# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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# Newsletter 17

Dear Parents,

# **Remote Learning at Home**

Thank you for all the work that you have been completing at home with your children, we know that it is difficult to home school, work and deal with the complexities that lockdown brings. Teaching Staff are available each afternoon to help with home learning and will try to respond to your emails and requests promptly. If we haven't heard from you they will also ring home to check you are all ok. Please remember to send through work regularly for marking, either documents, pdfs or photos. Our teachers do need a break from school too so the earlier in the day you can send work the better.

The Teaching Staff will ensure that the school website <u>www.littledeanprimary.co.uk</u> is updated regularly with lessons, video links and activities for you to do at home with your children. The children in school will be carrying out the same work and activities as those at home. Should you have any issues with access to laptops, tablets, internet access, etc, please let us know, we will do all we can to help.

Teaching Staff can be contacted on the emails detailed below, please remember that they are teaching children in school so may not be able to respond to you until later in the day.

Maple Class	mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Chestnut Class	chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Berries Class	hollyberries@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk
Holly Leaves Class	hollyleaves@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Webb, Family Support Worker and Mental Health Lead can be contacted on: <a href="mailto:swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk">swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk</a> Tel: 07309945995.

For all other queries or concerns please telephone the school on 01594 822171, an answerphone is available if this is not during the school day or email the school office at <u>admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk</u>.

# A message from Miss May

Miss May has been really impressed with the amount of work being carried out in Maple Class. Thank you, keep it up. On Thursday she had two Zoom meetings, one with Year 6 children and one with Year 5 children, everyone seem to enjoy the sessions and it was lovely to catch up with those that aren't in school. We hope to do more sessions soon.

# **Free School Meals**

The families that are entitled to free school meals have received a food hamper to cover the first two weeks of lockdown. This week we decided to change to supermarket vouchers. You should by now have

received an email from EdenRed which will enable you to choose which supermarket you would like your voucher for. If you have not received an email please check your spam / junk folder. Any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school. You will receive you next voucher week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

If circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to claim free school meals please apply at <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/</u> All applications will be treated in confidence.

## A reminder

If you are coming on to the school site please remember to use the entrance at the back of the school. Also we request that face coverings are worn when on the school site. Thank you.

# **Attending School**

As there are fewer children and adults coming on to the school site we have decided to change the start and finish times. As from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 our new times will be:

Pre-School, Maple Class and Chestnut Classes	Arrive at 8.45 a.m., collect at 2.45 p.m.
Holly Berries and Holly Leaves Classes	Arrive at 9.00 a.m., collect at 3.00 p.m.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

The **Pre-School** is open as normal to all children that usually attend and any new child that is aged 3 or 4. Please contact us to discuss a place.

## Twitter / Website

Once again Miss May has been working very hard to keep the twitter feed up to date with new ideas and daily challenges. We really enjoyed seeing the work that the children were doing at home during the last lockdown and we hope that you will continue to share your achievements with us.

The twitter feed can now been seen on the schools website, if you are not already following us on twitter now is a great time to see what fabulous families we have. @littledeansch

#### Scams

As usual a number of scams identified over the past few days. If you are entitled to vouchers, free meals, hampers etc, a member of school staff will contact you. We will not be asking you for banking details or any other personal information. Please do not give this to anyone.

#### **Covid – 19 Reporting**

The school has to complete a daily report to the Department for Education detailing who is in school and who is absent due to either suspected Covid – 19 symptoms; high temperature, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste, or a positive Covid – 19 test. If your children have either of these please report to school by email, so that we can firstly support you and secondly report to the DFE. Many thanks

