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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Staff New

We welcome Teaching Assistants Mrs Richards, who will be working with a child in Chestnut Class, and Mrs Ray, who will be working with a child in Holly Leaves Class.

Starting School as a reception child in September 2021

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021 an application pack should be sent to you during November. If you do not receive an application pack please contact the school admissions team on 01452 425407 or email school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk. The deadline for completing your choices is 15th January 2021.

Harvest

Unfortunately this year we are not able to hold our usual service at St Ethelberts Church. We will continue to celebrate harvest and ask for donations of packets, tinned and dried food that the Forest of Dean Food Bank will distribute on our behalf. Please can children bring their donations to school during week commencing 19th October 2020, there will be collection points in each class. Thank you.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Gifts

The children will be bringing home their artwork and order form towards the end of next week (19th October). All orders should be placed online, details on the order form, and return the artwork and order form to school before Friday 6th November. We hope to have the cards and gifts back in school for the end of November. All monies raised will go towards our Christmas activities in school.

Children in Need

This year we will be celebrating Children in Need on Thursday 12th November 2020. We ask that children wear their normal school uniform (PE kit for Maple Class) along with 'odd socks' or 'crazy tights' for a donation (we suggest £1.00) towards Children in Need.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. The school council will be doing a presentation to the children next week and further information will follow.

Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection for good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for Friday 20th November. More details to follow, please do not bring bags into school yet.

Secondary School Applications

We have been asked to remind the Year 6 parents that the deadline for Secondary applications for 2021 is fast approaching and your application must be completed before 31st October 2020.

If no application is submitted then a place will be allocated at the closest school to the home address with space - this may not be the most local school, or the school that the parent and child would like.

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Applications can be submitted online via the Gloucestershire County Council website, <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/> or alternatively, a paper Common Application Form can be requested by phoning 01452 425407 or downloaded from the website.

Parent Governor

Please see separate letter regarding Parent Governor nominations.

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
- Post the closure on our twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Clothing

As the weather is changing and becoming colder and wetter we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat into school each day. Please continue to send children to school in their PE kit on PE days, they may wear tracksuit bottoms too as the weather gets colder. Thank you.

Website / Twitter

Please continue to visit the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk and our twitter page @littledeansch on a regular basis, we will continue to post all letters, homework, and information about class activities.

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.

Covid-19

We are all well aware of the symptoms of Covid-19, continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and / or smell. If your child or family members are suffering from any of these conditions you must follow Government guidance and self isolate and get a test.

As a School we are required to record incidences of potential and confirmed Covid-19 cases. The Government currently state that it is business as normal until a case of Covid-19 is confirmed. If a case is confirmed within our school environment we will take the advice of the Government, Gloucestershire County Council and Public Health England and act accordingly.

Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2020 – Friday 23 rd October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Inset day 3	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 4	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 5	Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff only to attend

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