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Loving one another, building each other up

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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing to help us with delivery and collection times for the children, being here at the allocated class time is helping us to keep all our children and staff safe.

We ask our families to continue to follow the Governments latest rules on social distancing so that we can continue to operate in a safe way. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-after-4-july>

Covid-19 Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home, current guidance is that those in the family home isolate for 10 days, arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Further guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Testing can be booked at www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call 119.

NHS – Is my child too ill for school

Over the past few weeks some parents have had to make difficult decisions as to whether children should be in school or not, is it the usual cold, could this be coronavirus? The NHS have a website which can help parents decide if they should keep their child at home. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Illness

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please telephone 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 becomes ill during the school day, we ask that you come and pick them up as soon as possible. Please remember to use the rear entrance of the school at all times. Thank you.

Clothing

As the weather is changing and becoming colder and wetter we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat into school each day. Thank you.

School Photographer – Wednesday 30th September 2020

The School Photographer will be visiting on the morning on Wednesday 30th September to take individual and sibling group photos. This year we are not able to offer photos to anyone who does not currently attend the school or pre-school.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

School Census Day – Special Menu – Thursday 1st October 2020

Normally on our school census day we have a special menu for children to try a hot meal. This year we will have a special packed lunch menu instead. All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will be ordered a meal to either eat at lunchtime or to bring home. The children in the juniors are also able to try the special packed lunch, this costs £2.32 and must be paid for in advance through our online payment system www.parentpay.com.

Filled Baguette – Cheese, Tuna or Ham
Sausage Roll
Mexican bean roll
with
Carrot and cucumber sticks
Chocolate Crunch
Piece of fresh fruit

Flu Immunisation Programme – Friday 2nd October 2020

A reminder that the flu immunisation team will be at school on Friday 2nd October to deliver the flu vaccination for children in Years Reception through to Year 6, they are not able to administer the vaccination to pre-school children or adults. Additional forms are available from the school office.

Website / Twitter

Please continue to visit the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk and our twitter page @littledeansch on a regular basis, we will continue to post all letters, homework, and information about class activities.

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.

Free School Meals

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.

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.

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