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Loving one another, building each other up

2nd October 2020

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

House Captains

We are pleased to announce that our new House Captains and Vice Captains are:

Squirrels - Captain = Ebony; Deputy = Chloe

Badgers - Captain = Alfie; Deputy = Cody

Hedgehogs - Captain = Brhianna; Deputy = Holley

Foxes - Captain = Neve; Deputy = Rose

Parent Governor

We thank Mike Dunton for serving as a parent governor for the past 8 years. Over the next few weeks we will be seeking nominations for a new parent governor.

The governing body:

- Is accountable for the performance of the school.
- Plans for the school's future.
- Selects the headteacher.
- Makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing.
- Makes sure the National Curriculum is taught.
- Decides how the school can encourage pupil's spiritual, moral and cultural development.
- Makes sure that the school provides for all its pupils, including those with additional needs.

No formal qualifications are required, you must be committed and interested in doing what's best for the next generation. Our meetings (approx. 10-12 per year) generally take place in an evening, usually starting at 5.30 p.m. and lasting for a couple of hours. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the school office in the first instance.

Homework

The teaching staff are just completing the homework tasks for the next few weeks and these will be uploaded to the school website shortly. We will let you know when they are ready to start.

Clothing

As the weather is changing and becoming colder and wetter we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat into school each day. Please continue to send children to school in their PE kit on PE days, they may wear tracksuit bottoms too as the weather gets colder. Thank you.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

School Photographs

Individual and family group photos were taken earlier this week, if you would like to place an order, please do so online (our preferred option) or return to school by Thursday 8th October. Many thanks.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

The children will shortly be completing a piece of artwork which can be turned into Christmas Cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs etc. and will be bringing an order form home before the end of this term. Further details will follow.

Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection for good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for Friday 20th November. More details to follow, please do not bring bags into school yet.

Illness and Attendance at School

While we would like every child to attend school every day we know that it is sometimes not possible. Children are often unwell with general coughs, colds, sore throats, etc and the best place for them is at home when they are unwell.

This year we also have Covid-19 to deal with. The symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or a member of your household suffer from these symptoms then we must follow the governments guidance. Currently this is to isolate for 10 days and to arrange a Covid-19 test. Further guidance can be found at https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Testing can be booked at www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call 119.

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please telephone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19. If your child becomes ill during the school day, we ask that you come and pick them up as soon as possible. Please remember to use the rear entrance of the school at all times. Thank you.

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter is it even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

Website / Twitter

Please continue to visit the school website <u>www.littledeanprimary.co.uk</u> and our twitter page @littledeansch on a regular basis, we will continue to post all letters, homework, and information about class activities.

Term Dates

Term 1 Term 2 Term 3 Term 4 Term 5 Term 6	Thursday 3 rd September 2020 – Friday 23 rd October 2020 Monday 2 nd November 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020 Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021 Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021 Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021 Tuesday 8 th June 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021	
Inset day 3 Inset day 4 Inset day 5	Monday 22 nd February 2021 Thursday 1 st April 2021 Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff only to attend Staff only to attend Staff only to attend

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