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Newsletter 19

Dear Parents,

School Holidays and Inset Days

The School and Pre-School will be closed for all children from Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021 as this is the published February half term holiday.

The School will also be closed on Monday 22nd February for all children as this is an INSET day. All staff will be taking part in statutory Child Protection / Safeguarding training.

The School will reopen on Tuesday 23rd February for children who are vulnerable – those who have an Education and Health Care Plan, or are open to Social Care, or children of critical workers. If you feel you fall into these categories and would like your child to attend school please contact us to discuss a place.

Home Learning resources will be available from Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

A message from PC Greg Steer our School Beat Officer

*The past year has brought so many significant changes to the way we live our lives. Online learning, working from home and the accompanying challenges of online meetings have impacted on many of us. Like their parents and carers, many children have increased their time on the internet, which in itself has posed increased challenges for digital parenting. Throughout this challenging time, Schoolbeat Officers and Police Community Support Officers have worked closely with Head teachers to provide advice and guidance to pupils on how to stay safe online. What has become clear to Schoolbeat Officers is that more and more children are highlighting their use of social media, in particular **TikTok**. Like many other Social Media platforms, TikTok has an age restriction of 13 years old. Whilst TikTok can be very appealing to younger audiences, many parents and carers are reminding their children that they need to be 13 before having the app. Some parents and children have reported inappropriate content on the app, others have raised concerns about the risks linked to the messaging function and children keeping profiles open in order to get more comments and shares. The online world can be an exciting place for children, however, it is not without its risks. It is important that children follow cyber safety advice and utilise age appropriate apps and games, this way we can reduce those risks and make their online experience as safe and fun as it should be.*

It's great to take an active interest in your child's life online and we'd encourage you to talk openly with them about the things they do. Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities.

Useful information for parents and carers and online safety advice/resources can be found on the below sites.

The NSPCC's online Net Aware service provides expert reviews and safety advice on all of the most popular social networks, apps and games young people are using; www.net-aware.org.uk

CEOP's ThinkUKnow website contains resources and advice tailored by age, as well as specific tools for parents and professionals; www.thinkuknow.co.uk

*Also, below is the link to a Panorama episode which looked into how safe TikTok really is;
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000p3p9/panorama-is-tiktok-safe>*

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Free Adult Educations Workshop for Parents - Budgeting

Adult Education are offering a free workshop for parents to learn how to budget more effectively. It is free to anyone who is not working, or earning less than £17,000. Further information is available on the attached flyer.

Remote Learning at Home

Thank you for continuing to persevere with home learning, we know it is not always easy. Please remember that the teaching staff are here to help if needed and they can be contacted on the email addresses detailed below. Also can you send through work regularly for marking, either documents, pdfs or photos. Our teachers do need a break from school too so the earlier in the day you can send work the better.

The website continues to be updated regularly with lessons, video links and activities for you to do at home with your children. Please only complete work set by your class teacher in order to ensure the national curriculum is being followed closely by all children. The children in school will be carrying out the same work and activities as those at home. Should you have any issues with access to laptops, tablets, internet access, etc, please let us know, we will do all we can to help.

Maple Class	mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Chestnut Class	chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Berries Class	hollyberries@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Leaves Class	hollyleaves@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Webb, Family Support Worker and Mental Health Lead can be contacted on: swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Tel: 07309945995.

For all other queries or concerns please telephone the school on 01594 822171, an answerphone is available if this is not during the school day or email the school office at admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk.

Twitter / Website

Once again Miss May has been working very hard to keep the twitter feed up to date with new ideas and daily challenges. From Monday we will be launching 'Who's that Baby Challenge' see if you are able to match the baby photos to the staff member.

The twitter feed can now been seen on the schools website, if you are not already following us on twitter now is a great time to see what fabulous families we have. @littledeansch

We also recommend that you look at the new Mental Health and Wellbeing tab on the school website. We are uploading new information on a weekly basis. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Covid – 19 Reporting

The school has to complete a daily report to the Department for Education detailing who is in school and who is absent due to either suspected Covid – 19 symptoms; high temperature, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste, or a positive Covid – 19 test. If your children have either of these please report to school by email, so that we can firstly support you and secondly report to the DFE. Many thanks.

Scams

As usual a number of scams have been identified over the past few days. If you are entitled to vouchers, free meals, hampers etc, a member of school staff will contact you. We will not be asking you for banking details or any other personal information. Please do not give this to anyone.

And finally.... The staff would like to give a big thank you to the anonymous person who arranged for the 'Posh Coffee Company' to visit the school to give us all a free hot drink. It was much appreciated, a little kindness has gone a long way – thank you.

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