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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council and The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations. The presents will be collected by the Salvation Army staff next week ready for distribution to families in time for Christmas.

Staff Absence

Mrs Worgan, Business Manager, will be absent from school from Monday 10th December for approximately 4 weeks whilst she recovers from a planned operation. Mrs Blake, Admin Assistant, Mrs McGoldrick and Miss May will cover the office during her absence. We ask that you leave a message on the answer phone if we are not able to answer, also that you are patient if ringing the gate bells. Thank you.

Infant Christmas Performance

These will be shown through Zoom on Monday 13th December at 5.30 p.m. and Tuesday 14th December at 2.00 p.m. please see separate letter for access details.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December

Our usual Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 15th December, due to Covid-19 restrictions we will have an infant and junior sitting. If you would like your child to have a Christmas meal please let the office staff know. Meals cost £2.34, payment should be made in advance using our online payment system at www.parentpay.com. School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Governments Universal Infant Free School Meal Programme (UIFSM), also free for the benefit related Free School Meals (FSM).

Christmas Jumpers – Wednesday 15th December

The children, staff and parents are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday 15th December instead of their school jumper.

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to visit St Ethelberts Church this year however we will hold our Christmas service in school for the children this year.

We ask that children bring a packed lunch into school on the last day of term. Caterlink are able to provide a packed lunch, please book in advance through the weekly menu. Thank you.

School closes at 1.00 p.m. on Friday 17th December for the Christmas Holiday, we return on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

We will continue with our breakfast club at 8.30, infants arriving at 8.40, collected at 2.55, and juniors arriving at 8.50, collected at 3.05. We will revisit our Covid-19 risk assessment nearer the time and will email to advice of any new restriction that will be put in place.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

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.

Young Voices – Birmingham

Payments for the cost of the coach are required early January. Please visit www.parentpay.com to pay your £10.00 towards this. Many thanks

Twitter account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our twitter feed up to date and sharing our achievement with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk

Contact Details

This week we have issued data collection sheets and privacy notice to all pupils / parents. We ask that you check and amend the information we hold for your child to ensure that it is up to date, please sign and return to school in an envelope as soon as possible.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

Week commencing 13 th December	Virtual pantomime
Week Commencing Mon 17 th January	After School Sports Clubs will restart.
Tuesday 25 th January	Young Voices Concert – Birmingham
Wednesday 26 th January	Ragtex Clothing collection
Thursday 17 th February	Last day of Term 3

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 3	Tuesday 4 th January – Thursday 17 th February	(Inset day 18 th February)
Term 4	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April	
Term 5	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May	
Term 6	Monday 6 th June – Wednesday 20 th July	(Inset day 21 st July)