Diary Dates

Thursday 13 th February	Governors Learning Walk
Friday 14 th February	Last day of Term 3, Community Worship in School
Tuesday 25 th February	First day of Term 4, Stay and Play cancelled
Monday 2 nd March	Secondary School Allocation day
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day celebrations
Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Afternoon
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of Term – Easter Service at St Ethelberts Church
Monday 20 th April	First day of Term 5
Weds 22 nd – Fri 24 th April	Residential Visit to Whitemead Park
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
W/C Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week and Breakfast Club

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 4	Tuesday 25 th February 2020 – Friday 3 rd April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 th April 2020 – Friday 22 nd May 2020
Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 – Friday 17 th July 2020

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