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Loving one another, building each other up

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Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

We welcome all our children and families back into school for the start of Term 3. This term our Christian Value for Life is Courage.

Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Orchard and Mrs Lawrence to the staff team. Mrs Orchard joined us last term and is working as a teaching assistant in Chestnut Class and Mrs Lawrence joined us this week and is working as a Pre-School Assistant.

School Meals – Give them a go!

On Thursday 16th January, we will be having a trial day with hot school meals. The menu will be:

Sausages with Potato Wedges

or

Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges

Served with Baked Beans and Peas

Followed by Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit Platter

We will encourage all children in Years R, 1 and 2, and those entitled to free school meals try a meal. For children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the meals cost £2.32 each.

After School Clubs

Dance Club will restart on Monday 13th January 2020 and continue each Monday that the school is open until Monday 30th March 2020, it is open to all children in Maple and Chestnut class. If you have not attended previously and would like to give Dancing a go, please contact the school office.

We are in the process of organising other clubs and will be writing to you shortly.

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection – Friday 7th February 2020

We are asking you to support the school by donating unwanted reusable clothing and accessories to school. They will pay for all items donated to the school and will collect:

- Adult's and children's clothes
- Paired shoes and footwear
- Soft Toys and unwanted gifts
- Bath and hand towels
- Belts and handbags
- Jewellery and accessories
- Bedding and household linen.

They are unable to take school uniform but Mrs Webb will happily take this off you and use for our nearly new uniform shop. All bags should be sent into school before 9.00 a.m. on Friday 7th February 2020

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Residential

Our residential visit for children in Maple class takes places from 22nd – 24th April at Whitemead Park. The final payment is due on or before 17th January 2020, please visit parentpay.com to check your balance and make payment. If you have difficulty in making the final payment please contact the school office as soon as possible. Non-payment may mean that you child is unable to attend the visit.

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 advice of the closure.

Holidays in Term Time

We continue to implement the Government rules around holidays in term time. Whilst we fully understand the financial pressures on many families and the significant savings that can result from booking family holidays during term time, we would urge you to avoid making such bookings. The law states that parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils for school for a holiday and have to apply for permission in advance. Such permission is granted in accordance with arrangements made by the governing body in line with the Department of Education's statutory guidance and department advice.

When an application is made for an authorised absence during term time the Head Teacher will give consideration to the following:

- The nature of the proposed absence/is this a truly exceptional circumstance
- The age of the child
- The timing of the absence
- The attendance pattern in the present and previous academic years

Some examples of what may constitute exceptional circumstances are:

- To have a short absence to attend a family wedding; or to attend a special family reunion, or to attend a special religious/cultural festival
- If a parent, due to the nature of their work, cannot possibly take time off during regular school holidays. This would need to be evidenced by letter from the employer.

Please note: to have a week's holiday during school time because the cost is cheaper during term time, does not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Any holidays that are taken during term time, which have not been previously agreed by the Head Teacher will be marked as unauthorised and appropriate action taken following government/Local Authority guidelines. This could result in a warning letter being issued or potentially a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority.

We want to work with our families to promote good attendance for all of our pupils to ensure that they are in school regularly in order to make the most of the educational opportunities that are available to them.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 – Friday 25 th October 2019
Term 2	Tuesday 5 th November 2019 – Friday 20 th December 2019
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2020 – Friday 14 th February 2020
Term 4	Tuesday 25 th February 2020 – Friday 3 rd April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 th April 2020 – Friday 22 nd May 2020
Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 – Friday 17 th July 2020

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