



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 2

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

## **Rags to Riches Clothing Collection – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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 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 your donations to school on the morning of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September before 9.00 a.m. and leave in the covered area outside the boys toilets/rear entrance door.**

**Thank you.**

## **School Photographs – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

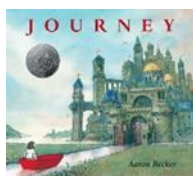
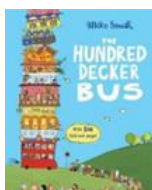
On Wednesday the Photographer will be in school to take family group and individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that school uniform is worn.



## Class Readers

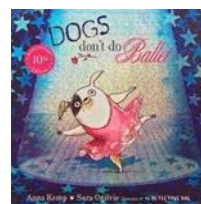
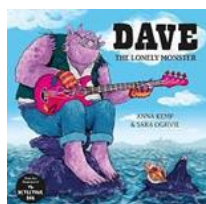
These are the books that we are currently reading in each class:

Holly Leaves:



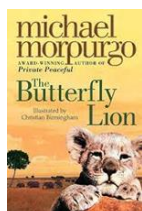
Selection of books related to theme of transport

Holly Berries:



Selection of books written by author Anna Kemp

Chestnut:



Maple:



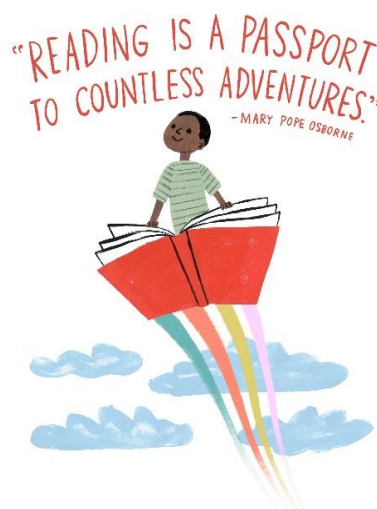
## Go Read / Boom Reader App

Earlier this week the children brought home a letter about our Go Read / Boom Reader App.

We ask that parents sign into the app and record any reading your child does at home.

We also use the app in school so we both should have a good record of reading progress.

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



### A few reminders

**PE Kit** – this should be shorts and t-shirt (house colours if possible) trainers/daps. Tracksuit bottoms and school jumpers can be worn on colder days.

**Hair** – long hair should be tied up whilst in school – girls and boys

**Jewellery** – we discourage jewellery in school, ear rings must be removed before PE sessions

**Coats** – a warm waterproof coat should be brought to school each day as we do like the children to go outside even on cold or drizzly days.

**School Meals** – should be paid for in advance of ordering. Menus should be returned on a Monday during registration time to ensure your meal of choice is ordered.

**School Website** – [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk) – there is a host of information on the website include school policies, terms dates and also information about what we have been doing in school. The newsletter is uploaded weekly to the website and found under the letters heading.

Thank you for your co-operation

### Headlice

Unfortunately we have already received complaints about headlice and nits. Please help us to become nit and headlice free by tying long hair up whilst in school and checking your children (and other family members) on a regular basis. Further information can be found on the NHS direct website. Thank you. <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

### The School Office

Mrs Worgan, Business Manager, works in the school office and this is usually covered Monday – Friday mornings from 8.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1.00 p.m. – 3.10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are covered by Mrs McGoldrick and other staff members.

Please be patient if ringing the gate buzzer or telephoning the school, we may be dealing with other people or on the telephone and not able to answer you as soon as we would like.

Please do not send an email advising absences / or collection arrangements as these may not be checked until later in the day or the next day. Please telephone and leave a message on the answerphone.

Thank you for helping us to help you.

## Absences and lateness

<b>Governors Attendance Target</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>School Attendance 4/9/2023 – 14/9/23</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

However we have already noticed that lateness may be a problem for some families. So far this term as a school we have lost 229 minutes (3 hours and 49 minutes) of learning.

During registration 8.40 – 8.55 vital interventions occur, children also have the opportunity to practice spellings for the weekly spelling tests, improve handwriting skills, practice timetables and maths skills and read. Where children are persistently late they will be required to carry out this work later during the school day so that they do not fall behind in their learning.

A reminder that if your child is ill and unable to attend school please contact the school by telephone, 01594 822171, an answer phone is available. Please do not send an email as these may not be picked up until later in the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Changes to Timings to the School Day – September 2023

A reminder that we will be working to new times this year.

8.40 a.m.	School will start, doors open, registration and learning tasks begins
8.45 a.m.	Door close, gates locked. If your child arrives in school after this time you must ring the gate buzzer and enter through the school office. Your child will be recorded as late.
8.55 a.m.	Anyone arriving after this will be marked as 'unauthorised late'
12.10 – 1.10	Junior Lunch
12.30 – 1.30	Infant Lunch
3.00	Gates unlocked
3.10	School Closes for all children
3.10 – 4.10	After School Clubs will run.

## X (Formerly Twitter) account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our X (twitter) feed up to date and sharing our achievements with our twitter community. We can be found at @littlediansch. The feed is also available on the school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)



## Free School Meals

*Why should I 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.

*Infant free school meals in England* -Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in: reception class, year 1, year 2. We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications so as to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding.

For further information and to apply please visit

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>.

## PE Days and Forest Schools

### PE

Maple Class	Monday
Chestnut Class	Tuesday
Holly Berries Class (Y1 and Y2)	Wednesday
Holly Leaves Class (YR) and Pre-School	Wednesday



### Forest Schools

Holly Berries Class (Y1 and Y2)	Thursday afternoon
Holly Leaves Class (YR) and Pre-School	Friday afternoon

Please come to school dressed in your PE and Forest Schools clothes.

### Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Government's 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 2023 / 2024

These are also available on our website

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term\\_dates/198634](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634)

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

<b>INSET Days</b>	<b>1</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
	<b>2</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
	<b>3</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
	<b>4</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
	<b>5</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and sibling group photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Pre-School closed for Staff Training
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale – front playground
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Pre-School closed for Staff Training
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Full Governing Board Meeting
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service at St Ethelberts Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Leadership and Management Governors Meeting
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents afternoon
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required