

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 27

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Dear Parents** 

# Sports for Schools – Monday 29th April 2024

A reminder that Jack Rutter our Sports for Schools athlete will be visiting us on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Jack Rutter will be running a fun fitness circuit, followed by an inspirational assembly and Question and Answer session.

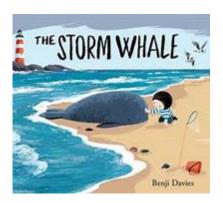
We ask that you return the sponsor form on Monday if possible. As we are a cashless school we would be grateful if you could pay your sponsorship money into the following account:

https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing

Please remember that all children should wear their PE kit to school on Monday – Thank you.



## **Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes**



This term our topic is Under the Sea. Children have started exploring the story of The Storm Whale this week and have been producing some great writing. They also are developing an underwater cave as their role play area. We will share this with you soon!

#### Maths:

Reception children have started looking at shapes this week. We have started using 3D shapes to make different structures.

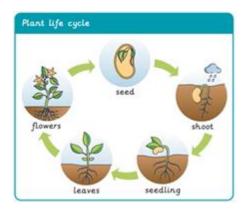
Year 1 children have been learning about mass and volume. They have explored weighing and comparing as well as capacity.





Y1/2 - Science

The children have started their topic of Plant Growth for the term. We have planted sweet pea seeds and are exploring what they need to grow. Children will be learning about germinations and the plant life cycle.



# Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection - 13th May 2024



Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

Please bring bags to school on the morning of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and leave undercover by the rear entrance door

#### **After School Sports Clubs**

Our after school sports clubs start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April for Maple Class, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April for Chestnut Class and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May for Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes.

We have sent an email to all those who have returned a reply slip. If you think you child should be going but haven't received an email please contact the school office.



#### **News from Pre-School**

Acorns class had a great time making magic pictures this week using the wax resist method, our sea creatures were invisible until we covered them with the special ocean water.







We were very sad that our playdough had all gone so we decided we would make our own, it was the best playdough ever and we made some sea creatures and used the cutters and rolling pins.







#### **Student Teacher**

We welcome Miss Cameron, student teacher, who will join us on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April until the end of June. She will be teaching in Chestnut Class.

#### **News from Chestnut Class**

Chestnut Class have just finished their latest class book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. They enjoyed it so much they have voted 20-6 to read the sequel 'Finding Bear' as their next class book. They are all eager to find out what happens next to April and Bear. We read the blurb and there have been lots of guesses about what happens in the next part of the adventure!

We are continuing to explore 'The Last Bear' through our English lessons this term and have already written a poem based on part of the book. Next we are going to write a narrative about part of the book which is mentioned but not written in detail about.

Hannah Gold has also written 'The Lost Whale' which is a separate book and 'Turtle Moon' which is due to be published in September.









# **Holiday Requests**



We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. You may also be fined for taking your child out of school during term time.

#### **Term Dates**

#### These are also available on our website

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term\_dates/198634

#### 2023 / 2024

Term 5 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Term 6 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

**INSET Days** 5 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## 2024 / 2025 - Please note: INSET days have not yet been agreed

Term 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Sports For Champions Sponsor Day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Swimming Session 2

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Governors Learning Walk – DT

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

W/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS week Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Swimming Session 3

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Full Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Governors Learning Walk - Computing

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Swimming Session 3

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Curriculum Governors Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June Class and Leavers Photographs

Fri 9th June –Weds 12th June Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Year 6's Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Wellbeing Champions Visit Viney Hill Adventure Centre

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Friends Father's Day Pop up Shop

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Swimming Session 4

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Governors Learning Walk - Music