

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Newsletter 23

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all enjoying the children's return to school. We are very pleased that they are back and ready to learn.

Your help to minimise the Covid-19 risks are much appreciated. Please continue with our new drop and collect timings, detailed below, and the wearing of masks. We appreciate it is lovely to meet and chat to other parents at drop and collect times but please remember we are operating a 'drop and go' / 'pick-up and go' policy and ask that parents do not gather to chat in the playground or in Oak Way car park. Thank you.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.45	2.45
Holly Leaves	Between 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Holly Berries	Between 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Chestnut	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 - 3.05
Maple	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 – 3.05

## Illness / Absence from School

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 becomes ill during the school day, we will ask you to come and pick them up as soon as possible. We will request that you access a Covid-19 test and follow the government guidance [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#).

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Information on how to access a test can be found online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

## Lost Property

We ask you to check all uniform to ensure that it is labelled with your child's name. We are finding that we have a large amount of jumpers and cardigans at the end of the day and a number of children who are missing jumpers and cardigans. With the clothes all the same colour, similar size and similar make we are struggling to match the right clothes with the right child. A name in the clothes makes this much simpler. Thank you.

## Donation – Thank you

We would like to thank the Littledean Carnival and Pantomime Committee for their kind donation to our Friends committee.

## School Meals

Caterlink continue to provide us with packed lunches rather than hot meals at present. We hope that this can change in the near future.

Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 the packed lunches will consist of a wrap rather than a baguette. Please let us know if this will cause any issues.

As from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, the price of a meal will increase to £2.34 per day, £11.70 per week for those that wish to pay for a lunchtime meal.

## Remote Learning Survey

Last week we issued a survey asking for your opinions on our remote learning provision. If you have already responded, thank you, if not and you would like to please follow the link below. The survey will close at the end of the day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0IJIs4w7kEGC0m\\_nMNkRsTqctvgKcE9Cv1zmrsJiAldUNetZMVpETjVDWU5WSEITVOVNOFhNRjZKVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0IJIs4w7kEGC0m_nMNkRsTqctvgKcE9Cv1zmrsJiAldUNetZMVpETjVDWU5WSEITVOVNOFhNRjZKVS4u)

## Free School Meals – Holiday Activities and Food Programme

We have been given the following information regarding the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. If you would like to apply for the cookery sessions please do so this weekend.

*Due to the current restrictions imposed by the government, the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) will be delivered virtually for the Easter half-term period. During the **first week of half-term**, we will provide educational activities to all Free School Meal children. These will include cook-along videos and tasks for them to engage with. All activities will be suitable for children aged 5 to 16. They will be available on the HAF web page which can be accessed through the Gloucestershire County Council website.*

*Families will also be able to collect a Home Cooking Kit which contains recipe cards and enough food/ingredients for 4 meals and an Activities Pack with things to do for that week.*

*These will be available for pick up from a collection point in their local area. Parents will be required to complete an application form in order for us to allocate and distribute the Home Cooking Kits/Activity Packs.*

*In addition, families will receive the Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers to cover the **second week** of the Easter half-term. Please note this provision is for children aged between **5 – 16 only**.*

*If Families received the Holiday Vouchers previously, then they will not need to re-apply for the vouchers for future holiday periods. However, all families will need to apply separately for the Home Cooking Kits/ Activity Packs to enable us to distribute accurate numbers.*

*If the families have not received Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers previously, then they will need to apply using our online portal which will go live nearer the Easter half-term. We will keep you updated and notify all schools when this is live.*

The link is through this page:

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

## Online Safety

The past year has brought so many significant changes to the way we live our lives. Online learning, working from home and the accompanying challenges of online meetings have impacted on many of us. Like their parents and carers, many children have increased their time on the internet, which in itself has posed increased challenges for digital parenting. The online world can be an exciting place for children, however, it is not without its risks. It is important that children follow cyber safety advice and utilise age appropriate apps and games, this way we can reduce those risks and make their online experience as safe and fun as it should be. It's great to take an active interest in your child's life online and we'd encourage you to talk openly with them about the things they do. Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities.

Useful information for parents and carers and online safety advice/resources can be found on the below sites.

The NSPCC's online Net Aware service provides expert reviews and safety advice on all of the most popular social networks, apps and games young people are using; [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

CEOP's ThinkUKnow website contains resources and advice tailored by age, as well as specific tools for parents and professionals; [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **Parents Evening**

Please look out for the letter which will be sent next week detailing dates of our parents afternoon / evening appointments which will take place during week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Due to covid-19 restrictions these will be held by telephone.

### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

Following the announcement by NHS Test and Trace all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online. As a School we are not able to give test kits to parents, carers or household members. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other

Further information is available at: [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff)

### **Term Dates**

Term 4	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Term 6	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021

Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
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Inset day 4	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 5	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Staff only to attend

### **Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

Please see below information on the Littledean Easter Egg event.



## Littledean Community Centre presents the Littledean Easter EGG-splore!!

The Easter Bunny is coming to Littledean!

He will be dropping eggs off all over the village and we need your help to find them!

Come to Littledean Community Centre between 10am & 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to collect your map!

Find all the eggs hidden round the village to spell out the winning word! All children under 12 win a chocolate egg!  
All returned maps will be entered into a big draw to win a giant cuddly Easter bunny!!

This event is totally free of charge, but we will be running a raffle with amazing prizes so please bring some money for tickets! All the money made will go to The Friends of Littledean School and the continued maintenance of Littledean Community Centre.

This event is covid secure and would class as part of your daily exercise.

