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Newsletter 18

Dear Parents,

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.

Free School Meal Vouchers

The families entitled to free school meals should have now received notification that you have a £15 voucher per week per child to redeem to enable you purchase food for your child. The next batch of vouchers for the two weeks before half term should start to arrive early next week. If you have not received an email please check your spam / junk folder. The school will continue to provide vouchers for free school meals after the February half term holiday. Any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As part of the 'No child goes hungry' campaign Gloucestershire County Council will be providing vouchers to the value of £15 per week per child for the February half term. If you have previously received vouchers during the October holiday or Christmas holiday you will be sent the vouchers automatically. If you have not requested vouchers before or have changed your email address please apply by completing the online form:

<https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/a2lcustomerfeedback/freeschoolmeals/schoolmeals>.

If you have any questions please see the attached guide or contact the Holiday Free School Meal Team at: Childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

If circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to claim free school meals please apply at <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.

Attending School

During this lockdown the Government guidance states that only children who are vulnerable – those who have an Education and Health Care Plan, or are open to Social Care, or children of critical workers are able to attend school. If feel you fall into these categories and would like your child to attend school please contact us to discuss a place. Many thanks.

As there are fewer children and adults coming on to the school site we have decided to change the start and finish times. As from Monday 11th January 2021 our new times will be:

Pre-School, Maple Class and Chestnut Classes	Arrive at 8.45 a.m., collect at 2.45 p.m.
Holly Berries and Holly Leaves Classes	Arrive at 9.00 a.m., collect at 3.00 p.m.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

The **Pre-School** is open as normal to all children that usually attend and any new child that is aged 3 or 4. Please contact us to discuss a place.

If you are coming on to the school site please remember to use the entrance at the back of the school. Also we request that face coverings are worn when on the school site. Thank you.

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. We particularly enjoyed the ‘fun in the snow’ pictures along with the pictures of your home learning activities. We hope that you will continue to share your achievements with us.

The twitter feed can now be 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

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.

Healthy Start Voucher Scheme

Vitamins are now available FREE in Gloucestershire as part of the Healthy Start voucher scheme, helping to give children the best start in life. If someone is pregnant or has a child under 4 and they are getting benefits, they may be able to get Healthy Start vouchers to help buy some basic foods and vitamins. They will also qualify if they are under 18 and pregnant, even if they don't get any benefits. Pregnant women and children over 1 and under 4 can get one £3.10 voucher per week. Children under 1 can get two £3.10 vouchers (£6.20) per week. The Healthy Start scheme provides vouchers to spend with local retailers and also gives people access to free vitamins distributed via the Children and Families Hub from Shire Hall. Please see attached flyer for further information.

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.