

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to see all the children in school looking so smart and ready to learn. We give a warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this year, also to our new teachers, Mrs Walters and Miss Aldred, and Teaching Assistants, Miss Goodall and Mrs Crowell-Hall.

Start and Finish times

We will continue with our 'drop and go' policy and the staggered start and finish to the school day as this has worked very well last year and limited the congestion on the back playground at the start and end of the school day.

The timing for this year are:

Juniors Children (Maple and Chestnut Classes) – arrive for an 8.40 a.m. start, collect at 2.55 p.m.

Infant Children (Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes) – arrive for an 8.50 a.m. start, collect at 3.05 p.m.

All children will be expected to be in their classes at the allocated times including siblings, this may mean that you have to wait in the playground for siblings at the start or end of the day.

Please remember that if bringing a car, you are considerate to our neighbours, parking sensibly and not blocking driveways. Thank you.

Cases of Covid 19 and self isolation

Please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week from Gloucestershire County Council regarding Covid-19 update.

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.

Reading Books

We have a shortage of reading books in school, please check to see if you have any at home and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you

Hot School Meals

Hot school meals are now available, a meals costs £2.34 and is free for children who are entitled to free school meals, also free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as they are entitled to a universal infant free school meals. Please remember to use our online payment system www.parentpay.com to pay for meals. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact the office. Menus will be sent out on a Friday, please return them for Monday morning registration. Thank you.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Healthy Snacks / Cool Milk

Please remember that we are a healthy school so ask that healthy snacks are brought into school for break times for children in Chestnut and Maple Classes.

Children in Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes will be given a free piece of fruit at break times.

Milk is available for children in reception until their 5th birthday. If your child is over 5 and you would like them to receive milk during morning break time you can register with our cool milk scheme. The cost is approximately £3.00 per term. Further details can be found at [Cool Milk](#)

We ask that children bring a water bottle into school so that they have access to water throughout the day. This should be a separate bottle to the one in their packed lunches unless they are drinking water with their lunch. Children should not be bringing in squash unless this is part of their packed lunch.

School Uniform and Coats

Can we ask that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name including shoes, PE kit and Forest Schools clothing. It is extremely difficult to find an owner for a green jumper aged 4-5 when there is a class of children that could possibly own a green jumper in that size. Thank you, we know that school uniform is not cheap and want to return items to the correct family.

Can children bring in a waterproof coat each day, we do like the children to have as much fresh air as possible even if the weather is a little bit drizzly.

Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection of good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for Wednesday 22nd September. Please bring your donations to school on the morning of Wednesday 22nd September and leave under the covered area by the main entrance door. Thank you, all your donations will go towards raising funds for the school.

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter it is 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.

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

Wednesday 22 nd September	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 22 nd September	Individual and family group photographs
Thursday 7 th October	Special Caterlink Hotmeal - details to follow
Tuesday 19 th October	Harvest at St Ethelberts Church – children only
Friday 22 nd October	Flu Immunisation
Friday 22 nd October	Packed lunches only, hot meals unavailable

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 1	Monday 6 th September – Friday 22 nd October	(Inset days 2 nd and 3 rd September)
Term 2	Tuesday 2 nd November – Friday 17 th December	(Inset day 1 st November)
Term 3	Tuesday 4 th January – Thursday 17 th February	(Inset day 18 th February)
Term 4	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April	
Term 5	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May	
Term 6	Monday 6 th June – Wednesday 20 th July	(Inset day 21 st July)