

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Newsletter 17

Dear Parents,

### The school day

A reminder of our timings:

**Bagel breakfast club** starts at 8.30 a.m. please do not arrive too early.

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes start at 8.40 a.m.

Chestnut and Maple Classes start at 8.50 a.m.

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes leave at 2.55 p.m.

Chestnut and Maple Classes leave at 3.05 p.m.

**PE lessons** – Please wear PE kit to school on these day.

Monday            Holly Leaves Class

Tuesday          Chestnut Class

Wednesday      Holly Berries Class

Thursday        Maple Class

**After School Sports Club** 2.55 / 3.05 – 4.00

Monday          Year 6

Tuesday        Chestnut Class

Wednesday      Holly Berries Class and Year 1's from Holly Leaves Class

Thursday        Maple Class

### Forest Schools

Holly Leaves Class and Year 1 children in Holly Berries take part in Forest Schools on a Wednesday morning, please wear old clothes, that you don't mind getting dirty, with long sleeves and long trousers, wellies and waterproof trousers and waterproof jacket if you have them.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Earlier this week we sent a letter to all parents who have a child at this school asking if they would consider becoming a school governor. If you are interested or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 12.00 noon.

### Cases of Covid 19 and self-isolation

We have had a large wave of confirmed and suspected Covid-19 illnesses in our school community over the last few weeks which has been disruptive for all, hopefully we are nearing the end of this current wave. If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone 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 has symptoms: persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell please arrange a PCR test. Your help is very much appreciated in helping us to keep our school community Covid safe.

### Crisp Packets

We have been very busy collecting crisp packets over the past few years and recycling them with Terracycle. The scheme is now closing as local recycling centres are now able to recycle them. Can all donations of crisp packets be sent into school before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Thank you.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

### **Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Rock Steady sessions take place every Friday morning in the school hall. For further information, please contact Rock Steady directly on 0330 1130330

### **School Lunches**

Caterlink have issued us with a new menu which will be starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Please remember to order your meals by completing and returning the menu during registration each Monday morning. Payment for meals can be made through our online payment system [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Meals cost £2.34 daily, £11.70 weekly and should be paid for before the meal is taken.

### **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.

### **Emergency Closure Procedures**

Just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of our procedures. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- Post the closure on our twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

### **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.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Author Visit – Andy Seed
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Secondary School Allocation Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Skip2BFit – Whole School workshop
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports for Champions with Jaydon Paddock
Weds 27-Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Residential Visit
W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Young Voices Concert

### **Term Dates 2021/22**

Term 3	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	(Inset day 18 <sup>th</sup> February)
Term 4	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	
Term 5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Term 6	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	(Inset day 21 <sup>st</sup> July)

Next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February is our last day of term and we will finish school at the normal times of 2.55 / 3.05. We have a staff training day booked on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February followed by the half term holiday. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing time away from school and look forward to seeing everyone back in School on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.