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People with time for Children

30th November 2018

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents,

Road Closure

Please see attached letter from the Highways Department. From **Monday 10th December to Friday 21st December** Church Street from the roundabout to the Jail will be closed each day from 9.00 – 3.00. We will not be able to access the front playground from the road during this period. All visitors will need to use the rear access to the school. We ask that where possible the children (and adults) walk to and from School, if this is not a viable option please use the car park in Oak Way taking care not to obstruct residents drives and garages.

From **Monday 7**th **January to 21**st **January** Broad Street, from Littledean Guest House to the roundabout will be closed from 9.00 – 3.00. This should have little effect on the running of the school. As usual a member of staff will be on duty in the back playground each morning from 8.35, giving plenty of time to return to Cinderford before the closure is in place. Please be prompt in collecting your children from school at the end of the day.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs have now finished. Our Young Voices choir will continue to practice during school time, please encourage them to practice at home. We will issue a list of new clubs in January.

Bronze Eco Schools Status

They say that Eco-Schools empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and also creates financial savings for schools. Each class has elected their Eco School Champions and we hope to have a report on their ideas and progress shortly.

Remembrance Day Displays

We would like to thank all the parents that were able to share our remembrance day work with us. Photographs are available on our website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk if you missed it. Below are some of the comments from our visitors:

'What an incredible tribute to people who gave their lives in the Great War. All the children had so much to say about their projects. The artwork was beautiful — I was very moved by everything.'

'What a fantastic presentation, beautiful work and I learnt some really interesting facts too'

'So proud of all the children, they have done a lovely job, all well spoken and lots of info. Well done Littledean'

Friends Christmas Market - Friday 7th December 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

The Friends invite you to join them at our first Christmas Market. We have booked a variety of outside stalls offering an array of Christmas styled presents and gifts. As well as this, we will be offering hot rolls, hot chocolate and non-alcoholic mulled wine. Please join us for this newly styled event and get into the Christmas spirit.

Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold along with money and counterfoils by Wednesday 5th December. We have many willing buyers if you are unable to sell your raffle tickets.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Pantomime Visit - Roses Theatre - Monday 10th December 2018

The whole school and Pre-School will be visiting the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury to see the pantomime Dick Whittington. Packed lunches are required we will order a lunch for each child entitled to free school meals and those in reception, year 1 and year 2. We thank the Friends Association for paying for the transport which has reduced the cost for every child. If you have not already paid please pay through www.parentpay.com. Thank you

Infant Christmas Performance – Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes have been practicing for their performance and are sounding fabulous. Our performances are on Wednesday 12th December at 1.30 p.m. and Thursday 13th December at 6.00 p.m. This is a ticket only event, if you have not ordered tickets please contact the office. Unfortunately due to the road closure access on the Wednesday afternoon will be from the rear of the school only.

Rock Steady Concert - Thursday 13th December

Once again our Rock Steady performers have been practicing and will showcase their talents at 9.30 a.m. unfortunately due to the road closure access will be from the rear of the school only.

Infant Christmas Party Day - Tuesday 18th December

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries will spend the day making Christmas crafts and cooking, more details to follow.

Stay and Play Christmas Activity Day – Tuesday 18th December – 9.00 – 10.30

All parents, carers and friends with children under school age are welcome to join our Christmas Stay and Play Session. Unfortunately due to the road closure access will be from the rear of the school only.

Christmas Jumper Day and Junior Disco – Wednesday 19th December

Once again the Friends are supporting the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'. We ask for a donation of £1.00 for children to wear their Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper to go with the normal uniform of trousers or skirts.

Also we are holding the school disco for the children in Chestnut and Maple Classes only, this will run from 4.00 - 5.30 p.m.

The infant and pre-school children will hold party days in their classes this year where they will take part in a number of Christmas themed activities.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December

Our school meals caterer will once again provide a traditional or vegetarian Christmas Lunch for our children. Meals cost £2.36 and should be ordered and paid for in advance. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

Pre-School Christmas Activities – Thursday 20th December

Our Pre-School will hold a Christmas Activity day today. We also invite our parents into school at 1.30 to join in with our Christmas Carol singing in the school hall. Unfortunately due to the road closure access will be from the rear of the school only.

Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church and End of Term – Friday 21st December

Hot school meals will not be available a packed lunch is required. We will order a lunch for each child entitled to free school meals and those in reception, year 1 and year 2. Our Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church will start at 1.00 p.m. and school will close at 2.00 p.m.

We are working closely with the Highways Department over the road closure and will advise you of any restrictions for access to the Church nearer the day. As it's the last day of the closure they may have finished or may be working late, nobody knows yet!

Diary Dates

Monday 7th January 2019 Monday 14th January Thursday 24th January Friday 25th January First day of Term 3
Re-arrranged Heights and Weights for Year R and Year 6
First Swimming Lesson for Chestnut Class
Young Voices Concert

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick



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29 November 2018

A4151 Littledean

Dear Sir/Madam

What:

Road closure for carriageway resurfacing

Where:

A4151 Littledean – see overleaf for details of location

When:

To help to minimise inconvenience the scheme will be delivered in two phases:

Elton Rd and Church Street – 2018 Phase 1 - 10th to 21st Dec 0900 to 1500 excl. weekends Broad Street and New Rd – 2019 Phase 2 - 7th to 21st Jan 0900 to 1500 excl. weekends

We will be resurfacing the road at the above location and time as part of our promise to invest £150 million in the County's roads. To ensure the safety of you and our work force we have, under Sections 14, 15 & 16 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended, made a Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road**.

Please note: Due to the type of engineering activities required with carriageway resurfacing, the road closure can cover an area greater than the area being resurfaced. This is to allow activities, such as movement and placement of machinery and material.

We appreciate road closures are inconvenient, but in order to keep you and the team working on the road safe it is necessary. We have planned the work so we can be in and out as quickly as possible and have tried to do it at a time that will minimize any inconvenience.

ACCESS

In accordance with the Temporary Traffic Order, we are not permitted to allow any person or vehicle to proceed along the closed roads; with the exception of pedestrian access to properties, emergency vehicles, and statutory undertakers responding to an emergency situation.

Therefore, if you normally drive into or out of this area during the hours when the road closure is in place, we ask you to please make alternative arrangements.

In exceptional circumstances, some level of access may be considered. This will be on a case by case basis and only where it doesn't impact on our ability to carry out the work and where it is safe to do so. Any access during this time would be at the drivers own risk as it is a works site and may have raised iron works on a temporary surface.

DIVERSIONS

We have created an official diversion route which will be signposted and is suitable for all vehicles that would normally use the closed road. We appreciate you may know an alternative route, however please be aware alternative routes which are outside of the road closure area are used at driver's discretion.

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation. If you have any queries please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions leaflet delivered with this letter, or contact us on 08000 514514.

Below is a map showing the extents of the Road Closure.

David Hicks

Lead Engineer Gloucestershire County Council Structural Maintenance



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