



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 8

25th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Harvest Celebrations

Thank you for your kind donations for our Harvest collection for the forest food bank.



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

Flu Immunisation – Consent

A reminder that the nasal flu immunisation will take place on **Monday 4th November**, first day back after half term. This is for children in reception through to year 6.

Consent is now through an online form only:

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

Please complete these before Wednesday 30th October – 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

Maple Class

Maple Class have been superstars this term. They have worked really hard to produce some wonderful poems and descriptive paragraphs in English. In maths they have a solid understanding of place value, addition and subtraction methods and properties of number, such as, common factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers... They have two more lessons left of their history unit - What did the Greeks ever do for us? - but they now understand that many things we have today originate from the ancient Greeks, for example democracy. In science they are continuing with their Materials unit - Mixtures and Separation. This week, following on from sieving last week, they explored how to separate a liquid-solid mixture. They quickly realised sieving wouldn't work and was introduced to filtration (see photos). Finally, they have just finished their class reader, The Nowhere Emporium. The last few chapters kept them on the edge of their seats. If anyone's looking for a good read over the holidays, Maple Class very much recommend it.



Parental Consultations Appointments

A letter was sent out to parents earlier this week advising that parental consultations will take place on Tuesday 12th November and Wednesday 13th November. If you have not received a letter and would like an appointment, please email, admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk or ring the school office on 01594 822171.

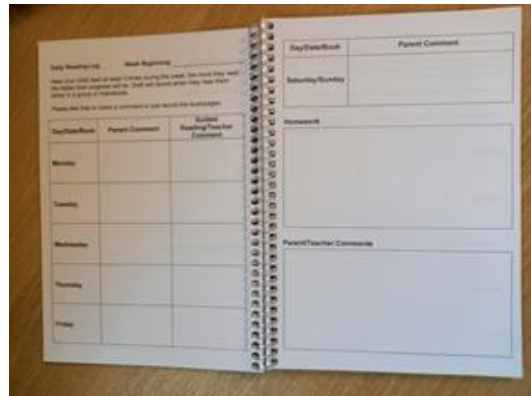
Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class we have finished our unit on Prehistoric Painting by creating textured paintings of forest animals.



Reading Records

Thank you for using the new reading records. We encourage you to read with your child at least three times per week, please update the reading record each time you read with your child. We ask that reading records and reading books are brought into school each day. Thank you



Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

The Friends are busy planning for their Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November from 3.10.

As usual they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.

We will hold two non – uniform days:

- **Friday 8th November in return for Jingle Jars**
- **Friday 22nd November in return for Bottles and Chocolates**

Also we will be asking for donation of cakes for our refreshment stall on Friday 29th November.



Hot School Meals

Caterlink have introduced a new menu for the Autumn and Spring Term, starting week commencing Monday 4th November 2024. This can be found on our website at:

https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/178534

Weekly menus have been updated. Please remember to return the menu each Monday morning. Meals cost £2.71 for years 3 – 6, £2.72 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payment for meals should be made through www.parentpay.com and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.

A reminder that packed lunches are required for Monday 4th November due to the hall being used for Flu immunisations.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November 2024

We will take part in children in need activities on Friday 15th November and ask that children come to school in non – uniform. We are aware that we have asked for a lot of donations from parents over the last few weeks so this is not a funding raising event. However if you wish to make a donation please do so through www.parentpay.com, please do not send cash into school. Thank you

New to Reception - September 2025

Information packs will be sent out shortly by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2025. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2025)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes in action. If you would like to visit please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.

The closing date for applications is 17th January 2025.



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

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
Tuesday 12 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Parental Consultations
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Friday 22 nd November	Friends Non Uniform Day
Thursday 28 th November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 29 th November	Friends 'Santa's Christmas Boots' Fair
Wednesday 4 th December	Governors Learning Walk
Friday 13 th December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day