

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

### Welcome Back

We hope that you had a fantastic break and made the most of the good weather. The children have settled into school life well and it is lovely to see them all looking so smart.

We would like to welcome Miss Chloe Shurmer and Mrs Rachel Mitchell who will be working as a teaching assistants in Holly Leaves Class. Also Mrs Bonser will be absent from school for a few months as she recovers from an operation. Miss Mace will be covering her absence in Holly Berries Class.

### Christian Values for Life

Our Christian Value for Life this term is 'Respect'.

### Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date contact details for your children – you never know when we might need to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed address, phone number, email address please let the office know as soon as possible. Data collection sheets will be sent out later this term.

We will continue to email a copy of all letters to parents and upload a copy to our school website. We will shortly be moving away from letters in the paper format. Further details to follow.

If you have not received an email (please check if it has been filed in your junk/spam folder) contact the school office and we will check we have your correct details.

We have also sent a text message to each family to check that our systems are working well. Again if you have not received a text please contact the school office. Thank you.

### Free school meals

The school receives additional money (currently £1300 per child) to support children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. This includes children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. In our school it is used to support children with their learning.

If you claim Income Support, income based job seekers allowance or child tax credits where the household income is less than £16190 then you may be entitled. Gloucestershire County Council has a new on-line portal for all applications. This can be found at:

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

If you do not have access to a computer please contact the office and they will assist you with your application. All applications are treated in confidence.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will start towards the end of September, a letter will be sent out shortly.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

## Pre School

We have a few vacancies in our Pre-School for children who are 3 or 4. Our opening hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 8.45 – 2.45. Nursery funding for 15 hours is available for all children from the first term after their third birthday. The Government's new 30 hour funding is also available for parents who work or those entitled to certain benefits. Alternatively we are able to invoice you for the sessions.

If you are interested in your child attending our Pre-School, or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list for when they turn three please contact the office.

## Emergency Closure Procedures

We all remember how chaotic life becomes when it snows and the school needs to close – hopefully it won't be needed this year – but just in case!

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 [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

## PE Kits

Please ensure that PE kits are in school every day. We have set PE days, see below, but also from time to time have ad hoc sessions too.

Pre-School - Mondays

Holly Leaves Class – Thursdays

Holly Berries Class – Mondays

Chestnut Class – Tuesdays

Maple Class – Thursdays

Holly Leaves Class and Pre-School – Forest School Kit each Friday

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Stay and Play Starts 9.00 – 10.30
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	First Rock Steady Session
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Internet Safety Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Rags to Riches clothing collection
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and Sibling Group Photographs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Immunisation Flu Programme for Years Reception – Year 6
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day – Staff only to attend
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Afternoon 1.00 – 4.00
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Performance Afternoon
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Performance Evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School and Pre-School Pantomime at Roses Theatre
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church

## Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 1	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Term 2	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Term 3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Term 4	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Term 6	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

Please note that the early May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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