# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Loving one another, building each other up

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Librarians** Congratulations to our librarians who were appointed last week:

Emily-Rose, Rose, Evelyn, Isabelle, Maci T, Macie C, Chloe S, Polly, Kala, Tianna,

## **Start and Finish times**

We have a number of children that are arriving in school late and being collected from school late which is disrupting for the whole class. If you are late in the morning and the door to your class is closed please enter the school through the rear main entrance door. If you know you are going to be delayed collecting your child in the evening please telephone the school to make us aware.

A reminder that our start and finish times are:

Juniors – Chestnut and Maple ClassesSchool Starts at 8.40, finishes at 2.55Infants – Holly Leaves and Holly Berries ClassesSchool Starts at 8.50, finishes at 3.05

Although some families will have children in both infant and junior classes we ask that they arrive in school and leave at the correct time for their class. Parents are welcome to wait in the rear playground and use the shelter if it is not set up for teaching.

# Children leaving school site

The last few days we have had a few children try to leave the site after they have entered the playground in the mornings. Please remind your child that once they arrive in the playground they must stay in the playground. Thank you.

# Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Additional PE session

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Pro-Stars our sports provider will be carrying out assessments with children in Maple, Chestnut and Holly Berries Classes. Can all children in those classes wear PE kit to school. Holly Leaves will continue with their planned Forest School session so will require Forest Schools clothing only.

# Chestnut and Maple Class – break time snacks

Please remember that children in Chestnut and Maple classes can bring in a healthy snack to eat at break times. Unfortunately the free fruit is only for the infant children and we do not have enough to be able to give a piece to the junior children.

#### Long Hair

Can we remind you to tie long hair up for children whilst they are in school. Not only does it help us to continue to be nit free, it can be an issue when they are running around at break / lunch time and during PE lessons. Thank you.

## **October Half Term Activities**

Please see attached poster from Pro-Stars our sports provider who are offering activities during the October half term holiday. If you have any questions Mr English our coach should be able to help.

## Screening Vision and Measuring height and weight of children – Reception and Year 6 children

A letter has been sent to parents of children in Reception and Year 6. The screening will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in school. If you do not wish your child to take part in this screening it is important that you contact them on the number provided in the letter.

## **Twitter account**

Miss May has been very busy keeping our twitter feed up to date and sharing our achievement with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website <a href="https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk">www.littledeanprimary.co.uk</a>

## Flu Immunisation – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

The Flu Immunisation packs were issued a few weeks ago, thank you for the high number of forms returned so far. There is still plenty of time to return forms, if you have misplaced yours please ask for a copy from the office. Unfortunately the NHS are not using an electronic registration service this year.

## Morrisons – Free gardening equipment

We have linked up with Morrisons to get some free gardening equipment. All you need to do is collect tokens for us. Download the MyMorrisons app, register for Littledean C of E School, scan the app every time you shop at Morrisons and for every £10 you spend we receive a Grow Token. Please share this with parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to help us get some new equipment.

## **The School Grounds**

Over the past few months we have been trying to get the school grounds up together and tidy but it feels like a never ending task. If any of our parents or grandparents have a few hours to spare to do a little weeding / digging / tidying / painting we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact Mrs Worgan in the School Office if you are able to help.

#### **Volunteer readers**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with listening to the children read. If you have a spare hour or so on a regular basis then this could be for you. Contact Mrs McGoldrick for further information. You will be required to complete a DBS check.

#### Cases of Covid 19 and self isolation

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.

# **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit from the Bishops Visitor
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Additional PE session, PE kit required – see above
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest at St Ethelberts Church – children only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Full Governors Meeting – 5.30 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Friends AGM 9.00 a.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Immunisation
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Packed lunches only, hot meals unavailable
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset day – staff only to attend
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of term 2 for pupils