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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our charities this year. So far we have collected £188.30 for our Poppy Appeal and £209 for the Wellfound Charity. We appreciate your kind donations.

Teddy Bear Raffle

Thank you to our School Council for organising the Teddy Bear Raffle, our winners were Kianna and Isabelle.

School Website / Twitter

We have added an additional tab to our school website for Mental Health and Wellbeing. Mrs Webb is regularly posting information about organisations that can help families.

Please keep an eye on the website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk and twitter feed @littledeansch, to find out information about the school and activities that the children have taken part in.

Covid Symptoms during the Christmas Holiday

So that we can keep our school community safe it is very important that you notify the school if your child or a parent / carer that has attended the school site during the last week of term shows Covid symptoms or has a positive test up to 24th December 2020. We will then be able to advise our school community to isolate / test if necessary. Please email head@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.

Gloucestershire County Council can also be contacted directly by:

Email: - COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Telephone: - [01452 426015](tel:01452426015)

Return to School in January

Our scheduled date to return to School is Monday 4th January 2021. We will contact you by email, text and twitter should this change for any reason.

We will continue with our staggered start and finish times:

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.45	2.45
Holly Leaves	9.00	3.20
Holly Berries	8.50	3.10
Chestnut	8.40	3.00
Maple	8.30	2.50

In line with our 'drop and go' policy we need children to arrive at their designated time. Please help us to keep our class bubbles separate and keep our school community safe by being on time. Please continue to wear face masks and socially distance. Thank you.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

PE Lessons

Our PE days will continue as per this term but we will be taking the lessons outside when the weather permits. Please ensure that the children arrive in PE kit on their PE days, jogging bottoms and school jumpers may be worn to help keep them warm on colder days.

Gloucestershire Credit Union

We have been asked to share the following with you.

If you or your family are experiencing financial difficulties during the pandemic, Gloucestershire Credit Union may be able to help. They can provide short term loans at affordable rates so that you do not have to go to expensive payday lenders. Further information is available at www.gloscreditunion.org.uk/loans.

Free School Meals

Why should you apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <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.

Term Dates

Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Inset day 3	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 4	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 5	Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff only to attend

We would like to wish all our families a safe Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 4th January 2021.