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Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 7

18th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Scholastic Book Club

Our Scholastic Book Shop for the Autumn collection of books is now open. If you would like to place an order please order online before 13th November 2024. Books will be sent to school and we will let you know when they have arrived. 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 you to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home which explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shooboxworld.co.uk.



Hot School Meals

Caterlink have introduced a new menu for the Autumn and Spring Term, starting week commencing Monday 4th November 2024. This can be found on our website at:

https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/178534

Weekly menus have been updated. Please remember to return the menu each Monday morning. Meals cost £2.71 for years 3 – 6, £2.72 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payment for meals should be made through www.parentpay.com and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.

A reminder that packed lunches are required for Monday 4th November due to the hall being used for Flu immunisations.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November 2024

We will take part in children in need activities on Friday 15th November and ask that children come to school in non – uniform. We are aware that we have asked for a lot of donations from parents over the last few weeks so this is not a funding raising event. However if you wish to make a donation please do so through www.parentpay.com, please do not send cash into school. Thank you

New to Reception - September 2025

Information packs will be sent out shortly by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2025. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2025)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes in action. If you would like to visit please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.

The closing date for applications is 17th January 2025.



Clothing in School

As the weather is starting to grow colder and wetter we ask that children bring in a warm waterproof coat in to school each day. We try to go outside for break times and lunch times even if it is a little bit cold and wet.

Also most of our PE sessions will be held outside, we suggest children wear tracksuit bottoms, gloves and hats for their PE sessions.

We ask that the children taking part in Forest Schools bring a change of socks and if they like to get really muddy during the sessions a spare pair of trousers that they can change into.

Although we have a small amount of spare clothes for our infant children we are always looking for donations of pants, socks, trousers, tops for when they have those small accidents. If your child comes home in spare clothes we ask that it is washed and returned as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

The Friends are busy planning for their Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November from 3.10.

As usual they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.

We will hold two non – uniform days:

- **Friday 8th November in return for Jingle Jars**
- **Friday 22nd November in return for Bottles and Chocolates**

Also we will be asking for donation of cakes for our refreshment stall on Friday 29th November.



Friends Pop up Shop

Thank you for making last weeks Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Shop such a success. Over £90 was taken on the day.

The Friends will continue to hold their Pop Up Shop most Fridays after school. If you have half hour to spare on a Friday to help set up, help serve on the stall or clear away please contact Sophie or Amy or call into the school office.



Emergency Closure Procedures

Hopefully we won't need to do this this year but 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 / email though Eschools
- 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 X/twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Harvest Celebrations

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED POTATOES

UHT FRUIT JUICE

BISCUITS

UHT MILK

SPAGHETTI HOOPS

CRISPS

DEODORANT

SHAMPOO

SHOWER GEL

INSTANT NOODLES

SOAP



[Find out what's in a food parcel](#)

Once again as part of our harvest celebrations will ask our school community to donate, if possible, towards the Forest Food Bank. We know what an essential service they provide not only to our community but across the Forest of Dean.

Please bring your donations into school before Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

Thank you



Further information about the Forest Foodbank can be found at

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Flu Immunisation – Consent

Last week we sent an email with details of how to consent for your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation. This will take place on Monday 4th November, first day back after half term.

Consent is now through an online form only:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>, Our Unique Code: GC115631

We ask that you complete the forms as soon as possible. Thank you

As the hall will be in use all day we will require the children to have a packed lunch that day. These can be ordered through Caterlink if needed

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 25 th October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 th April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Monday 21 st July 2025

INSET Day	3	20 th December 2024
INSET Day	4	11 th April 2025
INSET Day	5	21 st July 2025

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office: https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/169684 You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23 rd October	Leadership Governors Meeting
Monday 4 th November	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Wednesday 6 th November	Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception
Friday 8 th November	Friends Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Parental Consultations
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Friday 22 nd November	Friends Non Uniform Day–further information to follow
Thursday 28 th November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 29 th November	Friends 'Santa's Christmas Boots' Fair
Wednesday 4 th December	Governors Learning Walk
Friday 13 th December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day