



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 7

20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Flu Immunisation – Monday 23rd October 2023 – Packed lunch required

The Flu Immunisation packs were issued a few weeks ago, thank you for the high number of forms returned so far. There is still time to return forms, if you have misplaced yours please ask for a copy from the office.

As the immunisation team will be using the hall we will not be able to provide a hot meal service. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be ordered a packed lunch. Children in Years 3 – 6 can order a packed lunch at a cost of £2.54 or we ask that they bring their own. Thank you.

Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

The Friends will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November from 3.10. In order to help them prepare we will be holding two non-uniform days and ask that children bring in the following items.

Thursday 26th October

Jingle Jars – *Jars that have been filled with sweets and treats and decorated to look festive.*

Thursday 9th November

Infants – Chocolate
Juniors – Bottles

We will also be asking families to buy / sell for our Christmas raffle and for cakes for our refreshment stall.



Wellbeing Champions

We are excited to be introducing a new Wellbeing Champion programme in the school. As part of this we are asking children in Maple Class to apply to take on the role of Wellbeing Champion. We will be appointing two Champions in each house who will work together with staff and external providers to:

- Raise the profile of wellbeing.
- Promote wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle.
- Promote the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.

The group will also take on the functions that have previously been filled by House Captains.

Application forms need to be returned by Wednesday 25th October and we will announce our new Wellbeing Champions during Celebration Worship on Thursday 26th October.



Scholastic Book Club

Earlier this week leaflets were issued to the children for the autumn collection of books. If you would like to place an order please order online before 20th November 2023. Books will be sent to school and we will let you know when they arrive. All orders will earn free books for the school.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/littledean-primary/digital-book-club>



Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

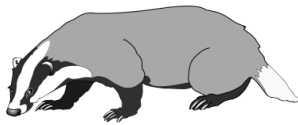
We would like to invite to you participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home that explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shoeboxworld.co.uk.



House Points

Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

House points are earned for a good attitude to learning, contributions to class discussions, good manners, ready to learn, growth mindset just to name a few.



Badgers

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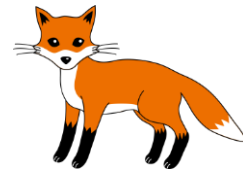
Squirrels

792



Hedgehogs

649



Foxes

208

Congratulations to this week's winners: -

Badgers

Headlice

Unfortunately we have 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/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Holly Leaves Class – A day at the Animal Airport

Holly Leaves went on an aeroplane departing from the Animal Airport as part of our book of the week - A day at the Animal Airport. They had their very own 'passport', tickets and role play airport in the classroom.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Poppy Appeal. This year we have the following items in our box:



- Zip Pull - 50p
- Reflector Poppy – 50p
- Silicon wristband – £1.00
- Snap Band - £1.50
- Traditional Poppy



If you would like to donate please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you

Friends – Movie Night



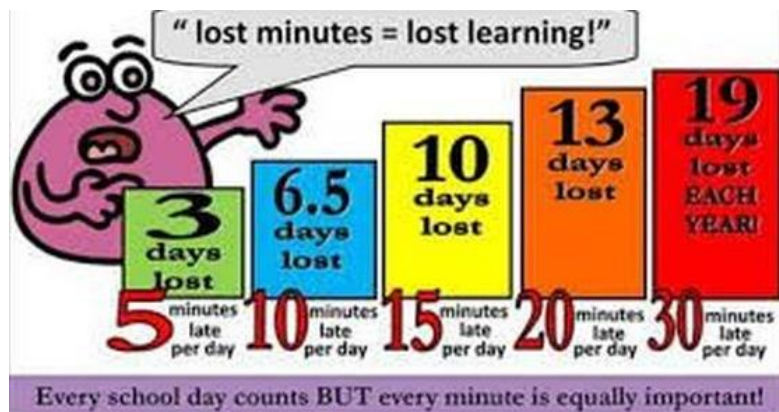
The Junior children had an enjoyable time watching Elemental at their movie night last night. Thank you to the Friends Association for organising this event.

Attendance, Absences and Lateness

Governors Attendance Target 96.5%
School Attendance 4/9/23 – 19/10/2023 94.3%

Lateness/Lost Learning 4/9/23 – 19/10/2023 855 minutes (14 hours 15 minutes)
29 children have been late on at least one occasion.

School attendance and absence is high on the Governments agenda, therefore it is a priority for us. We understand that some mornings don't go as planned but persistent lateness needs to be addressed. Please aim to arrive at school on time, school starts at 8.40 a.m. and a member of staff is available in the playground from 8.30 a.m. If you have any concerns please speak with us.



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.

Thank you for your co-operation

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

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

INSET Days	1	4 th September 2023
	2	5 th September 2023
	3	22 nd December 2023
	4	8 th April 2024
	5	22 nd July 2024

Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd October	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Thursday 26 th October	Friends Non Uniform Day for donations of jingle jars
Thursday 9 th November	Friends Non Uniform Day for donations of bottles/chocolate
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	Friends Christmas Fair 3.10
Wednesday 13 th December	Infant Christmas Performance – afternoon
Thursday 14 th December	Infant Christmas Performance – evening
Friday 15 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9.30
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime at Savoy Monmouth for Years 2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church School Closes at 2.00