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14th January 2022

**Newsletter 13**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Updated Covid Guidance**

There has been new guidance released regarding PCR tests following a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test with no symptoms. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFD test result are now no longer required. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If you have symptoms you will still need to book a PCR test.

**Bagel Club**

We will continue with our breakfast club at 8.30, infants arriving at 8.40, collected at 2.55, and juniors arriving at 8.50, collected at 3.05. We will revisit our Covid-19 risk assessment and will email to advise of any new restriction that will be put in place.

**Residential Visit**

A reminder that the final payment for the residential visit is due on or before 17th January 2022. Please make your payment through our online payment system [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

**Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

 Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child’s well-being:

[https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/](https://us-west-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=rocksteadymusicschool.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm9ja3N0ZWFkeW11c2ljc2Nob29sLmNvbS93YXRjaC12aWRlby8=&i=NWY2MWY4M2Q2NmRmYmMwZjcwZmJlMDY5&t=OU04blFjUC9DWWJJNFp3UEpYemxRdUUzYnNtc0JRbHFJdjdUVnM1WjRmQT0=&h=e16f47afd7ff4fab83c4272dfa01a8d9)

Rock Steady sessions take place every Friday morning in the school hall. For further information, please contact Rock Steady directly on 0330 1130330

**Carbon Footprints**

As you are probably already aware, we have an extremely pro-active group of children in Maple Class who have formed an eco-group, called the Carbon Footprints. Before Christmas they held a raffle to raise funds for their group and I am pleased to be able to announce that they raised £76.00. They will be meeting shortly to decide how they can use to funds to further their cause. We will keep you updated.

**School Dinner Census Thursday 20th January**

Caterlink will provide sausage or vegetarian sausage with chips, baked beans or sweetcorn followed by a chocolate cookie on this day. All children in Holly Leaves & Holly Berries will be ordered a meal for them to try. Children in Chestnut & Maple class can order this via the lunch slips.

**Twitter account**

Miss May has been very busy keeping our twitter feed up to date and sharing our achievement with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)

**Contact Details**

Before Christmas we issued data collection sheets and privacy notice to all pupils / parents. We ask that you check and amend the information we hold for your child to ensure that it is up to date, please sign and return to school in an envelope as soon as possible. Please sign and return even if all the information is still correct. If you need the data collection sheet to be re-sent, please contact the office.

**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.

**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.

**Cases of Covid 19 and self-isolation**

We have had several cases of confirmed and suspected Covid-19 illnesses in our school community. 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.

**Diary Dates**

Week Commencing Mon 17th January After School Sports Clubs will restart

Tuesday 25th January Re-arranged Author Visit – Andy Seed

Wednesday 26th January Ragtex Clothing collection

Thursday 17th February Last day of Term 3

**Term Dates 2021/22**

Term 3 Tuesday 4th January – Thursday 17th February (Inset day 18th February)

Term 4 Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April

Term 5 Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Term 6 Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July (Inset day 21st July)